

Andrew J. Fickes, (18 Apr 1847 –17Feb 1915) Perry County Times, Monday, February 22, 1915

Newport, Pa. Feb. 22, Andrew J. Fickes, a highly respected resident of this place for many years until his removal to Harrisburg, about 25 years ago, died at his home, 567 Forrest, street, that city, on Wednesday, morning, February 17th, aged 67 years. He had been ill for about a year, although his health had not been good for many years.

He was a **son of Henry and Leah Rebecca (Hoffman) Fickes**, and was born on the Fickes homestead, now owned by his nephew, **J. Frank Fickes** of this place, in Juniata Township, April 18, 1847. He worked on the farm and attended the public schools until he engaged in the coal and grain business in this place, being associated with his brothers, the **Josiah, Benjamin and Gibson Fickes** whose warehouse was situated on Front Street on the present site of the Pennsylvania Railroad passenger station. He also clerked for a while in the P.R.R. office on Third Street. He was a prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, rendering efficient service on its official board.

His **wife, Mary Ellen**, daughter, of the late **John and Mary (Landis) Keough**, survive him. They had one child, a daughter, who died during the smallpox epidemic that scourged this place in 1871. Of his parent's family of four sons and four daughters, one of them survives him, **Mrs. Belle M. Leas**, of Reading.

He and his brother Benjamin engaged in the grain and coal business in Harrisburg, their grain elevator being located at Seventh and Emerald streets. Benjamin Fickes sold his interest in the business to his brother-in-law, **J.C. Sanderson**, the firm being Fickes & Sanderson, the successors of which are Mock & Hartman, Mr. **Mock** being a son-in-law of Mr. Sanderson who died a number of years ago, and Mr. Fickes retiring.

The deceased was a member of the Curtin Heights Methodist Episcopal church. His pastor, Rev. A. S. Williams, conducted funeral services at the house Friday morning at 9 o'clock and the body brought to this place on the 11:20 train for interment in Newport Cemetery, prior to which services were held in the Methodist church of this place, Mr. Williams being assisted by Rev. J.C. Collins, the pastor of the church.