

Colonel John Hartzell, Patriot, Thursday 22 October, 1885, Death of Colonel John Hartzell.

Newport, Pa., Oct 21. – **Colonel John Hartzell** died here about midnight of typhoid fever. Colonel Hartzell was in the 72nd year of his age, and has been a life-long, active, earnest Democrat. He was one of our oldest citizens, having resided in this place for the past fifty years. In the days of the State militia he was quite prominent, having been a Lieutenant and Brigade Inspector. He has held numerous local public offices and was Census Enumerator for this district in 1880.

He leaves a deeply bereaved widow, a daughter and five sons, one of whom is Rev. **C. V. Hartzell**, a former pastor of Grace Mission Church, in Harrisburg, where also reside two other sons, Mr. **G. Lewis Hartzell** and Mr. **J. B. Hartzell**. The latter is connected with Woodward and Company, North Third Street. The deceased will be buried here tomorrow.

Colonel John Hartzell (1814 – 21 Oct 1885) Perry County Democrat, October 28, 1885

Death of **Col. John Hartzell**; It is our duty to chronicle the death of our old and true friend, Col. John Hartzel, of Newport. The summons came at 12 o'clock on Tuesday night of last week. He had been ill for a week or more of typhoid fever, which he doubtless contracted by his attendance on his son John, who had been down with that dread disease for some time and from which the young man has not yet fully recovered.

Col. Hartzell was born in Adams county, but came with his father to Duncannon when a mere lad and afterwards learned the trade of a forge man under Jonathan Beck and for a time was in the employ of the Iron Company at Fio Forge, in Wheatfield township. For the past fifty years he has been a resident of Newport and served in various municipal offices. From the days of his boyhood he has been an active participant in politics and was well versed in the political history of the country. He was a Colonel on the staff of Gov. Bigler. In 1858 he was the Democratic candidate for Assembly in this county, but at that time Perry was connected with Cumberland and the latter county appropriated both members. He was Captain of the volunteer company known as the "Newport Guards;" Brigade Inspector of the county; Lieutenant of the "Ringgold Artillery," and took an active part in military affairs. In 1859 he was one of a prospecting party to Pike's Peak. He was collector of tolls at Newport during the last two years the canal was under State control. He was the postmaster at Newport for two years under the administration of President Johnson. For many years he was a member of Adams Lodge A.Y.M. and also a consistent member of the M.E. Church. He was a man of fine personal appearance and while in charge of the Brazilian department of the Centennial Exposition, at Philadelphia, he received many high compliments for his manly bearing, pleasing address and strict attention to duty. He was an honest man, a most devoted friend, the soul of honor, brave as a lion, true as steel, ever ready to strike a blow for the right.

Col. Hartzell's heart was always open to the calls of charity and he gave all he ever received. He was tender-hearted as a child in the presence of misery and as fearless as he was kind when a strong arm was needed to defend the weak or right a wrong. He had passed the 71st milestone and yet up to his last illness, he walked as erect and seemed as sturdy as one twenty younger. He was our good, true and trusty friend and we will never cease to regret his death and will ever cherish his memory.

