

**Silas W. Conn**, (22 Feb 1822 – 23 May 1900), Peoples Advocate & Press, May 30, 1900

**Silas W. Conn**, one of the most highly esteemed and influential citizens of this place last Wednesday morning after an illness lasting through two months or more. His death resulted from a complication of diseases, baffling all medical skill.

**Silas W. Conn**, was born near Reisterstown, MD, February 22, 1822, and was consequently aged 78 years, 3 months, and 1 day. His early years were spent on his father's estate. He later engaged in farming, subsequently in keeping store, later in keeping hotel, among his stands being the famous Relay House, out from Baltimore. Subsequently to his coming to Perry County he was engaged in the livery and exchanged business in Baltimore, MD, his health failing, he disposed of most of his interests in Baltimore, MD, and removed to this place in 1886, where he resided until his death.

Mr. Conn was thrice married. His third wife was **Miss Jesse Winnins** of New Bloomfield, Pa. whom he wedded in 1884, and who survives him. No issue resulted from these marriages.

Upon Mr. Conn's advent in our community, he became prominent in its affairs. He purchased the old Belford homestead and made many substantial improvements thereto, until it is now one of the handsomest properties in the county. He was a most liberal subscriber to the Perry County Railroad, and was a member of its Board of Directors for many years up until his death. He was interested in all that tended for the advancement of the neighborhood.

The deceased was a consistent member of the Presbyterian church, and was one of its staunchest supporters. In politics Mr. Conn was an old line Democrat, liberal, however in his views.

Throughout his long illness he was tenderly cared for by his devoted wife, and in his demise she suffers an irreparable loss. The poor of this community have lost a kind friend. Born and bred in the south, the old-time chivalry of the southern gentleman was ever prominent in his greeting. His was an open handed hospitality, and none was more genial host than he.

He was a soldier in the Mexican War, and served under the redoubtable Capitan Sam Walker.

Besides his stricken wife, an aged sister, **Mrs. Margaret Lowe**, of San Francisco, survives him.

His remains were interred in this place Saturday morning, his pastor, Rev. F.T. Wheeler, officiating, assisted by Rev. R.F. McClean, of Dauphin, Pa., and Rev. J.S. Roddy, of Harrisburg. The funeral text was Psalm 89:48- "What man is he that liveth and shall not see death?"

A large concourse of people were present paying a last tribute of respect to the deceased.