

Samuel A. Coyle, (4 Oct 1813 – 23 Feb 1888), Perry County Democrat, February 29, 1888

Samuel A. Coyle, well and favorably known as the head of the house of Coyle, McCandlish & Co., Philadelphia, died at his home in West Philadelphia, Thirty-sixth and Baring Streets, on Thursday, February 23, 1888. He was the son of **David** and **Martha Coyle** and was born at Linn's Mill, now known as Buffalo Mills, in Saville Township, Perry County, on October 4, 1813, and consequently was in his 75th year. He was the youngest of twelve children and the last of the twelve to die. Until the age of nineteen years he assisted in the performance of the rugged duties of the farm, when he went to Carrick Furnace, in Franklin County, and for three years was in the employ of General Dunn, a prominent man in his day, who was the proprietor man of the furnace. By the only mode of travel in vogue at that day, **Mr. Coyle** journeyed to Washington, D.C., on horseback, where he had an uncle residing with whom he engaged in mercantile pursuits for a period of five years. Returning to Perry County in 1839 he engaged in mercantile business in Landisburg, where he remained until 1843, when he crossed the mountain to Hoguestown, Cumberland County, where he was similarly engaged in business for four years and subsequently for five years in Carlisle. In 1844, while residing at Hoguestown, he was married to **Eliza A. Linn**, of Landisburg, who survives him, a sister of **John Linn**, Esq., both well known in Perry County. In 1851 **Mr. Coyle** took up residence in Philadelphia becoming identified with the wholesale grocery house of B. S. Janney & Co. In 1864 the house of Coyle, Laughlin & Co., was launched on a prosperous business voyage and since 1878 until the present time the house has been known all over Pennsylvania and adjoining States as Coyle, McCandlish & Co.

Samuel A. Coyle was the architect of his own success and fortune in the mercantile world. Liberally endowed with but little else that pluck and probity of character, he rapidly forged his way to a commanding position in the second commercial city of the sisterhood. His readiness to solve perplexing business problems that daily confronted him, coupled with the sterling integrity that encircled his business and private pathway like a halo, was the impelling force that carried him over a long and undimmed mercantile career and earned for the houses with which his name has been identified a reputation that will long survive him, now that he has been called to his reward. For a period of twenty years prior to his death, **Mr. Coyle** was a ruling elder in the Princeton Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Powelton and Saunders Avenues, a magnificent temple that stands in part a monument to his liberality and business capacity. He had the unqualified respect not only of his business associates but of the business world with which he daily came in contact. He was unselfish a man as ever lived, his constant aim being the happiness and welfare of others, and while his charity was board gauged it was of that stamp "which vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up and doth not behave itself unseemly."

Six years ago **Mr. Coyle** was stricken with paralysis but the resultant infirmity did not force him to relinquish his interest in the house with which he had been so long and honorably identified, his mental faculties retaining their brightness until the death cloud wrapped him in its fatal embrace. In the community in which he moved his death is universally deplored and his wise counsels and liberal methods will be keenly missed. His remains were interred in West Laurel Hill on Monday the 27th inst.