

**Junius Rudy Flickinger**, Patriot, Thursday, February 22, 1912, Newspaper Clipping, The Perry Historians

New Bloomfield, Feb 21. – **J. R. Flickinger**, Ph.D., principal of the Lock Haven State Normal School, died at that place on Saturday morning at 1.30 o'clock. He had been ill for several weeks with gastritis. He was about 60 years of age. The body was brought to this place Tuesday for interment in the Bloomfield Cemetery. Rev. I. Potter Hayes, in connection with the Masonic Lodge, having charge of the services.

Dr. Flickinger was born at Bixler's Mills, this county, and is survived by several brothers and sisters. His boyhood days were largely spent at this place, he being a student at the New Bloomfield Academy for several years while preparing to enter Princeton University. He graduated from this institution about 1877 and, returning to this place became principal of the Academy where he continued to teach for several years. He was elected superintendent of the public schools for Perry County in 1881, serving one term, after which he read law with the Hon. C. H. Smiley, being admitted to practice in several courts of this district. Later he was elected member of Assembly from this district.

In December of 1888, he was married to **Caroline Milligan Rice**, of this place, and removed to Colorado where he resided for some years, being elected to the Legislature from that State. Later he returned East, being connected with the West Chester State Normal School for a time, going soon, however, to assume the principalship of Lock Haven State Normal School. He is survived by his wife and one daughter, **Jean**. Funeral services at 2.30, February 20.

**Dr. Junius Rudy Flickinger** (19 Oct 1854 – Feb 1912), Newspaper Clipping, The Perry Historians

The news that **Dr. J.R. Flickinger**, principal of Central State Normal School, Lock Haven, Pa. had died early Saturday morning was received with crushing effect. Whilst it was known that he was seriously ill yet it was confidently believed that he would recover and assume his wanted duties. Three weeks before his death, at the completion of a recitation period, he entered his office and told the secretary he was suffering great pain and would retire to his room. He never left it alive. His condition grew gradually worse and latterly so alarming that a specialist from Philadelphia was summoned but without avail, and after intense suffering he passed to the great beyond acute indigestion, developing finally into gastritis, was the cause of death.

J.R. Flickinger was the son of the late **John** and **Elizabeth (Bixler) Flickinger**, and was born near Bixler's Mill, in Sandy Hill District this county, October 19, 1854 and at his death was aged 57 years, 8 months, and 28 days. His paternal ancestors were of twin's origin and came to this country in 1761. His grandfather, **Henry Flickinger**, came to Perry County from Lancaster County in 1812.

The subject of this sketch in his youth attended the schools of the neighborhood, and showing an aptitude for learning, entered Bloomfield Academy and prepared for Princeton College, from which institution he graduated in 1877. He became principal of the Bloomfield Academy in 1877 at the Spring term, returning to Princeton to receive his degree in June, and was at the head of the Academy until 1881, when he was elected County Superintendent. He refused re-election and began the study of law in Honorable Charles S. Smiley's office and was admitted to practice at the August term of 1885. He was declared a member of the Legislature in the fall of 1885, and declined to become a candidate for reelection, and went to Colorado, and was Speaker of the House during one of the most exciting sessions the Centennial State has ever witnessed. Returning east in 1893 he was called to the chair of History in West Chester State Normal School, which he filled for over two years, when he was elected principal of the State Normal School at Edinboro, Pa. where he remained for three years. Then he was called to the principalship of Central State Normal School at Lock Haven, Pa. which position he occupied until his death.

Dr. Flickinger was recognized as one of the state's leading educators. He one time declined the appointment as Deputy State Superintendent. He was especially strong in history. He wrote the book, "The Susquehanna and Juniata Valleys." He also authored a work on Civil Government, a textbook used in many institutions.

Dr. Flickinger was joined in wedlock with **Carrie M.** daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **William Rice** of this place. She with one daughter, Miss **Jean**, survives the deceased.

Also by two brothers, **Jacob Flickinger** of Bixler, and **E.A., Flickinger** living on the old homestead, and one sister, Mrs. **J.L. Evenger**, of Loysville.

Funeral services were held in the chapel of the Normal School on Monday evening before the student body. His pastor Rev. Charles Williamson of Grand Island Presbyterian Church officiated.

Tuesday his remains were brought to this place by special train from Duncannon arriving here at 3:30 p.m. An opportunity was afforded relatives and friends to view the body, after which services were conducted at the grave by Rev. I. Potter Hayes. of this place. (Bixler) and Rev. F.T. Wheeler of Newville, after which the beautiful burial service of Adams Lodge, #319, F&AM of which he was a member, was performed, and the body lowered to his last resting place. The pallbearers were; Hon. Jas. W. Shull, Jas M. Burnett, Esq. E.R. Sponsler, Esq. C.M. Bower, John C. Motter Esq. and H.E. Sheibley. Beautiful floral tributes accompanied the remains.