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RECORD OF DEATHS.

Short Sketches of the Lives of Persons Who Have Recently Passed Away.

WILLIAM C. DAVIS.

William Chesnut Davis, one of the most widely known citizens of the County, died at the Washington House, McConnellsburg, Pa., Thursday afternoon, December 7, 1916, aged 67 years, 8 months, and 20 days. While he had been in poor health for several months, he was able to attend to business until Monday evening, when he was stricken with acute pneumonia, and his death followed on Thursday afternoon. On Friday afternoon, his remains were removed to the home of his brother Dr. A. K. Davis at Hustontown, from which final services were held Saturday.

William C. Davis was a son of Hon. Andrew C. and Chloranna Chesnut Davis, and he was born on the old Davis homestead near Hustontown in 1849. In early life he taught in the public schools in this county, afterward taking a commercial course in a business college owned and conducted by his brother-in-law, John F. Davis in Williamsport, Pa.

Having a desire to see something of the world outside his native county, he went to California, and for twenty years he operated a sheep ranch and an orange grove—both of which brought to him satisfactory financial returns.

By this time he was satisfied with the Pacific Coast, and returned to this county, and during the next twenty years he conducted a farm in Licking Creek township.

Being an expert accountant, he was called to fill the offices of township auditor, clerk to the County Auditors, the office of County Auditor, County Commissioners, and during the last few years, having sold his farm, he moved to McConnellsburg, and became clerk to the County Commissioners, Deputy Prothonotary and private book-keeper to a number of business men.

Billy, as he was familiarly known, was one of the most faithful and honorable of men, and had the unbounded confidence of his acquaintances. He was unmarried. He is survived by one brother, Dr. A. K. Davis Hustontown. He leaves an estate of ten thousand dollars.

MRS. MARY A. AKERS.

The community was greatly shocked last Thursday on learning of the sudden death of Mrs. Mary A. Akers near Akersville. Mrs. Akers had been in poor health for several months, but she was not confined to the house. At time of her death she had gone to an outside cellar or cave for a basket of apples and suddenly expired. The cause of her death was heart trouble. Her death has caused great sorrow, as she was known far and near for her hospitality and generosity.

Mary Whitfield Akers was born in August 1856 and was therefore, aged about 60 years 4 months. Her husband Henry C. Akers preceded her to the grave several years ago. She was a faithful member of the M. E. Church at Akersville since girlhood, and her remains were laid to rest at that place last Saturday afternoon. She leaves to mourn her loss at home a son Hon. Clarence R. Akers and a daughter Mrs. S. Ernest Walters; also a brother and two sisters.

JOHN CUTCHALL

John Cutchall, a well-known and highly respected resident of Six Mile Run, died at the Roaring Spring hospital on Monday morning of last week. He was a son of William, deceased, and Sarah (Laidig) Cutchall and was born in this county 34 years ago. He was united in marriage to Miss Bertha Hastings eight years

Motorcycle Accident.

A serious accident befel Arthur Shields near Burnt Cabins on Monday the 4th inst. Arthur's friend Paul Snyder owns a motorcycle and on the day named was giving Arthur, who is a cripple, a ride on the State Road between Burnt Cabins and Shade Gap. Arthur, who, of course, was riding behind, lost his balance and in falling, pulled the heavy machine over onto him breaking his right leg above the knee. Mr. N. A. Mathias happen along with his touring car about the time of the accident and look the unfortunate man to his home. When Dr. Himes of Shade Gap saw the condition of the injury, he advised that Arthur be sent to the Blair Memorial hospital at Huntingdon and in that institution, Arthur's right leg was amputated the following day. Arthur is aged about 40 years and unmarried.

ago. He is survived by his wife, his mother Mrs. Sarah Cutchall, residing in the home of her son-in-law Postmaster W. R. Speer, in Everett and the following brothers and sisters: Jerre, of Bayard, W. Va.; David, of Petersburg, Pa.; Kirk, of Cumberland, Md.; W. O., Oklahoma City, Okla.; B. E., of Six Mile Run; Mrs. B. C. Lamberson, of McConnellsburg, and Mrs. W. R. Speer, of Everett. Funeral services were held Wednesday at 2 o'clock p. m. in the M. E. church at Six Mile Run, Rev. Davidson officiating.

PETER W. MAGSAM.

P. W. Magsam, the well known Huntingdon auctioneer, died at his residence, No. 1211 Millin street, on Saturday evening December 2, 1916, of diabetes, after an illness of several years. He was born at McConnellsburg, Fulton County, Aug. 12, 1854, and at death was aged 62 years, 3 months and 20 days. Deceased came to Huntingdon about thirty years ago, followed the mercantile business in the west end for sixteen years, and afterwards devoted his attention to crying sales at which he was an adept. He is survived by his widow and five children: Mrs. E. W. Forrester, Altoona; Clifford, Robert, George and Cleo, all of Philadelphia. Two brothers, John and George, of McConnellsburg, also survive. The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon, Rev. J. H. Cassidy, of the Brethren church officiating. Burial in Riverview cemetery.

MARY A. MARTZ.

Mrs. Mary A. Martz, widow of David Martz, who died at his home in Licking Creek township about fourteen years ago, passed away at the home of Hon. D. A. Nelson in Ayr township, Saturday evening, December 9, 1916, aged 78 years 8 months and 8 days. The funeral services conducted by Rev. J. L. Grove of the U. P. Church, took place at 2 o'clock, Monday afternoon, and interment was made in the Reformed church graveyard in McConnellsburg.

Mrs. Martz was a daughter of George Hull, Sr., and was born in the Big Cove April 1, 1838. During the last four years she made her home with D. A. Nelson and family, Mrs. Nelson being a niece. While she had been an invalid for several years, the immediate cause of her death was pneumonia. She identified herself with the M. E. Church many years ago.

MRS. GEORGE CARBAUGH.

The many friends of Mrs. George Carbaugh (Nora Ritchey) were greatly shocked to learn of her death which occurred at their home in Bedford, Pa., on Monday. Mrs. Carbaugh lived in McConnellsburg several years before her marriage. She was a step-daughter of the late Jonas Lake. She is survived by her husband and one son. The funeral took place yesterday and interment was made in Bedford cemetery.

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Will Visit Panama Canal.

Peter C. Forner, a United States Marine from McConnellsburg, will visit the Panama Canal, when the huge battleship Vermont completes her cruise in the West Indies and sails for the Isthmus, in accordance with the winter schedule of the Atlantic Fleet.

Peter, who is a son of the late David Forner of McConnellsburg, enlisted in the United States Marine Corps at its Waynesboro recruiting station on August 24, 1916, and he will perform his regular military duties aboard the Vermont while the dreadnaught steams through the waterway from coast to coast.

Comparatively few Americans are favored with an opportunity to visit the great canal, and this trip to the tropics, which has been aptly timed to avoid the rigors of a northern winter, will doubtless prove very interesting to Peter.

Get Busy.

Less than a week from this time the 20th of December will be here and the subscription price of the Fulton County News will be \$1.50 a year. If you do not get the NEWS for a year or two longer at a dollar it will be your own fault, for we are accepting and will continue to accept subscriptions at a dollar a year up to next Wednesday evening. We have entered the names of more new subscribers on our list during the last two weeks than in a long time. Persons that have been thinking seriously about taking the NEWS, now find that if they wait longer they must pay more money, and they are coming in while coming is good. Very many who were in arrears a year or two, have paid up, and have paid a year or two in advance. We hope by next Wednesday to have a paid up subscription list and then our subscribers will feel better and we shall have a merrier Christmas and a happier New Year.

Railroad News.

Very little is to be told in addition to that related in the NEWS last week. Contractor Coon who went away to get money to pay his subcontractors, has not returned. Tuesday upon execution issued by the Lemaster National Bank, 29 mules, 5 horses and other personal effects of Coon were sold by Sheriff Garland. The mules brought from \$25 a head to \$262 a pair, and the horses sold around \$150 a piece. The sale amounted to about \$4,000.00.

It is believed by some, that Coon will turn up one of these days with money to pay up everything and finish the railroad. If that should prove to be the case the NEWS will let you know.

Enters Suit for Libel.

Geo. A. Harris, president of the Fulton County Bank, yesterday, through his attorney, O. C. Bowers, entered a suit for libel against the Franklin Repository for alleged damages sustained on account of statements published by the Repository in which it was stated in substance that Harris had given notes in connection with the failure of the McConnellsburg and Fort Loudon Railway. The truth about the matter is, that Harris never gave his own individual note nor endorsed for others.

Barnett—Chesnut.

On Tuesday, November 23, 1916, Rev. Geo. B. Mc. Reidell, Hustontown united in the bonds of holy wedlock, Mr. George N. Barnett, son of ex-County Commissioner Z. B. and Elizabeth Huston Barnett, and Miss Nora E. Chesnut, daughter of Auctioneer James M. and Mrs. Malinda Sipes Chesnut. The bride and groom are popular young people and begin their married life on the Geo. W. Barnett farm recently purchased by the groom.

WAS IN ERROR.

Fulton Republican Makes Correction of Article Published in Its Columns Last Week.

The following correction and apology will appear in this week's FULTON REPUBLICAN:

"In last week's issue we published an article on the failure of the Lemaster National Bank and the McConnellsburg and Fort Loudon Railroad, which article was, in part, copied from Franklin Repository, a daily paper published at Chambersburg, Pa. In said article it mentioned the name of Geo. A. Harris, of this place, who was quoted as having signed or endorsed notes in connection with same. We have been informed that Mr. Harris is not connected in any way financially with said bank or railroad and has not signed any notes or become liable in any way. We copied the article from the Chambersburg paper as a matter of news. We are sorry this has happened and want to assure all who read same that it was not done to harm Mr. Harris."

Naie and Hearty.

Squire Daniel E. Fore, North Second Street, who celebrated his ninetieth birthday on the 26th of last June, called at the NEWS office last Saturday afternoon and after paying his paper up to date, ordered it stopped. (That's all right, now! If you take it until you are ninety years old, you may stop it too and we'll not kick about it.)

After we had given him a receipt for the trifle due on his paper and assuring him that we never sent the NEWS to any one after having been told to stop it, he settled down in an easy chair, and entertained us delightfully with stories of his earlier life; for the Squire's head is as clear as a bell and he remembers and describes events that occurred three-score-and-ten years ago down to the minutest detail with perfect accuracy.

Mr. Fore was a Forty-niner in California during the gold excitement. Having left his Fulton County home, he was living at Fairfield, Iowa, when he was seized with a desire to see California. There was no fast trains (nor slow ones, either) across the continent at that time, and the walking was not good; hence, Mr. Fore worked his way down to New Orleans, where he found a trading vessel just about to leave for California via the Straits of Magellan. Being a carpenter Mr. Fore struck the Ship's Captain for a job. One of the Ship's carpenters had left the vessel at New Orleans and the Captain was only too glad for an opportunity to hire Mr. Fore. The long journey was made without any unusual incident and he reached California safe. While on the Coast, he turned his hand to various things, among others, carrying the mail a distance of many miles into the interior of the State on three mules.

After satisfying his spirit of adventure and accumulating \$300.00, which sum it took to bring him home, he embarked on a vessel for Acapulco, Mexico; thence, he traveled overland by way of the city of Mexico, and reached the eastern shore at Vera Cruz; thence by boat to New Orleans.

While Undertaker William Stoner is regarded as one of McConnellsburg's oldest citizens, Squire says he has it on Bill by a year and three months, as Mr. Stoner was born in September 1827.

A little party composed of Jacob Peck, Samuel A. Hess, Rachel Mellott and Joseph and Sebina Mellott, did the butchering for Charlie H. Mellott on the N. H. Peck farm in Belfast township, last Thursday. Charlie had four small pigs, the runtiest of which weighed 443 lbs.

From Harry I. Denisar.

Dec. 2nd:—I see by the label on my paper that I am in arrears; so I am sending a money order to put my name on the Honor Roll.

My address is Jordan, Mont., instead of Antler, N. D. I am on my way to my homestead of 320 acres, which is 17 miles from a town and 80 miles from a railroad. My nearest railroad town is Glasgow.

I shipped 2 emigrant cars to Glasgow. I have 11 head of cattle and 10 horses. We are now at the Missouri river. We have been here waiting for it to freeze so we can cross. The river is 80 rods wide, it is frozen so the ferry cannot run, but not hard enough to carry horses and cattle. There is one man here that is going to try to take his household goods across to-day and I will try crossing about the first of next week if it keep on freezing.

I was born in Fulton County and lived there 18 years, I left there in August 1900 and lived in Illinois four years and in Iowa six years. Then I moved to North Dakota and have been there six years. The FULTON COUNTY NEWS is like a weekly letter from home. It is the first paper I look at when the mail comes and I always see something about people I used to know.

I came from Antler to Glasgow in my new 1917 Ford touring car—a distance of 362 miles. The roads were so bad and so drifted with snow that it took us three days to make the trip.

There is lots of homestead land here that is not taken; so, if you know of anyone there that wants to get a home of their own send them to Jordan and I will help them to get one.

I would like to go back to Fulton County to visit, but not to stay. I like the "wild and woolly west."

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, I am,
Yours truly,
HARRY I. DENISAR.

from North Dakota.

CANDO, Dec. 4.—I see by the paper that you are going to raise the price of the paper after the 20th, so I am going to make use of the time left, and as the old saying is, "Take the ox by the horns" by sending enough to last until the war is over and we get back to cheaper rates again. So here goes a money order for \$3.00, just push my subscription as far ahead as it will reach.

Our crops last summer were almost as bad as a failure on account of the blight and rust. It killed the grain just in the milk stage, and it shrank up almost to nothing. There was a heavy stand of straw, making the crop expensive to harvest and thresh. A good many farmers did not get enough out of it to pay harvesting and threshing expenses. We had about 12,000 bushels of grain—all kinds—but of a very poor quality. We got from ninety-six cents to a dollar and forty-seven cents a bushel for wheat.

Cattle have been a pretty good price here and the pasture was good last summer. Stock of all kinds did well, and are still doing good as there is abundance of hay and rough feed on the fields. We had about two hundred acres of wheat that we did not cut and the stock is feeding on it, there being no snow yet. I sold 9 head of young cattle this fall for \$503 and I am wintering 37 head of cattle and 45 head of horses and colts.

We are trying to turn this into a stock country instead of raising so much wheat.

Climatic conditions seem to be changing against the raising of wheat.

With best wishes to the NEWS and all our old friends, I remain,
Yours truly,
WM. KING.

Master William Lynch spent some time last week with friends at Fort Loudon.

SALVIA SUMMARIZINGS.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Hunt, their son F. C. Hunt and wife—all of Easton Rapids, Mich. enroute to Miami, Fla., were guests at the Green Hill House last Thursday night. They were much pleased with the Pennsylvania section of the Lincoln Highway, and were enthusiastic in their praises of the beautiful mountain scenery—so attractive to people reared in a level country. They expected to go on through Gettysburg, Washington, Richmond, and then follow the Coast route.

The epidemic of measles is still spreading like wildfire in the Licking Creek Valley. Thus far, there have been no fatalities except the death of Mrs. John A. Deshong, noted elsewhere in the NEWS.

It is reported that Miss Laura Decker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Decker has scarlet fever, and that the home is quarantined. As this is being written she is better and on a fair way to recovery.

Sunday, December 17th at 2:30 o'clock will be Rev. Yearick's regular time to preach at Greenhill. Everybody cordially invited.

Mrs. Amos Palmer and others from Belfast township, were guests recently in the home of Ex-County Commissioner and Mrs. George F. Metzler.

After having spent some time visiting relatives and friends in this county, Frank Mellott and family have returned to their home at Desbler, O. They were accompanied as far as Chicago Junction by Mrs. Maria Haun.

SIDELING HILL.

Mrs. Amos Layton is again on the sick list. We hope for her speedy recovery.

Ross Bernhardt is burning a limekiln in Pigeon Cove.

Riley Lynch had the misfortune to hurt his back while hauling lime stone.

Miss Maud Lavton, of Dott, spent Sunday with Miss Hazel Hess.

Miss Pearl Carnell, of Dott, recently visited her parents, William Carnell and wife.

Several persons near here are suffering with measles.

Amos Seville has returned to McConnellsburg after having spent several weeks during the hunting season here. Mr. Seville was one of the few who got a nice fat turkey.

Mrs. George Wilson, near Dott spent a day last week with friends here.

Miss Lola Giffin Warfordsburg R. F. D. was a Sunday visitor at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Giffa.

Frank Post and family attended the funeral of Mrs. Post's mother Mrs. Rachel Hughes at Warfordsburg last Saturday.

Orville Beatty of near Needmore, made a brief visit to this place Sunday. He was accompanied by Miss Virgie Gress who returned to her school.

Webster W. Mellott passed through Warfordsburg last Friday with a carload of teachers returning from the County Institute.

WELLS TANNERY.

Mrs. Joe Horton remains in a critical condition at the Roaring Spring Hospital.

Mrs. Lavina Earley is suffering from a severe attack of spinal trouble.

Harvey Heckman was taken to the Nason Hospital two weeks ago for treatment for stomach trouble.

Mrs. Anna Denisar Reese who had been visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Denisar, returned to her home in Altoona last Monday.

Mrs. Rody Gibson of Six Mile Run is visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gibson.

Mrs. Alice Schetrompf, and children, of Everett, are visiting Mrs. Schetrompf's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Griffith.

THE SERIOUSNESS OF SNEEZING.

Little Talks on Health and Hygiene by Samuel G. Dixon, M. D., LL. D., Commissioner of Health.

Let the innocent bystander beware of the careless or ignorant individual who takes no precaution to cover the nose and mouth to catch the spray when sneezing. Such carelessness should be resented as you would resent the dangerous habit of spitting.

When you sneeze, a spray of the secretion from the mucous membrane of the respiratory tract and the throat is thrown into the air for quite some distance around you. This spray often carries germs of diseases. From some forms of leprosy and tuberculosis, thousands of germs that will produce those diseases, are breathed in by those who are standing within the zone of the spray.

Many of the influenzas or so-called colds are communicated from one person to another in the same way. Some healthy people have disease producing organisms that are sneezed out and if taken into the respiratory tract of others who have less resistance, they will fall victims to whatever form of disease that germ produces.

ENID.

Mrs. John Stukard, Sr., is visiting relatives at Hustontown, McConnellsburg and Chambersburg for a short time.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Scott, of Trough Creek spent a couple of days with W. R. Foster last week.

Mrs. David Knepper, of Taylor spent a few days at her old home.

Mrs. Lavina Early, who is under the care of Dr. Davis of Six Mile Run is not improving as fast as her friends would like. She has been confined to her bed the last week.

Mrs. Anna Axon and children, of Broadtop city are spending some time with friends here.

Hunter Truax, who is employed at Saxton spent the week-end with his family. The stork visited their home Saturday night leaving a young son.

Mrs. Roy Barnett, of Minersville is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Bridenstine.

Alice Bridenstine who had been with her sister at Punxsutawney for some time is at home now.

OAK GROVE.

Those who were visiting last Sunday in this neighborhood were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Benson and family at James Benson's, Mr. and Mrs. James Cutchall and son Norman at D. M. Black's, and Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Barnett at Bruce Shore's.

Mrs. Charles Lamberson and children visited Mrs. Clyde Plummer last week.

Preparations are being made for a grand Christmas entertainment at Zion this year.

Miss Bertie Andrews of Warfordsburg is spending the winter at 332 S. Second St., Bellwood, Pa. The NEWS will keep her in touch with Fulton County "doings."

Mr. E. F. Over, a native of McConnellsburg, but for a number of years a resident of Bedford, was in town on business Monday. Edgar has built a large garage in Bedford, which he conducts in connection with the selling of the Studebaker and the Maxwell car. Edgar's is the first garage Fulton County people see when entering Bedford from the east, and it is located on the right-hand side of the Lincoln Highway east Pitt street.

George Rexroth and sister, Miss Maggie, of McConnellsburg, are on a trip to Philadelphia. Mr. Rexroth will have his eyes treated while in the city. He recently underwent an operation on his eyes from which he is recovering nicely.