

William B. Hart, (15 Mar 1842 – 9 Nov 1889), Perry County Democrat, November 13, 1889.



Captain **William B. Hart**, State Treasurer of Pennsylvania, died at his residence in Harrisburg, at 12:15 on the morning of the 9th inst, in the 48th year of his age. He had been in declining health for the past year with brain trouble, but during last month was improving and had been able to take a drive through the city. On Friday evening after retiring he was stricken with paralysis which caused his death a few hours after the attack.

William B. Hart was born March 15, 1842 in Montgomery County, this state and received a common school education. He began to earn his own living at the age of 14 years, working as a farm hand. At the age of 17 he was apprenticed to the bricklaying business, at which trade he served for about two and a half years. When a call for three year troops had been made he enlisted as a private in Company F, 51st Pennsylvania Volunteers, participating in all the battles in which his command was engaged during his three years' term of enlistment. On February 1, 1865, he received the appointment of assistant adjutant general of volunteers, with the rank of captain, and served under General Hartranft until the close of the, being mustered out of service as a volunteer soldier in September 1865.

In February, 1867, he was appointed to a clerkship in the State Treasury Department and in 1871 was made cashier of the Treasury, holding that position until 1878, when the election of Amos C. Noyes, Democrat, caused a change in that department. He was unanimously nominated in the Republican convention of 1877 for the office of State Treasurer, but suffered defeat with the rest of the ticket. In 1887, he was again nominated for State Treasurer and was elected.

He has been secretary of the Huntingdon Reformatory Commission and secretary and treasurer of the Commonwealth Guarantee Trust and Safe Deposit Company since their respective organizations. Captain Hart was universally esteemed by his fellow citizens and was very popular. The county of his birth, Montgomery, politically closely divided, gave him a 600 vote majority for State Treasurer and Dauphin County, his home, gave him 2700 vote majority. He leaves a wife, a young daughter and a son, the latter in Yale College.