

**David Ensminger**, (26 Sep 1821 – 18 Jun 1893), Newspaper Clipping, 1893, The Perry Historians

Duncannon, Pa., June 20, 1893. **David Ensminger** was born September 26, 1821, and died June 18, 1893, aged 71 years, 8 months and 22 days. The deceased was a well-known and highly respected citizen of Perry County, living until recently on his farm on the banks of Sherman's Creek near Dellville. Here by his unremitting toil he transformed what was once wilderness into one of the best cultivated and most productive farms in this part of the county. About seven years ago he suffered from a severe attack of paralysis from which he partially recovered; but, unable to pursue his business, he removed a little over a year ago to Duncannon and purchased the residence in Baskinsville where he lived at the time of his decease.

Though much afflicted, he was able to go about until a severe cold taken about two months with other afflictions confined him to the house. He suffered intensely, being unable for weeks to recline on his bed on account of difficulty in breathing. In the midst of his sufferings he exhibited Christian patience and died in the triumphs of Christian faith. His last words to his pastor were: "He is my only trust," referring to the Lord, to whom he had commended. He united by confirmation with Mt. Zion Lutheran Church in Fishing Creek Valley in 1841. He became one of the founders in 1845 of St. David's Lutheran congregation of Dellville, of which he remained a consistent member to the time of his death, having frequently and recently served as a member of the church council. To this little church he was ardently attached, and nothing seemed to give him greater delight after his removal from Dellville than to return and worship in his old church-home. He was notably faithful in the use of the means of grace, and as long as his infirmities permitted was found in his place of sanctuary. His departure is deeply felt by the whole community and especially by his friends. Since the death of his first wife and infant child, he is the first death in the family. His sorrowing wife with whom he happily lived over forty years and six sorrowing daughters mourn his loss, but "sorrow not as those who have no hope." Thirteen grandchildren also survive him. Funeral services at his residence in Baskinsville on Wednesday at 10 a.m. Services in St. David's Church and interment in the cemetery at Dellville.

"Mark the perfect man and behold the upright for the end of that man is peace."