

John J. DeHaven, (Died 28 Dec 1934), Duncannon Record, Thursday, January 3, 1935

John J. DeHaven, aged 42 years, died in a Pittsburgh Hospital at an early hour Friday morning, December 21, following an emergency operation for acute appendicitis.

Deceased was a son of the late **William F.** and **Sarah (Buffington) DeHaven** and was born at Liverpool, this county, but removed with his parents when an infant to this place. In addition to his widow he is survived by a son, **William**, at home. He is also survived by a brother, **W. L. DeHaven**, of Dormont, Pa.

He attended the local schools and graduated from the high school and from Bucknell University. Following his graduation from the latter institution he became a member of the local high school faculty, later teaching for several years in the Donora, Pa., high school. At the time of his fatal illness he was a teacher of mathematics and physical director at the Peabody High School, Dormont, a suburb of Pittsburgh, where he had resided for a number of years.

From early boyhood he was intensely interested in baseball and during his school days developed into one of the best players ever produced in Perry County. He was a member of the local baseball team for many years and after leaving home to engage in his chosen profession of teaching, he invariably returned during the summer months to play on the old home team. In athletics as in the more serious affairs of life, he played a clean game; honest, sincere, sympathetic to an unusual degree, he was loved by all who knew him. He was devoted to his home community and liked nothing better than to mingle and exchange greetings with old friends and neighbors during his periodical visits to the old home with whom he shared their sorrows and joys with sincere sympathy. He was glad and proud that he was one of them and that a cordial welcome awaited him in the homes that knew him when a lad. Many, indeed, are those who learn of the demise of one of nature's noblemen, who was performing a great work in developing the minds and bodies of the youth of the land. It is regrettable that just at the height of his chosen career, when he was equipped to secure the best results, he should be so unceremoniously removed from the scene of his labors. He was a member of the Mt. Lebanon Presbyterian Church and of the Masonic Lodge at Dormont.

His remains were brought to this place the following day and funeral services held at the Nickel funeral parlors Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. **Rev. Harry Boyer**, pastor of the Enola United Brethren Church, a cousin of the deceased, officiated, interment was made in the Duncannon Cemetery.

www.theperryhistorians.org