

**Amos W. Kough**, (14 Nov 1854 – 12 Jun 1929), News-Sun, Friday, Jun. 14, 1929

**Amos W. Kough**, one of Newport's foremost citizens met death in an automobile accident Wednesday morning about 9:30 o'clock near Christiana, Lancaster County. **Mr. and Mrs. Kough** and daughters **Mrs. A. L. Gelnett** and **Miss Irene Kough**, with **Miss Margaret McNaughton** and **Fred Harper** were en route to Atlantic City for a few days and had left the Lincoln highway at Gap, taking a shorter route into Philadelphia. The accident happened in a depression in the highway. A car facing the Newporters was parked in the highway. As the **Kough** car came over the brow of the hill prior to entering the depression where they expected to pass the parked car, another car came toward them and was passing the parked car on the right of way of the **Kough** car which **Mr. Harper** was driving. In an effort to avoid a collision **Mr. Harper** had to apply the brakes on the Hudson sedan and get partly off the road, and when so doing the car became unmanageable and in careening off the road turned on its side, rendering **Mr. Kough** a fractured skull, from which he died before entering the Coatesville hospital which was about eight miles from the accident. The car which passed the parked car turned and took **Mr. and Mrs. Kough, Miss Kough** and **Mr. Harper** to the hospital, and before being placed in the car **Mr. Kough** was able to speak and remarked to **Mr. Harper** about the oncoming car being on their side of the highway. Another passing motorist took **Mrs. Gelnett** and **Miss McNaughton** to the hospital where all received treatment for body bruises and abrasions. The **Kough** car was badly wrecked and is beyond redemption.

**Mr. Kough** was a son of **William Henry** and **Mary (McKenzie) Kough** and was born on the **Kough** homestead in Juniata Township, being aged 74 years, 6 months and 28 days. As a young man **Mr. Kough** followed farming and attended the rural school and the Millerstown academy, later teaching school in various rural communities as well as in the Newport school. He first entered business in Carlisle where he had a clothing store, later retiring from this enterprise to return to his old home and take charge of the farm which duties he relinquished in 1881 when he came to Newport and entered the grocery store business and in which he had been actively engaged at the same location, Third and Walnut Streets since, and where he had enjoyed the patronage of a very large clientele. He was a man of unquestionable honesty and integrity and was the possessor of a large circle of warm and admiring friends, and was very active in the affair of the town, doing good whenever he could. He was an active member of long standing in the Lutheran Church, had served a long term as deacon and for about ten years had not been absent from the Sunday School sessions. He was equally regular in attendance at church services and his religious scruples were such that he never allowed a Sunday newspaper to be in his home. He was equally interested in the civic affairs of the town and was a member of the school board for 14 years and also served his town as a member of town council. He was a member of the Chamber of Commerce and the Outing Club. In politics he was a Republican. He was a member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle. For 25 years he had been a director of the First National Bank of Newport and for 12 years had been the bank's president, being a man of sound judgment and excellent business ability, and his advice was frequently sought by younger men of the community and he was ever willing and always pleased to be of service to others. He had traveled extensively, being in practically every state in the union and was well read in the topics of the day. He was actively interested in collecting relics, antiques and objects of rare value and had in his home and store a large collection of these things.

Jan. 8, 1880 he was united in marriage with **Miss Anna Long**, at her home in this place, by Rev. Mr. Colver of the Lutheran Church and to this union were born two sons and three daughters, all of whom with their mother survive, as follows: **Harry M. Kough**, **Nelle**, **Mrs. A. L. Gelnett**, **Ralph Kough** and **Miss Irene Kough**, all of Newport, and **Jessie**, **Mrs. H. Ray Wertz** of Clark's Green. There are surviving six grandchildren. **Ambrose Kough** of Fourth street, whose health has not been robust for several years, is the last survivor of their parents family, the deceased members being **John W. S. Kough**, **William Henry Kough**, **Sara**, **Mrs. Ephraim Wise**, **Mrs. Margaret Gantt**, **Mary**, **Mrs. John Acker**, and **Catherine**, **Mrs. H. A. Stoke**. A strange coincident in connection with the death of two of his oldest store customers, both of whom died the same day, they being **John S. Pye**, Gantt Street, who had been dealing with **Mr. Kough** since he came here 25 years ago and **John Hetrick** of Aqueduct who had been a customer of the **Kough** store for 30 years or more. Funeral services will be from the **Kough** home Saturday morning at 10:30 with interment in Newport Cemetery, the family pastor, Rev. L. Stoy Spangler, officiating.

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