

Zachariah M. Dock, (24 Nov 1847 – 16 Oct 1912), Newspaper Clipping, The Perry Historians



Zachariah M. Dock, a well known citizen of this county, died suddenly at his home in Spring Township, Thursday of last week. He had been in failing health for some years past with kidney trouble, but apparently was improving in health. He had gone out in the garden and was found dead in a building near his house. The cause of his death was an uremic stroke.

The deceased was a son of the late **Benjamin F. and Margaret (Menges) Dock**, and was born in Freeburg, Snyder County, and at his death was aged 64 years, 10 months, and 23 days.

During his earlier years until fifteen years of age he attended the common schools of is town and assisted on the farm. The following five years he was engaged in boating on the canal, and then went into the flouring mill of his uncle **Samuel Haas**, at Mexico, Juniata County, and there learned the trade of milling.

He followed his trade for nineteen years and on account of his health returned to farming. In 1875 he came to the county locating in Spring Township where he resided for four years, later moving to Tyrone Township, residing there for a number of years and latterly since 1907, resided on the **Fredrick Souder** farm, which he bought near Alinda.

Mr. Dock was married in Freeburg, June 16, 1873, to **Catherine Custer**, who died September 18, 1892. He was married a second time to **Sarah E. Souder**, of Spring Township, widow of **A. M. Billman**. From this latter union one daughter, **Orpha Elizabeth**, was born, who survives with her mother. The following step-sons survive, **Fredrick H. Billman, Daniel M. Billman, Irvin S. Billman** and **Erasamus M. Billman**. Three sisters also survive the deceased, **Mrs. William Strayer**, of Waterloo, Iowa, **Mrs. Samuel Watt** of Freeburg, Pa. and **Mrs. Henry Haltzapple** of Kent, Snyder County.

Mr. Dock was a man held in the highest esteem by all who knew him. His unfailing good nature, affability and sincerity won him many friends. He was a progressive farmer. In politics he was a Republican and filled various township offices among them school director of Tyrone Township. He was elected Director of the Poor and served two terms from 1901 to 1907. **Mr. Dock** and family attended the Lutheran Church.

Funeral services were held at St. Peter's on Tuesday morning with Rev. G.A. Royer, his pastor officiating, followed by burial at the church cemetery.

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