

**Elizabeth (Burd) Bistline**, (14 Dec 1829 - 19 Feb 1908), Perry County Democrat, February 26, 1908

**Elizabeth Burd Bistline**, age 79 years, 2 months, and 5 days, died at her home in Mannsville on February 19, 1908, of neuralgia of the heart. **Mrs. Bistline** was sick about three weeks and from the time she took sick until she died everything was done for her that moving hands could do, but the grim reaper, death seemed to have laid a firm hand on her frail body. On Friday preceding her death her family saw that she was growing weaker. She became unconscious about 7 p.m. on Monday evening and remained in that condition until 3 a.m. Wednesday morning, when she peacefully passed away.

**Mrs. Bistline** was the daughter of **William** and **Elizabeth Burd**, of Mannsville, and was the third child of a family of ten children. Six of her brothers and sisters are dead. Her brother **Levi** died at Byron, Ill: her brother **William** died quite young many years ago; her sister, **Mrs. Sarah Derrick**, died at Everett, Pa. about ten years ago; her brother **Reuben** died some years ago at Lancaster, Pa.; her sister **Mrs. Ellen Record**, died at Harrisburg about a year ago. Her remaining brother and sisters are **George W. Burd** and **Mrs. Amelia Bupp**, of this place, and **Mrs. Sena McIlhenny**, of New Bloomfield.

She was born and raised and lived all her life in Mannsville. She was married to **George Bistline** in 1848. To them were born six children, three sons and three daughters, all dying quite young. Her husband died March 22, 1900. Her surviving sons are **William H.** of Grand Junction, Iowa and **James C.** of Newport, and **Charles B. Bistline**, of Pleasant Valley. Fourteen grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren also survive her.

**Grandma Bistline** was a woman of fine Christian character. She was a true and loving wife, a kind and loving mother, and a kind and generous and noble neighbor. She was a member of the Evangelical Church of Pleasant Valley for forty years at the time of her death. Her remains were buried at Mannsville on Friday at 10 o'clock. Short services were held at her late home. The body was taken to the U. B. church, where the sermon was preached by her pastor, Rev. C. W. Hipple, of Elliottsburg, who spoke beautifully of the Christian character of the deceased. The body was enclosed in a black cloth-covered casket and on her bosom lay a wreath of barley that her son **William** had given her two years ago while she was on a visit to his home in Iowa. After the service was over an invitation was given to view the remains. There she lay as if quietly sleeping, and before the casket was closed for the last time, her two granddaughters, **Mrs. Nettie Rice** and **Mrs. Dora Moyer**, came forward and covered their grandmother with a beautiful burial blanket. The casket was then closed and taken to the union cemetery where interment was made.

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