

George Brenton McClellan Barnett, (3 Dec 1863 – 2 May 1886), Published in the Perry County Democrat, May 12, 1886

Duncannon, Pa. May 10, 1886; Ed. Democrat; In your last issue you made brief mention that **George B. McClellan Barnett** met with a horrible death at Cove Station on Saturday evening, the 2nd inst. It is only too true. It appears that **Mr. B.**, with his younger brother, walked to Marysville to attend church and after church they boarded a freight train for Cove Station, their home. When at Cove **Charles**, after getting off safely, looked around for his brother "**Clell**," as he was called by all, but no "**Clell**" was to be seen. He came to the conclusion that he had gone on up to Duncannon to his grandfather's, **Adam Hickernell**, which he had often done before, and **Charles** went home and to bed, but it was not long till the night watchman, Mr. McGlaughlin aroused the family with the sad news that their son was lying only a few yards from their door dead. His skull was crushed in, his face cut and bruised, and the little finger of his right hand crushed, upon which he wore a ring belonging to a young lady in Maysville, which was cut in two. The body was removed to his home and prepared for burial. An inquest was held on Monday by the Coroner, which rendered a verdict of accidental death. No death has occurred in this community for years that created so much sorrow and regret as the death of **Mr. Barnett**. He was highly respected by all who knew him. His funeral took place on last Wednesday morning and was numerously attended by citizens and a large delegation from Marysville, where the deceased taught school last winter. His late pupils sent a beautiful floral combination star, cross and crown. Another also, came from the Milton Base Ball Club, of which the deceased was a member last year. The pall bearers were young friends of the deceased in life; **John Mailey, Dr. H.D. Reutter, W.W. Smith, Luther Righter, P.F. Duncan** and **Frank Harper**.

George B. McClellan Barnett was born December 3, 1863. He was therefore 22 years, 4 months, and 29 days old. He received his education at Millersville State Normal School, New Berlin and Williamsport; was local editor of the Duncannon Record in the years 1881-82. In base ball circles he had won an enviable name. Thus we must ever be ready to believe that in the midst of life we are in death.

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