

**Benjamin Ritter Flickinger**, (Died 3 Nov 1920), Newspaper Clipping, The Perry Historians

**Benjamin Flickinger**, who was one of Marysville's oldest citizens died last Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. after a week's illness following a light stroke of paralysis. **Benjamin Ritter Flickinger** a son of **Peter** and **Margaret (Ritter) Flickinger** and was born at Ickesburg, on December 1, 1830, aged at death 89 years 10 months, and 26 days. **Mr. Flickinger** was one of a family of eight sons and two daughters. The following preceded him in death **John Flickinger**, **Mrs. Eliza Bousum**, **George W. Flickinger**, **David Flickinger**, **Mrs. Susan Wagner**, and **William Flickinger**. On January 1, 1852 he was united in marriage to **Eliza Jane Sheibley** at Bridgeport by Rev. Ruthoff. Four children were born to this union, three of whom; **Mrs. W.J. Donovan** and **George S. Flickinger**, of Marysville and **J.W. Flickinger** of Harrisburg, survive him. His wife preceded him in death two years ago, after a married life of almost 67 years. He is survived by 9 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren.

After his marriage he moved to Loysville where he engaged in the tanning business until 1874, when he moved to Marysville where he has since resided. While a resident of that place he was employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company until 1900, when he was retired being the first employee to retire in that place. He served one term as Marysville's Chief Burgess. He was a staunch Democrat and cast his first vote for Buchanan in 1856. At an early age he connected with the Reformed Church at Ickesburg. During his life he was an earnest and devout worker in the Reformed Church. Through his efforts the first organ was purchased and the first choir organized to the Reformed Church of Marysville.

As long as his health permitted he was found in his place in the church. He was held in high esteem by all.

During the Civil War he enlisted June 18, 1863 from Juniata County and was mustered into service at Harrisburg to serve six months as Quarter Master Sergeant, under Capt. J.W. Jones and Col. J.E. Winecoup in Co. D, 29th Regt. Penna. Vol. Inf. to serve three years as private in Co. F, 40th Regt. Penn. Vol. Inf. He was captured May 6, 1864 and sent to Robinson's Cross Roads, Orange Courthouse, then to Jordanville, Lynchburg, Danville, Andersonville, where he remained until April 1865 when he was sent to Jacksonville, Fla. and Annapolis, MD and parole. He was honorably discharged May 15, 1865 at Harrisburg. In the year spent in Andersonville Prison he suffered untold hardships and privations.

He was a Post Commander in Leiut. David Corl Post G.A.R. and was also a member of P.O.S. of A.

Funeral services conducted by his pastor, Rev. Ralph E. Hartman were held at his late residence Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, after which burial was in Chestnut Grove Cemetery, Marysville

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Marysville, Nov 8. – After an illness of one week from a slight stroke, **Benjamin Ritter Flickinger**, died at his home, on Front Street, last Wednesday morning.

He was born at Ickesburg, December 1, 1830. He is survived by three children, **Mrs. W. J. Donovan** and **George S.**, of this place, and **J. W.**, of Harrisburg. His wife died about two years ago. He is also survived by nine grandchildren, seventeen great-grandchildren, and two brothers, **Henry** of Philadelphia, and **Martin** of Newport.

He was a staunch Democrat, and cast his first vote for Buchanan in 1856. During the Civil War, he enlisted June 18, 1863, from Juniata County and was mustered into service at Harrisburg to serve six months as Quartermaster Sergeant under Captain J. W. Jones and Colonel J. E. Winecoup, in Company D, 29<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He was captured May 5, 1864, and sent to Robinsons Cross Roads, Orange Courthouse, then to Jordansville, Lynchburg, Danville and Andersonville, where he remained until April, 1865, when he was sent to Jacksonville, Florida, and Annapolis, Maryland, and paroled. He was honorably discharged, May 15, 1865, at Harrisburg.

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