

James Tower Dobbs, (5 Feb 1823 – 28 Jan 1902), Peoples Advocate & Press, February 5, 1902

James Tower Dobbs, departed this life at about two o'clock on Tuesday morning at his residence in Madison township, after a brief illness. Although he had been failing health for a number of years, yet he was not wholly confined to the house. His death was attributed to the infirmities of added years.

Mr. Dobbs was one of a family of ten children; His parents were natives of Juniata County, his mother having died in that county. The father of the deceased was remarried and with the family moved to this county in the year 1846, on the old Bistline homestead in Beavertown, one and a half miles south of Blain. After residing there two years they removed to Little Germany, this county, where the father and stepmother lived until their death. Of this large family who scattered out in different parts of the county and state, only two sisters survive to mourn their brother's death, namely, **Joanna B. (Mrs. J.B. Koontz)** of Blain, **Mrs. Matilda Jane Allison**, of Mt. Rock, Cumberland County, Pa.

Mr. Dobbs, the subject of this sketch, was born February 5th, 1823, died January 28th, 1902, aged 78 years, 11 months, and 223 days.

He was united in holy wedlock, 12th of August, 1850, to **Susannah Stambaugh**; from their union three daughters resulted, two are dead; **Matilda Barbara (Mrs. S.K. Morrow)** of Blain, survives.

Mr. Dobbs and wife took up housekeeping on the property where he died shortly after their marriage, and spent their long married life there. Mrs. Dobbs is still living. The deceased followed the avocation of farming and in former years he was a well known and successful local auctioneer in this end of the county. He was a jovial, good natured gentleman and his disposition made him a generous and kind-hearted neighbor, every ready to lend a helping hand. He joined the Reformed church in this place in 1851, under Dr. Charles Leinbach, and in earlier years when his health permitted attending church service regularly.

His remains were interred in the Union Cemetery on Thursday. Funeral services in the Reformed church, Rev. T.C. Strock officiating.