

**William Kough** (10 Jul 1813 – Jul 1893) Newport News, July 28, 1893, Death and Burial of William Kough

One of Our Oldest Citizens Joins the Great Majority.

About one o'clock last Saturday morning **William Kough** died, at his residence, Fourth and Walnut streets, this place. As announced in last week's News. His death was momentarily expected. He had fought a good fight for eighty years and his physical powers were exhausted. There was nothing left to do but to die. He was ready to go and the summons appeared to be a relief. However, he had been such a kind father and good neighbor that his final departure from the scenes of earth was lamented by his surviving off spring and numerous acquaintances the same as if his demise had occurred in vigorous manhood.

He has been in failing health for about two years and his last illness covered a period of nearly two months.

He was born at the homestead, at Sulphur Springs, Juniata Township, July 10, 1813. For thirty consecutive years he resided on his own farm, on the Middle Ridge, and was one of the thriftiest tillers of the soil in this section of the county. While residing there he was elected county commissioner, in the fall of 1860, for a term of three years. He became a citizen of Newport in 1867. After a residence of nine years in town, he returned to the farm, where he remained until 1881; then he came back to his place to end his days. He was a Republican in politics and served one term as burgess.

In early life he was captain of a militia company at Bosserman's Mills, now Markleville. He was married at the age of 21 to Miss **Mary McKenzie**, who died September 29, 1880. Twelve children were born unto them--an equal number of boys and girls. Two of each are dead and the survivors are; **J.W.S Kough, W.H. Kough, Ambrose Kough, A.W. Kough, Mrs. Gantt, Mrs. E.B. Weise** and **Mrs. Acker**, all of this place, and **Mrs. Rev. H.A. Stoke**, of Hughesville, Pa. One brother, **George Kough**, of East Waterford, Juniata County, survives him, along with three sisters, who are **Mrs. Margaret Everhart, Mrs. Sarah Bosserman** and **Mrs. Jacob Saucerman**, of this place.

The funeral was held at the Evangelical church at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon. The room was packed from Vestibule to pulpit, and men stood at the windows, eager to hear the services, while others, both men and women, unable to stand so long, reluctantly turned away. All the local clergy, both active and supernumerary, were present, with Rev. Benjamin Hengst, the pastor officiating. Mr. Kough was a member of this church for many years having been converted at the age of 40.

The Choir sang "I Would Not Live Always." Rev. W.R.H. Deatrich read the 100th Psalm and part of the 7th chapter of Revelations. Rev. William Dorwart announced the second hymn, which was "Asleep in Jesus." After the choir had sung it, Rev. S.E. Smith offered prayer. "I Will Sing You a Song" was read by Rev. P.P. Strawinski and sung by the choir. The sermon was preached by Rev. Hengst, from the 37th verse of the 37th Psalm. Rev. S.W. Seibert followed with a few eulogistic remarks.

The audience was then given an opportunity to take a last look at the face of the departed. The scene was affected. The preachers stood around the bier in a semi-circle. All over the audience were evidences of suppressed grief when the members of the family cast a parting glance at the features of their beloved father, the deep mourning attire of the ladies, whose emotions were bravely controlled, imparting a solemnity to all the surroundings which impressed all within sight. Undertaker Happle then closed the casket forever and the pallbearers; B.M. Eby, Willard Singer, B.H. Fickes, and C.W. Smith, carried it to the hearse waiting to receive it in front of the church.

Interment was made in the Cemetery, the cortege, in carriages, extending from the railroad to Sixth street. At the grave the services were brief, consisting of the formal burial rites of the Evangelical church, read by Rev. Hengst. The Lord's Prayer was recited in concert by the ministers present, and the mourners and spectators departed after Rev. S.E. Smith had pronounced the benediction.

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