

**Peter M. Lightner**, (April 23, 1837 – 27 Oct 1921), Newspaper Clipping, The Perry Historians, November 1921

**Peter M. Lightner**, one of the best known and highly respected citizens of Landisburg and vicinity, died at his home in Landisburg, Thursday afternoon of last week. His death was due to a paralytic stroke sustained some weeks ago and impaired powers due to advanced years.

The deceased was a son of the late **William** and **Isabella (Stewart) Lightner** and was born in Tyrone Township, April 23, 1837, and at his death was aged 84 years, 6 months and 4 days. He spent his days upon the farm and was engaged in that occupation until he retired.

He was married to **Joanna Sheaffer**, who survives with the following children: **Mrs. Ida Monroe**, and **Warren**, of Kansas; **Mrs. Della Lippe**, of near Des Moines, Iowa, and **William** and **Chas.**, of Landisburg., A twin **brother** died in infancy. Of his brothers and sisters there also survive: **Mrs. Jennie Keck**, of Landisburg; **Creigh P. Lightner**, of Des Moines, Iowa, and **J. C. Lightner**, of Harrisburg. **John William**, **Thomas** and **Samuel** are deceased, a **sister** also dying in infancy.

The deceased was a veteran of the Civil War, having enlisted in Co. A., 190<sup>th</sup> Penna Vols., in July 17, 1861, and was discharged June 1, 1865, serving through the entire war. He was truly a veteran, and was considered one of the best soldiers ever sent out from his country. He endured many hardships for his country.

Funeral services were held Saturday forenoon and interment was made in Sheaffer's Valley Graveyard. Rev. J. A. Staub, of the Church of God, officiated.

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Newspaper Clipping, The Perry Historians, November 1921; Death of Landisburg's Oldest Resident

From our Landisburg correspondent:

**Peter M. Lightner**, the oldest resident of Landisburg, died Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, aged 85 years. About six weeks ago **Mr. Lightner** was stricken with paralysis, which left him almost helpless in which condition he lingered until death relieved him.

**Peter M. Lightner** was a son of **William** and **Isabel (Stewart) Lightner**, of Tyrone Township. In his youth he was a farmer by occupation, and spent part of his time in Kansas where he had removed with his family and taken up land. After his return to Perry County he took up the trade of painting. He was married to **Joan Sheaffer**, of Sheaffer's Valley. To them the following children were born: **Mrs. Ida Monroe** and **Warren Lightner**, of Des Moines, Iowa; **Mrs. Della Lippe**, of Kansas and **Charles** and **William Lightner** of Sheaffer's Valley. One child, a **boy**, died in infancy. His aged wife and the following brothers and sisters also survive: **Creigh P. Lightner**, of Des Moines, Iowa; **Jacob Lightner**, of Harrisburg, and **Mrs. Jennie Keck**, of Landisburg. The deceased, who was a soldier of the Civil War, was a good citizen and a kind husband and father. He will be sadly missed in his home. He was a member of Sheaffer's Valley Church of God.

Funeral services were held at his late residence on Saturday, Rev. Mr. Staub, of Newport, officiating. Interment in Sheaffer's Valley Graveyard.