

**Margaret Jane (Allison) Black**, (11 Jul 1820 – 11 Feb 1897), Perry County Democrat, March 17, 1897

**Mrs. Margaret Jane Black**, was born near Lamar, Center (now Clinton) County, Pennsylvania, on July 11, 1820 and died February 11, 1897, at the home of her son, **William J. Black**, in Duncannon. She was the daughter of **Archibald Allison** who was a resident of this county about the year of 1837, having owned the farm now occupied by **Samuel Weaver**, near Dellville. She was married to **James Black** in Duncannon, August 24, 1840, to their union there were born six children; two daughters, who died in infancy and four sons, who are still living and were present at her funeral. The oldest son, **Thomas J. Black** is in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad, Co. at the General office, Broad St. Station, Philadelphia; **Archibald A. Black**, is in the employ of the same Company in their car shops; **John Black**, in the Office of the Superintendent of Motive Power, Altoona and **William J. Black**, who has always lived at the old homestead and who is Master Mechanic at the Duncannon Iron Works. She was the sister of ten children, two of whom are living: **Mrs. Rachel R. Secrist** and **Mrs. Hetty Tidlow**, of Lock Haven. **Matthew** and **Catherine**, among the oldest residents and who are interred in the Jacksonville Cemetery, Clinton County, were her grandparents on her father's side. **William** and **Margaret Rodgers**, old settlers of Cumberland County and who are interred in the Carlisle Cemetery, were her grandparents on her mother's side. **William B. Allison**, member of the United States Senate, is a full cousin of **Mrs. Black**.

**Mrs. Black** united with the Lutheran Church at Duncannon, May 23rd 1849, and was a consistent member up to the time of her death, taking the sacrament of the Lord's Supper four weeks before her death. She was stricken with paralysis on the 27th of September last, and was confined to her room the remainder of her life. She was a good woman, of most gentle manners and was beloved by all who know her.

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