

Daniel Wonder Flickinger, (1 Nov 1814 – 5 Aug 1866), Biography

From the age of eight, **Daniel W.** grew up in the home of Associate **Judge Robert Elliott**, a farmer in Ickesburg, Perry Co., PA. (His first son **Robert Elliott** was named for the judge.)

Daniel was the only one of his father's large family to become a Presbyterian, due to **Robert Elliott's** influence.

About 1833, the Green Mountain Riflemen was organized at Ickesburg, Perry County, PA. **Daniel** and his three brothers; **Henry, Joseph** and **George** became members at Ickesburg. This militia was organized by Captain Samuel Sherman. It met for regular drills on the first Monday in May and every three weeks thereafter for three months.

Daniel was chosen First Lieutenant and two years later he was promoted and served four years as Major of the 2nd Battalion of the Perry Co., Volunteers 1st Brigade, 11th Division.

In 1840, **Daniel** moved to Juniata County, having leased the Smith-McConnell farm at the west end of Turbett Township. His older sister, **Elizabeth (Reisinger)**, who had kept house for him on the Nesbit farm during the previous three years, accompanied him. On March 13, 1843, he married **Julia Ann Saylor** and they lived on the leased farm.

Previous to 1851, when train service was first established on the Pennsylvania Railroad at Port Royal, he would make one or more annual trips in the autumn to Baltimore, the nearest market, equipped with a large covered wagon and a team of six horses. He loaded it with poultry and other farm products and brought back dry goods and groceries for the neighbors and merchants.

In 1852 he bought a farm near Port Royal, Juniata Co., PA and occupied it the remainder of his life. He educated his children at the Airy View Academy in Port Royal.

He served as one of the Juniata County Commissioners from 1858 till 1860. During this period he was instrumental in introducing the construction of stone and cement bridges in place of old wooden ones, as at the mill at Old Port.

During the Civil War he served as an inspector of horses in the Quartermaster's Corps of the Army at Wheeling, W.VA from April 6th to May 8, 1865.

In January, 1856 he was elected and ordained and installed as a Ruling Elder in the Presbyterian Church at Academia, which then maintained regular appointments in the old church at Church Hill, and so continued until October 4, 1865, when the congregation was divided into two churches. He was then re-elected and installed as one of the first ruling elders in the new organization at Perryville, now Port Royal.

In 1863, entrusting the farm work to **Robert** and family, he embarked in the lumber business in the west end of Juniata County. This venture proved to be financially unsuccessful and was terminated upon his death.

On August 2, 1866 he was returning from Port Royal with a can of water for a crew of twenty workmen who were removing a drove of 9,000 ties from the boom at the mouth of the creek. As he was proceeding to the worksite, he was overtaken and struck by the engine of a freight train while leaving the track at the south end of the old iron railroad bridge over the creek. He died three days later on August 5, 1866.

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