

**Silas R. W. Bernheisel**, (17 Dec 1866 – 20 Jan 1888), Newspaper Clipping, The Perry Historians

**Silas R.W. Bernheisel**, son of **Cornelius** and **Catharine Bernheisel**, was born near Blain, Perry County, Pa., December 17, 1866 and died, January 20, 1888, at home of his stepfather, **Henry Titzell**, Esq., near Waterloo. **Cornelius Bernheisel** died July 18, 1870. **Catharine** his widow was married to **Henry Titzell**, January 2, 1874. **Silas**, then a lad in his eight year, moved with his mother to her new home. Being blessed with more than an average mind, he was one of the foremost in his studies at the village school.

Among his associates he was blithesome, but always seemed to realize that life was a reality. Though but a child in years, he seemed to grapple with thoughts only to be looked for in those of riper years. About the age of sixteen, unmistakable evidence of constitutional disease was made apparent to those who loved him most. For over four years he endured great affliction; for more than two years he was endured much, but with the bravery of a veteran and the patience and resignation of a martyr he complained not, but said to his mother "Weep not for me, I am prepared to go." All that medical skill could do seemed only to enrage the fell destroyer; he was bent on conquest and after a fearful struggle he laid his victim low in the grave. All that could be done was done by kind friends and neighbors, including that which is inestimable, a mother's tender love and ceaseless vigils, whose eyes never seemed to become dulled. He was cared for as an infant; all his wants seemed to be anticipated. He was loved as only a mother can love. We run the risk in saying all was done that could have been done by family friends and neighbors. His remains were followed to the Presbyterian Cemetery, near Waterloo, by a large concourse of friends and neighbors, where appropriate services were conducted by Rev. J. H. Little. Here the mortality of **Silas** was laid to rest in full assurance of the promise, Romans 8-11 "But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His Spirit that dwelleth in you." To the indwelling of this Spirit gave full evidence. "Asleep in Jesus--blessed sleep." J. H. Little

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