

Alexander Blaine Grosh, (8 Oct 1846 – 7 Apr 1920), The News (Newport), Friday, April 9, 1920

Alexander Grosh, former Prothonotary of Perry County for a dozen years postmaster of New Bloomfield and for a similar period editor of the Perry County Freeman, died at the home of **Charles L. Swartz**, New Bloomfield Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock. Death was due to the infirmities of old age.

Mr. Grosh was the son of the late **Dr. Benjamin F.** and **Mary Ellen (Sheibley) Smith**. He attended the public schools of this county as well as the New Bloomfield Academy, entering Lafayette College at the close of his academic term to take a course in engineering. At the age of 17 he enlisted in Co. E, 1st. Bat. Emergency Men and served 100 days. In 1864 he again enlisted for one year in Company G, 9th Pa. Cal. and participated in the battle of Nashville. In June 1865, he was honorably discharged from the service with the regiment.

Mr. Grosh followed the mercantile business in Blain for several years and then turned his attention to farming. In the fall of 1879 when Perry County was strongly Democratic **Mr. Grosh** was elected Prothonotary on the Republican ticket and was re-elected in 1882. When he retired from office he assumed the editorship of Perry County's oldest weekly newspaper. In 1901 he was appointed postmaster of New Bloomfield and continued in office for twelve years at the end of which time he retired.

One son, **Samuel L. Grosh**, of Washington D.C. survives, his wife and a younger son having died a number of years ago. **Mr. Grosh** was a member of the Reformed Church and of New Bloomfield Lodge of Masons.

Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Swartz residence conducted by the Rev. J. Thomas Fox. Burial will be in New Bloomfield Cemetery, the Masonic fraternity conducting services at the grave.