

Robert Kingsboro, (25 Jul 1833 – 6 Jan 1908), News, January 16, 1908; **Robert Kingsboro** Died At Saville – Carried the Mail on Horseback as Boy, and Made Good Record as Soldier of the Civil War

Saville, Jan. 13. – The funeral of **Robert Kingsboro**, whose death was announced in *The News* last week, was held on Wednesday, with brief services at the home of **Joseph Kingsboro**, where he died and where he had his residence for the last four years, and a sermon at 10 a. m. in the Reformed Church by Rev. Philip Hoover, Reformed minister of the Bible charge, who delivered an excellent and appropriate discourse based on Joshua 23:14. Interment took place at 12 o'clock. The body was attended to its final resting place by a large concourse of relatives and friends. The pall bearers were **Capt. D. C. Orris**, **W. W. Gray**, **Absalom Rice**, **Conrad Rice**, **Jacob Reisinger** and **William Jacobs**.

Robert Kingsborough was born July 25, 1833 and dying January 6, 1908 was therefore aged 74 years, 6 months, and 11 days. His wife, **Sarah (Rouse)**, preceding him to the spirit world about twelve years ago. To this union were born the following children: **William A.** and **David O.**, Carlisle; **Harriet D.**, wife of **J. W. Johnson**, Lebanon, Pa., **Mary**, wife of **Reuben Biestline**, deceased; **George H. M.**, deceased; **Robert W.**, Ottawa, Ill.; **Jacob S.**, Etna, Pa. and **John H.**, Roseburg, Pa. He also leaves a stepson, **Calvin Orris**, of Rossville, Kansas – and the following brothers: **Samuel**, of Shermansdale and **Joseph** of Saville. His father, **William**, and his mother, **Hannah (Murphy) Kingsboro**, and his brother **John**, and sister, **Mrs. Margaret Keckel**, of Illinois, preceded him in death.

When a boy, about fifteen years old, he carried the U.S. mail on horseback between Carlisle, Duncannon, Newport, New Bloomfield and Landisburg. He was engaged in the mail service for a period of two years. It is said that on one occasion he was so much overcome by the cold weather that he had to be lifted from his horse and revived with a bath of hot water and whiskey.

He was a soldier in the Civil War. He enlisted in the Federal army Sept. 1861, as was assigned to Company H, commanded by Captain Casy, 47th regiment. He was discharged from the service at Key West, Florida, January 1863, drafted into the service August 186, assigned to Company K, 149th Pa. Vol. (Bucktails). He took part in the following battles: Mine Run, Spotsylvania Court House and Cold Harbor, which was a key defense of Richmond and in which battle Grant is said to have lost in killed and wounded about 10,000 men in thirty minutes in the several assaults he made on this stronghold, which was defended by the best marksmen in the Army of the James. He was captured, with several other Federal troops, but soon thereafter was recaptured by Federal troops. He was wounded and with other wounded Federal soldiers transferred to the hospital at Alexandria, Va., where after recovery of his wound he was retained as a hospital nurse until the close of the war, when he was honorably discharged.

He was at all times possessed of genial, optimistic spirit and with him the humorous side of life was uppermost, thus rendering him companionable in his business and social relations with his fellow man. He owned and worked a small farm near Roseburg. He united with the Reformed Church several years ago.