

W. D. Henry, (17 Apr 1849 – 2 Dec 1911), Newspaper Clipping, The Perry Historians

Our Blain correspondent thus writes; We report with regret the death of a highly respected citizen; **W.D. Henry**, who passed away at his home in this place on Saturday morning about 5:15 o'clock, from the effects of that dread disease, tuberculosis, with which he had been afflicted for about a year. Three years ago he was at the hospital and had an operation performed for kidney trouble. He seemed improved, but shortly after contracted the above disease that caused his death, which made rapid strides in tearing down his system. Life was sweet to him and he desired to live and his strong will power retained his strength to some extent. He was conscious to within a few minutes preceding his death and he passed peacefully away.

Mr. Henry lived the greater part of his life in this place after his marriage June 12, 1873, to **Miss Elizabeth J. Rowe**, daughter of Mrs. **Sallie Mumper Rowe** and the late **David Rowe**. Mr. Henry was the father of five children, namely; **Orlando C.** who died Sept. 28, 1900, near Des Moines, Iowa, from the effects of being accidentally shot; **Rev. Luther E. Henry**, Lutheran minister at Felton, York county, Pa. **Fredrick L.** of Philadelphia; **Harry C.** of Blain, and Miss **Sallie Almira** at home. Mrs. Henry survives her husband.

The deceased was a son of the late **Daniel** and **Mary (Clouse) Henry**, and was one of a family of ten children.

The surviving brothers and sisters are; **Elizabeth (Mrs. William Fry)** of Newville; **Frank** of New Germantown; **Andrew** of Hummelstown; **Belle (Mrs. James Heckman)** of Newville; and **Harvey** of Shippensburg. Those dead are; **John Henry** and **Joseph Henry**.

Mr. Henry was born April 17, 1849 in Henry's Valley and died at his residence in this place on December 2, 1911, aged 62 years, 7 months, and 14 days.

Mr. Henry was a well known and successful auctioneer in this section and started in the business when a young man and called hundreds of public sales. He was also a post-fence maker for many years. Some years back he followed the butchering of porkers in the fall and winter. He retired last spring from conducting a grocery and confectionary business for several years in this place, at the stand now occupied by D.P. Stokes, which he gave up on account of failing health. Mr. Henry was one of the old original members of the Blain Band, but retired actively quite a number of years ago. He was a prominent citizen and served faithfully in several borough offices.

Mr. Henry was a consistent member of the Lutheran church, having been confirmed when a young man. He served in the Sunday school as Superintendent for a number of terms at different intervals. At the time of his death he was a teacher in the Sunday school and was always punctual and regular in attendance at all services of the church of his choice. When no services at his own church, he attended at other houses of worship.

Mr. Henry was a good neighbor always willing to confer a favor. The family has our sincere sympathy in their bereavement. His chair will be found vacant in the home and his pew empty in the church and missed from our midst.

The funeral was held on Tuesday at 10 a.m. Services were held in the Lutheran Church conducted by the Rev. J.C. Reighard, taking his text from Psalm 23:3 "He restorith my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name sake" as especially requested by the deceased. The Rev. G.P. Sarby assisted in the services. The funeral was largely attended. All his surviving children attended the funeral. The undertaker was H.L. Spohn. The pallbearers were; W.F. Stambaugh, N.K. Bistline, A.D. Garber, L.M. Wentzel, C.C. Evans, and W.M. Hench.

Interment in the Union Cemetery.