

Henry Lightner, (1 Mar 1810 – 7 Aug 1907), Newspaper Clipping, The Perry Historians, August 1907; Oldest Man in County is Dead

Henry Lightner, supposed to be the oldest man in the country, died at the home of his daughter, **Mrs. Jacob Nunemaker**, in Kennedy's Valley, Tyrone Township, Wednesday of last week aged 97 years, 5 months and 7 days. He was a strong and active man up until a few years ago, and owned a farm on top of Bower's mountain, where he lived the most of his long life, and where he reared his large family.

Henry Lightner was a son of **Jacob** and **Susanna (Sheibley) Lightner** and was born in Madison Township, March 1, 1810. His grandparents were **Mathias** and **Eve Lightner**, natives of Germany, who were among the first settlers of Perry County. The subject of this sketch was reared on his father's farm. When a young man he married **Miss Mary Stewart**, who has been dead for many years. They had eleven children, namely: **Mrs. Mary McClean**, Cumberland County; **Samuel A.**, dead; **Bella**, (**Mrs. Jacob Nunemaker**) Tyrone Township; **Susan** (**Mrs. Samuel Barclay**) Centre; **Scott**, West Virginia; **Andrew**, **Benjamin** and **Emma**, dead; **Mrs. Julia Kutz**; **James**, dead, and one **child** who died in infancy. There survive him 44 grandchildren, 59 great-grandchildren and 7 great-great-grandchildren. One brother, **Samuel R. Lightner**, of Tyrone Township, also survives.

The funeral was on Saturday; interment in the Sheaffer's Valley Churchyard.

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