

Lettie Cora (Johnston) Gutshall, (29 Dec 1877 – 17 Jan 1902), Newspaper Clipping, The Perry Historians

With regret we report the sad death of **Mrs. Lettie Cora Gutshall**, wife of **William Gutshall**, oldest son of **G.W. Gutshall** of Jackson Township. She passed to her eternal sleep at the early age of 24 years and 19 days, on last Thursday night at the home of her father, **James Johnston**, in Toboyne Township. Her life was terminated with the dreaded and incurable disease, consumption. Lately her death has been anticipated, yet her demise so young in years came as a shock to her many friends.

Mrs. Gutshall was the oldest daughter of **James Johnston**, of Toboyne Township. She was united in wedlock to **William Gutshall** who survives, three years ago. From their union two children were born, first son, about two years old, is living and **Harry**, their youngest son, died in infancy.

Mr. and Mrs. Gutshall resided on the farm of his father, formerly the **William Moose** farm, near Andersonburg, but on account of her fast failing health she was taken several months ago to her home where she died as above stated. Being called away at an early age her death is indeed sad. Her surviving husband sustained a great loss, while he with many relatives and friends mourn her death, her allotted time here on earth was at an end and God in his infinite wisdom has taken her home. The husband and relatives of the deceased have the deepest sympathy of this community.

Mrs. Gutshall was born and raised by Christian parents at the homestead in Toboyne Township. She was well known in the place and community and had a large circle of friends. She was an estimable, bright and intelligent young woman. Before her marriage she attended a select school in this place, being of a kind and generous disposition she made many friends while in our midst. All who knew her deeply feel the loss of a dear friend.

She was a member of the Presbyterian Church of this place. Until her failing health forbade she was a regular attendant at all the divine services.

Interment was made in the Presbyterian cemetery on Sunday. Thirty-seven conveyances followed the funeral procession from her parent's home. Funeral services were held in the Presbyterian Church. The church could not admit all who came to pay the last tribute of respect to the departed sister and friend. Her pastor, Rev. A.F. Lott, preached a most suitable sermon for this sad occasion taking his text from Psalm 102:24. Rev. J.B. Lau, also spoke. The pall bearers were **William Drumgold, Clark Drumgold, John Stambaugh, Nevin Bistline, James Moose** and **Conrad Foose**.

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