

David Gutshall, Sr., (12 Sep 1835 – 22 Feb 1922), The Perry County Times, March 2, 1922

From our Blain correspondent: We are sorry to record the death of **David Gutshall**, one of the oldest citizens of this section, who passed away at his home in this place, without apparent suffering on Wednesday morning at 9:40 o'clock, from the effects of pneumonia, which developed after several weeks' illness. His end was peaceful and he appeared conscious until the last. He had been failing and was very feeble the past year but was able to go about and occasionally took a walk over to town. Mr. Gutshall was of a large and stately physique and had a remarkably strong constitution and was sick very little in his lifetime.

The deceased was a son of the late **Samuel** and **Elizabeth (Hollenbaugh) Gutshall**. He was the oldest son of a family of nine children and was born in Jackson Township, Perry County. He spent his young manhood on the former Holtz farm, now occupied by David Hassinger, three miles south west of Blain.

Prior to 1850, Mr. Gutshall was associated with his father in the tanning business at Beavertown, one mile south of Blain. In 1860 he and his brother **Patterson** formed a partnership and carried on the tanning business until the Civil War broke out when his partner brother enlisted in the army. Mr. Gutshall continued in the tanning business and was actively engaged until the year 1896 when he purchased the James Woods farm and retired, moving to Blain, where he resided on this property until his death. Mr. Gutshall was well known for his honesty and fair dealing and became prosperous.

He lived his long life in this section and was a prominent and substantial citizen and was highly respected by all who know him. He was a man of good judgment and a good conversationalist. He was a man who was sought for advice. He was a kind and obliging neighbor and was affiliated with the Lutheran church, having been connected with that denomination for almost 70 years. He united with the church in young manhood and has been a faithful member and as it were, the church has lost a pillar. He served offices in the church but when he became old he handed them down to the younger members. He was a regular attendant during all the years at church while his health permitted. He was a member of Sunday school. Mr. Gutshall was a Bible reader and devoted Christian. He possessed more than an ordinary intelligence. A fine man has passed away and will be missed. His example would be good to follow.

Mr. Gutshall was the oldest of his family and all have preceded him to the grave, with one exception, **Mrs. Lavina Bowers** of Denver, Colorado.

Mr. Gutshall was thrice married. His first marriage was to **Lydia Ann Smith**, on March 1, 1860, who died in March 1873. Eight children were born to this union, of which five survive; namely, **Mary E.** wife of **Isaac Trostle**, of Rossville, Kansas; **John F. Gutshall**, of Rossville, Kansas; **S. Wright** Gutshall, of Blain; **Miss Ella D. Gutshall**, at home and **Emma K.** wife of **Clark B. Hench**, of Britt, Iowa. Those dead are **Annie Gutshall**, who died in the year of 1889 at the age of 22 years, **Samuel Gutshall**, who died when 8 years old, and **Jane** died in infancy. There are 21 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

On March 31, 1874, Mr. Gutshall married **Sarah E. Beaver**, of New Bloomfield. One daughter

survives by this marriage, who is **Ida May**, wife of **Jerry Irvin**, of Blain. Mrs. Gutshall died June 1, 1899.

Mr. Gutshall's third marriage occurred on March 9, 1905, to **Magdalene Arnold**, widow of **John Morrow**, who died February 9, 1922.

David Gutshall was born September 12, 1835, and died February 22, 1922, aged 86 years, 5 months, and 10 days.

The family have the sympathy of all in the loss of their kind and thoughtful parent and his was a "father" in every sense of the word.

The funeral was held on Monday morning at 10 o'clock. Services were conducted in the Zion's Lutheran Church by his pastor, the Reverend G.R. Heim, who took his text from John 4:14-- "And whither I go ye know and the way ye know."

Interment was made in the family burial plot in Union Cemetery. The pallbearers were **L.M. Wentzel, W.M. Hench, J.H. Bistline, Samuel Wentz, N.K. Bistline, and W.F. Stambaugh**. Beautiful sprays of flowers were presented by friends. The funeral was largely attended.