

**David Deckard**, (1818 – 13 Feb 1901), Perry County Democrat, February 21, 1901

**David Deckard**, of Howe Township, the oldest man and a much respected citizen of Buck's Valley, who passed from among the living on Wednesday, February 13th at the advanced age of 86 years, as was noted in last week's *News*, was the son of **Phillip Deckard**, an early pioneer of Buck's Valley. In 1844 he was united in marriage with **Miss Barbara Stense** and resided in Liverpool for two years, when he returned to the Valley and lived in a house on the **Deckard homestead**. During this time he followed the canal for an avocation. In 1850 he purchased and moved to the farm on which he has resided and where his death occurred as above stated. His wife preceded him to the grave in 1889. Their married relation resulted in the birth of three children; **C.H. Deckard** and **N.C. Deckard**, of Howe Township, and **Dr. John Deckard**, of McAlisterville, Juniata County. **Mr. Deckard** possessed those traits of character which made him a success in his chosen occupation, that of farming. In disposition he was jolly and kind, and if he wished to take recreation he would find it in sporting with the tinny tribe along the banks of the Juniata..

In politics he was an ardent Democrat. **Mr. Deckard** retired from active life years ago and since that time has had his home with his son **Charles**, where it was his delight to see his grandchildren grow up around and about him. His last remains were followed by a large concourse of sorrowing friends and neighbors on Saturday to the Union Church, where the interment took place. Rev. Jamison, the officiating clergyman, preached a soul searching sermon from John 11: 28, "The Master is come"