

Mrs. Mary E. (Long) Fleisher, (10 Mar 1834 – 12 Jan 1899), Newport News, February 16, 1899

Mrs. Mary E. (Long) Fleisher, (10 Mar 1834 – 12 Jan 1899) the highly esteemed wife of **George Fleisher**, died of cancer at her home on South Second Street, at 6:30 o'clock Saturday morning. She had been ill since August, 1897, and during the past four months was a great sufferer. Notwithstanding the serious nature of her ailment, her industrious habits and indomitable will would not permit, until almost the hour of dissolution, the voluntary relinquishment of the daily duties which she had for many years faithfully discharged when she was in good health. So that until the day of her death she kept in touch with her domestic affairs, although release from family cares was always available through the assiduous ministrations of her ever-watchful eldest daughter and the other members of the family residing at home.

Last summer, in the hope of affording her relief from her great sufferings, her husband accompanied her to Philadelphia, where eminent specialists were consulted. It seems they were unable to definitely locate the seat of the disease, nor afford relief. From this time on her condition continued to grow worse, the inability of her digestive organs to assimilate the food necessary to the proper nourishment of her body, due to the disease with which she was afflicted, causing her great physical distress, although she was not confined permanently to bed until a few hours of her death.

She was a daughter of **John** and **Elizabeth Long**, and was born in Juniata Township, March 10, 1834. She and Mr. Fleisher were married January 10, 1856, and took up their residence in this place in the fall of 1868, when her husband became identified with the planing mill of which he is now the owner. Here she and he had since lived, and here three children grew to manhood and womanhood--Miss **Ella Fleisher**, **J. Emory Fleisher** and Mrs. **Charles Shutter**, of Steelton--there only other child, a **son**, dying when quite young. She is survived by the following brothers and sisters; **Jacob M. Long**, of Harrisburg; and **John** and **Lewis Long** of Juniata township; Mrs. **Samuel Markel** and Mrs. **Israel Burd**, and Mrs. **Isaiah Foose**, Mannsville; Mrs. **George Fleisher**, of Peru Mill, Juniata county. Two sisters, Mrs. **Rebecca Long** and Mrs. **Caroline Wagner**, preceded her in death, the latter dying at Port Royal, Juniata County, about one year ago, and the former at the homestead earlier.

She was a member of the Lutheran church, which she joined at Eshcol in 1853, under the pastorate of Rev. Gearhardt. The funeral was held Tuesday forenoon. Services were conducted at the house at 11 o'clock by Rev. Diffenderfer assisted Revs. William Dorwart and John M. Axe, the latter consigned the body with appropriate ceremonies to the grave in Newport cemetery, the officiating minister not having sufficiently recovered from his recent illness to warrant him in exposing himself to the inclemency of the weather then prevailing.

None of the last **Mrs. Fleisher's** brothers or sisters was permitted to attend her funeral, the drifted railroads and public roads making it virtually impossible for any of them to get here.