

Samuel Bentzel (27 Jul 1853 – 30 Mar 1897), Peoples Advocate and Press, The Perry Historians

This community was startled on Tuesday evening last to learn of the sudden death of **Samuel Bentzel**, the well known tailor of this place. During the day he was engaged in helping to unpack some household goods of his mother and sister, who are coming from Allegheny City to take up their residents with him shortly. In carrying a box upstairs, he sprained an organism of the heart, it afterward developed. This was about noon. He complained of pain in the region of his heart, but worked steadily in the afternoon; however, about four o'clock, he summoned his family physician Dr. Moore, who administered medicine, after which he felt relieved. The pain returning, the doctor was again summoned and gave relief. About six o'clock J. W. Shull, Esquire, in passing, looked in and was called by Mr. Bentzel, who was resting on a couch in the dining room. Mr. Shull, upon going back, found the unfortunate man in the throes of death, so quickly had he been summoned by the grim destroyer. Physicians were called, and immediately answered, but the vital spark had fled.

Samuel Bentzel was the son of **Henry** and **Sofia Bentzel**, and was born in this place [New Bloomfield]. July 27, 1853, and at the time of his death was aged 43 years, 8 months, and 3 days.

He was married to Miss **Clara Rice**, daughter of the late **Henry Rice**, This place November 28th 1877, who departed this life. January 17, 1893. From this union survive **Roy V.**, age 16 years; **John J.** age 9, and **Fannie May**, age 7 yrs. Three sisters of the decease also survive; **Mary**, wife of **Alfred Shaver**, of Altoona Pa; Sarah, wife of **H. R. Marshall**, of Aspinwall PA, and **Mrs. Elizabeth Middleton**, of Allegheny city Pa. An aged mother also survives to mourn her loss.

The deceased was one of the boroughs most-active, energetic and respected citizens. He was thoroughly progressive and all that added to the general welfare of this community. In the different local offices, to which his fellow citizens from time to time elected him, he served faithfully and efficiently.

The departed for many years past have been a consistent member of the Lutheran Church and was one of the most liberal supporters.

His remains were interred in the cemetery, of this place, Friday morning, a large number of relatives and friends following the remains to the grave as a last tribute to his memory. Rev. A. J. Rudisill, his pastor, officiated at the funeral, assisted by Rev. F. T. Wheeler, of the Presbyterian Church. The text was taken from 1 Samuel, 20: 3.

Services at the grave were laterally conducted by the Mackinaw Lodge, No. 380, I.O.O.F., of this place, of which he was a prominent member.

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