

**Emanuel Holmes** (16 Jan 1843 – Oct 1919), The Peoples Advocate and Press, New Bloomfield, Pa.

Our Miller Township correspondent thus writes; it is with sincere regret that we report the death of **Emanuel Holms**, a very prominent and well known citizen of this place on Thursday morning at 2 O'clock. Although in failing health the past couple of years, his sickness was of three days duration. On Monday he complained of feeling ill and Tuesday a physician was summoned, he taking his bed; on Wednesday becoming unconscious and remained in a coma until the end came due to a complication and that of old age. Two years ago he suffered a light stroke, affecting his speech and one or two previous to his death from which he never rallied to his former good health, having at no time during his aged life been sick to any extent that would compel him to take his bed.

The deceased was a son of **William Holmes** and wife, "deceased" and was born in Miller Township, January 16, 1843, being aged 76 years, 8 months, and 23 days.

He was one of Miller Township's leading citizens, good neighbor and friend, his death being a severe blow to a large circle of relatives and friends. He was a life member of the Pine Grove Church of God, and one of its oldest members at his death. He was a Civil War veteran, having served two years during the great conflict and his death removes the last Civil War veteran of this township. In politics he was a staunch Republican, having served in the majority of the township's offices in a very creditable manner and never missed voting having attended the polls at the September primaries. He was a most generous and unostentatious giver to every worthy individual or enterprise that attracted his attention.

He was married to **Esther Ann**, daughter of the late **Joseph Murphy** and wife, she having died February 23, 1898. To this union were born four children; **Harry** and **Sadie**, (**Mrs. Jesse Creamer**) being dead; **Harvey** whose present whereabouts are unknown and Miss **Mary**, at home. He was the oldest of a family of twenty-one children, his father being married twice; his stepmother survives him, as well as the following brothers; **Zach** and **Wesley**, residing in the west; **Edward** of Aqueduct; and **Jacob Holmes**, of this place. **John**, **Abraham**, **Alvin** and **Emory** have preceded him in death. Also the following half-brothers and sisters; Mrs. **William Potter**, Duncannon; **Thomas** of Dauphin County; **Jesse** of Aqueduct; **Mrs. Howard Grove**, Enhaunt; **Charles** of New Bloomfield; **Mrs. John Royer** and **Clarence** of Centre Township; **Mrs. William Keller**, Watts Twp; **Dennis** and **Grace** of Steelton; **Elias**, having died during the typhoid-fever epidemic at Newport six years ago and a **sister** in infancy.

He was a member of the G.A.R. Post of Newport, who attended the funeral in a body and conducted the burial rites at the grave. Funeral services were conducted on Saturday at 10 a.m. at the house and later at the church, his pastor, Rev. J.A. Staub, officiating, taking for his text Matthew 25:21. The pallbearers were of his nearest neighbors, namely J.C. Hench, G.W. Miller, J.M. Reed, Charles Houch, D.M. Roush, and U.G. Baker. Burial in the Newport Cemetery.