

Peter Bernheisel, (Died 22 Sep 1887), Patriot, Friday, September 23, 1887; An Old and Respected Citizen Passes Away Yesterday

Peter Bernheisel, one of the oldest and most respected citizen of Harrisburg, died at his residence, No. 320 South Second Street at 11 o'clock yesterday morning at the advanced age of 82 years. He had been sick a little more than two weeks and death was the result more from exhaustion than disease. He learned the trade of carpenter at Carlisle and came to Harrisburg when he was 21 years old. After working as a carpenter for some time he became a builder, his first house being a hotel on the site on which Hassenberger's restaurant, Market Street, now stands. He afterwards built the Presbyterian Church at Second and Cherry Avenue, which was destroyed by fire in 1858, the county prison, the Mulberry Street school house, at present the hospital, and the Friendship engine house. While working on the latter building in 1859 his son fell from the roof and was badly injured, a fact which led to **Mr. Bernheisel** quitting the occupation of builder. He then established a lime business which he carries on for twenty-seven years up to the time of his death. He leaves a wife, a daughter and three sons to mourn his loss.

Mr. Bernheisel was a member of the Fourth Street Lutheran Church from the time he came to Harrisburg, and was probably its oldest member. A devout Christian man he was chosen time and again as one of the church officials until old age prevented him from performing the duties. He was also for many years superintendent of the second department of the Sunday school. His death will be heard of with regret by his many friends and acquaintances who loved and respected him as a friend and good citizen.

The funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon at 4 o'clock.

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