

**Benjamin Kurtz Height**, (24 Dec 1851 – 28 Dec 1855), Perry County Democrat, January 3, 1856, New Bloomfield, PA

**Benjamin Kurtz**, youngest child and only son of **Rev. A. R.** and **Elizabeth C. Height**, died at the residence of his father, in Bloomfield, December 28, 1855, after an illness of just one week, aged 4 years and 4 days.

He was badly scalded by the upsetting of a small vessel of boiling water from the stove, the result of which revealed a previous infirmity, and hastened its consummation. Rev. G. A. Nixdorf officiated appropriately and feelingly at the funeral.

In the same issue, Lutheran Pastor Rev. Adam Raby Height placed:

"Oh, Kurtz! thou has left us;  
Thy fate we deplore;  
Grim death has bereft us, -  
We see thee no more.  
To fondly we loved thee,  
Thou dear little boy;  
How often thy heart's glee  
Has filled us with joy,  
Thy innocent tattle  
Still sounds in our ears;  
We hear thy sweet prattle,  
Surpassing thy years,  
Thy toys and thy raiment,  
Thy papers and pen,  
Are here as a claimant  
For tears now and then.  
Thy last days were painful,  
In this earthly sate;  
Thy death was more gainful,-  
Thy bliss now is great,  
As the still summer eve,  
So calm was thy death.  
But a smile and a heave,  
And then ceased they breath.  
Thou hast gone home to rest,-  
We will follow thee there;  
'Tis thy Saviour's behest,  
To watch unto prayer.

A. R. H.  
Bloomfield, Dec. 31, 1855."