

**John W. Kell, Sr.**, (1 Dec 1841 – 1 Jun 1915), The Perry County Times, June 10, 1915

**John W. Kell Sr.**, former County Treasurer of Perry County, and for years a resident of this place (New Bloomfield), died in Harrisburg, where he had gone for treatment a few months ago, Monday morning of this week, suddenly, from heart trouble.

The deceased was a son of the late **Abram and Elizabeth (Thuman) Kell** homestead in Spring Township, December 1, 1841, and at his death was aged 73 years, 6 months and 6 days. He grew to manhood on the farm and followed farming and blacksmithing until after he entered the service of the Government as a teamster and was afterwards promoted to wagon master. His service was with the Army of the Potomac. In 1864, he enlisted as a private in Company E., Two Hundred and Eighth Pennsylvania Volunteers, and served until the close of the war, participating with his regiment in the battle of Fort Steadman, and the engagement before Petersburg. After being honorably discharged from the service, he returned home. In 1876, embarked in mercantile business in Elliottsburg, and continued until 1880. The accidental loss of a hand however, in 1875, so interfered with his efforts in performing the heavier work on the farm that he retired. In 1890, he was elected county treasurer on the Republican ticket and filled that office with fidelity and efficiency for three years.

December 1867, he was joined in wedlock with **Susanna**, daughter of **Benjamin and Susanna Rice**, Spring Township. Four children survive; **W.H. Kell**, of Steelton; **Catharine, Mrs. Frank E. Crist**, of Harrisburg; and **Susan E., Mrs. H.W. Robinson**, of this place; and **John W. Kell, Jr.** There also survive two brothers and two sisters; **D.J. Kell**, of this place, **Jacob Kell** and **Mrs. Lydia Kistler**, of Mechanicsburg, Pa. and **Mrs. Joseph B. Lightner**, of Loysville.

Following the death of **Mrs. Kell** on December 17, 1900, **Mr. Kell** kept house for a year or more, since which time he had made his home with his son, **John W. Kell, Jr.**, at Altoona.

In politics he was a Republican. He joined in early manhood the United Evangelical church at Elliottsburg, but on his removing to this place with his wife he became a member of the Lutheran church. Many comrades-in-arms and friends regret to learn of his death.

Wednesday evening the remains were brought to this place to the residence of his daughter, **Mrs. H.W. Robinson**. Funeral services were held this morning, at 10 o'clock, followed by interment in the family burial plot in the cemetery.