

Elizabeth V. Berry (1866 – 25 Jun 1886), Perry County Democrat, Wednesday, June 30, 1886

KISTLER, Pa., June 28, 1886; On last Friday afternoon Miss **Lizzie V. Berry**, **Mr. Hart**, **George B. Anderson**, **John Zeigler** and wife, **Robert Hench** and **Martha Hench** went up to **Mrs. Johnson's** to pick cherries. They had just got on the trees when a thunder storm came up. All but **Miss Berry**, **Mr. Hart**, **Robert Hench** and **sister** had gone into **Mrs. Johnson's** house for shelter, and when the last named were in the act of descending the tree, intending to run into the house, a vivid flash of lightning, followed by a terrific peal of thunder, startled the whole party. The electric current struck **Miss Berry** and killed her instantly. **Miss Hench** fell from the tree, a distance of ten or twelve feet, but was not seriously hurt. **Mr. Hench** was stunned, but soon recovered and discovered that **Miss Berry** had been struck and was lying across the ladder. He tenderly took her down and with assistance carried her into the house. Dr. Hooke was immediately summoned and when he arrived and pronounced life extinct.

Miss Berry had been living with **Mr. George W. Loy** for about two years and was highly respected by all who knew her. Her remains were interred in the Presbyterian burying grounds at Blain on Sunday afternoon. The funeral was one of the largest ever witnessed in Blain. She was about 21 years and 9 months.

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