

Peter Deardorff (2 Jan 1839 – 3 Apr 1920), The News, April 13, 1920 ,Newport, Pa.

Peter Deardorff, passed peacefully to rest Tuesday at 12:15 a.m. surrounded by his wife, daughters and niece, **Mrs. J. Russell Crist**, Altoona, daughter of his only brother, **William**, who died April 6, 1910. His illness a peculiar nerve condition, was long and severe and caused great distress but was bravely borne without a murmur and with beautiful Christian patience. Saturday, April 3, at 4 p.m. he was seized with a stroke of paralysis, rendering helpless the left side but being able to recognize his loved ones and mentioning the beautiful vision that was given him. Easter Monday morning he closed his tired eyes and in that state passed peacefully to the home prepared for his, aged 81 years, 3 months, and 4 days.

He was the last of his parents family. He possessed a meek and quiet nature. His words were few, his thoughts many. He lived for his home and enjoyed the same. His first thought was his family and self last. It is true that the late **Mr. Deardorff** had no enemies. He entered the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at the age of 24 years and provided for his parents at their Oliver Township farm home, who were **Abraham** and **Susanna (Erhart) Deardorff**. Appointed foreman of sub-division, No. 13, Middle Division extending from a point one mile west of this place to a point two miles east of Millerstown. He was faithful and efficient in the discharge of his duties from the first to last, on a section of track 2 1/2 miles in length and being continuously employed 42 years. He was retired from active service and placed on the Pension Roll at the age of 65 years. He was a veteran of the Civil War and served honorably in behalf of his country. **Mr. Deardorff** was first married in 1860 to **Julia Stringfellow**, who passed away August, 1875. Four sons and a daughter of this union died in infancy and two daughters survive, who are **Mrs. Harry Baker**, Donnally Mills and **Mrs. Howard N. Boyer**, Reading. His grandchildren are **Paul Deardorff Boyer**, **Howard Nagle Boyer**, **Julia Maud Boyer** and **Earl Deardorff Baker**. The second marriage was in September 1878, to **Sabina Titzell**, who survives with one daughter, **Minnie Deardorff**. Many friends and relatives were present at the funeral services at the home, Friday at 10:30 a.m. which was beautifully conducted by his pastor, Rev. U.O.H. Derschner of the Reformed Church of the Incarnation, and assisted by a former pastor, Rev. James M. Runkle, Jeanette, Pa. and Rev. **Samuel Wagner**, Alinda, relative of **Mrs. Deardorff**. The pall bearers were **T.H. Butturf**, **Harry Wilt**, **S.K. Dean**, **John Barrick**, **L.W. Brimmer**, and **George W. Myers**. Interment was in Newport Cemetery.