John K. Bitner, (1 Jan 1893 – 14 Jan 1897), The News Sun, January 28, 1897

John Bitner died Thursday at his residence, on Cemetery road, Oliver Township, of a lingering pulmonary affliction, in the 65th year of his age.

He was a veteran of the late war, as a member of Company E, 208th regiment, Pennsylvania volunteers, and member of the Grand Army Post, of this place, and by his own request, was buried with the honors of war in the Newport cemetery on Sunday afternoon.

He was a good citizen, a consistent and acceptable member of the U. B. Church, a devoted Christian gentleman, and witnessed in health and on his deathbed before his family and friends a good profession of Christ. His end was peace, and he fell asleep with the blessed hope of a home in Heaven. He leaves a deeply sorrowing and bereaved widow, and 7 children to mourn his departure.

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