

William E. Baker, (20 Apr 1834 – 16 Oct 1900), Newport News, October 18, 1900

Prof. William E. Baker, one of the oldest, ablest and most successful teachers of this county, died of heart failure Tuesday evening at 5:45 o'clock, at his home in Eshcol, Friday morning, September 28, he had a chill, but he went to his school at Eshcol and taught all day, although he was scarcely able to be on his feet. Having improved, he taught the following Monday by great effort, but was unable to leave his bed the next day. While the immediate cause of his death was heart failure, he first took sick with remitted fever and was threatened with a complication of diseases, embracing pneumonia, rheumatism, enlargement of prostate gland and bronchitis.

Mr. Baker was born in Juniata Township, Perry County, in a place known as Leggett, on April 20, 1834. He was a self-made man, with no advantage excepting a fine, penetrating mind and noble impulses. For many years he has stood at the head of the teacher's profession in this county and was always an important factor in the County Institutes by reason of his intellectual superiority and genuine manhood. His pupils always found him a man worthy of emulation, although it was probably the fortune of but few of them to retain to his eminence in the acquirement and use of knowledge as imparted by hard study and close application.

February 27, 1859, he was united in marriage to **Miss Susanna Shuman**, daughter of the late **Samuel Shuman**. She with the following children, survives him; **Samuel** and **John**, of Washington, D.C.; ex-District Attorney **Luke Baker**, of New Bloomfield; **Mark T.** of Galion, Ohio; **Mrs. H. J. Wickey**, of Middletown, Pa.; **Mrs. Willis Shull**, of Ickesburg, and **Miss Daisy**, at home; **Dr. J.D. Baker**, of Eshcol, and **Peter Baker**, of Cassville, Huntingdon County, are his surviving brothers.

He was a soldier of the Civil War, in which he served as First Sergeant of Company F. 104th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. Funeral services were held on Friday morning at 10 o'clock, in the Lutheran Church at Eshcol.

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