

Thomas F. Bender, (14 Aug 1874 – 1 Apr 1922), Newspaper Clipping, The Perry Historians

Thomas F. Bender, one of our best known citizens, died early last Saturday morning from successive paralytic strokes. March 15th, he sustained a stroke which left him almost entirely helpless. His condition failed to improve under treatment and Thursday he experienced a second stroke from which he failed to rally and he gradually sank to his death.

The deceased was a son of the late **Samuel** and **Ella (Sipes) Bender**, and was born in McConnellsburg, Fulton County, Pa. He died at the age of 47 years, 7 months, and 17 days.

He learned the trade of tailoring and with his brother **Edward** also a tailor, came to this place some twenty-five years ago and engaged in tailoring. After several years thus engaged, the partnership was dissolved. His brother left and for a number of years he was engaged as a clerk in hotels here, Newport and Millerstown. He later became proprietor of the old of the old Eagle Hotel, just north of the courthouse and remained in charge until it ceased to exist as a hostelry. About ten years ago he bought out the restaurant in the square and conducted it most successfully until his death, acquiring considerable property.

December 28, 1904, he was joined in marriage with **Alice J. Grube** by Rev. C.M. Nicholas, pastor of the Lutheran Church in this place at that time. From this union there survive three children, **Mary**, **Edward** and **Samuel**. He is also survived by his widow and brother **Edward** of Lexington, N.C. and two older half-sisters, Mrs. **Ada Unger**, of McConnellsburg, Pa. and Mrs **Henrietta Graves**, of Illinois. His aged mother, residing in McConnellsburg, also survives and was present at the funeral.

Tom Bender had no enemies. He was genial and companionable at all times. He had a big generous heart and his services were always cheerfully at the command of his friends. He was a kind and devoted husband and parent. We extend our deepest sympathy to the bereaved family.

Funeral services were held at his late residence with the Rev. J. Thomas Fox of the Reformed Church officiating, assisted by Rev. I. Potter Hayes of the Presbyterian Church, Rev. Mr. Fox preaching a comforting sermon.

Interment was in the New Bloomfield Cemetery with pallbearers; H.B. Rhinesmith, P.R. Flurie, E.L. Holman, D.C. Kell, C.B. Stoops and Joseph G. Darlington.

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