

Samuel Garman, (Died 26 Dec 1934), Duncannon Record, Thursday, January 3, 1935

Samuel Garman, aged 88 years, died at his home in Lenkerville, adjoining Millersburg, Wednesday of last week, after an illness of several years, caused by a complication of diseases incident to his advanced age.

Deceased was a son of the late **Samuel** and **Elizabeth (White) Garman** and was born and reared at Benvenue, his entire life having been passed in the community where he was born until his retirement from the active duties of life in 1915, his parents being among the early settlers of that region.

From the time he was six years of age **Mr. Garman** traveled on the old Pennsylvania Canal in company with his father, and when he became older he operated his own boat.

When a lad **Mr. Garman** learned telegraphy and was employed by the old Northern Central Railroad Company and was stationed at Clarks Ferry as agent in 1868. At this time the old tape telegraph instrument was in use, the Morse code characters being embossed on a paper ribbon about two inches in width as it automatically passed beneath the sounding screw and the message read by the operator. The method was supplemented later by the sound method but **Mr. Garman** continued the use of the tape system during the forty-six years of continuous service as agent and telegraph operator at Clark's Ferry station. He was one of the best known figures on the Williamsport Division and counted his railroad friends by the thousands. He was a genial, companionable man, well read and with a keen intellect. He had a rich fund of reminiscences of early railroading and was an excellent conversationalist. Since his retirement of nearly a quarter of a century ago, he had resided with his estimable wife at Lenkerville, where he was held in high esteem by all who knew him. He was one of the oldest surviving members of Evergreen Lodge, No. 205 I. O. O. F. of this place.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by the following children, **Mrs. Charles A. Zitch**, Altoona; **Mrs. Cloyd Fenstermacher**, Mahantongo; **Mrs. P. F. Maeder**, Millersburg; **Mrs. Ralph Novinger**, Harrisburg; **Mrs. John M. Buery**, Westmoreland County; **Frank Garman**, of this place; **Joseph Garman**, of Elkhart, Indiana; **George Garman**, of Perryville, Md., and **Edward Lukens**, of Benvenue, a step son.

Funeral services were conducted at his late home Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. P. S. Sternat, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church at Millersburg, officiating, following which the remains were brought to this place and interred in the family burial plot in the Duncannon Cemetery.

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