

**Jacob L. Markel**, Esquire, (9 Mar 1854 – 19 Apr 1913), Perry County Democrat, April 23, 1913

**Jacob L. Markel**, Esq. one of the practicing attorneys at the Perry County Bar and a well known and prominent citizen of the county, died after a lingering illness, on Friday night at the Mansion House, in this place, (New Bloomfield) where for many years he had boarded. His death was caused by contraction of the esophagus--the passage way from the throat to the stomach--and he literally starved to death, as he was unable to swallow and had eaten no solid food for several months. About six weeks ago he went to the Polyclinic hospital in Philadelphia for treatment and after being there two weeks returned home without having received any material benefit. Soon after his return from the hospital he took to his bed and continued to grow weaker and weaker until the end came.

**Jacob L. Markel**, Esq. was a son of the late **George** and **Elizabeth (Miller) Markel**, of Markelsville, where the deceased was born. His father was one of the prominent men of the county in his day and Markelsville got its name from him. **J.L. Markel** acquired his preparatory education in the common schools and at the Bloomfield Academy and graduated from Lafayette College in the class of 1879. He read law with the late Ex-Judge B.F. Junkin and was admitted to practice at the Perry County Bar at the August term of court in 1884. Keen, quick-witted and possessed of very decided oratorical ability he began his legal career with bright prospects. For several years he and Hon. William H. Sponsler were in partnership in the practice of law.

He was a staunch Democrat and took an active interest in politics. He served a term as Chairman of the Democratic County Committee and was the Democratic candidate for Member of the Legislature in 1890 polling 2,700 votes and being defeated by only 282 majority by the Republican candidate, Hon. W.R. Swartz. **Mr. Markel** continued in the active practice of his profession until his death. He was possessed of a naturally bright mind and had a wonderfully retentive memory. Good-hearted, unselfish, and generous to a fault his friends were many and by his death the poor and unfortunate lose a staunch friend and legal advisor, for no matter how impecunious the client **Mr. Markel** was always willing to take the case.

We shall miss him, sadly miss him. The familiar places that knew him once will know him no more but his memory will not perish as long as the present generation lives.

**Jacob L. Markel** was born March 9, 1854 and died April 19, 1913, aged 59 years, 1 month, and 10 days. He is survived by one sister, **Annie (Mrs. William H. Toomey)** of Newport. Two brothers preceded him to the grave: **Alfred M. Markel**, Esq. the brilliant young attorney of this place, who died in 1881, and **Martin Markel**, who died in Mississippi, a few years ago.

The funeral was held on Monday afternoon, the service being conducted by Rev. I. Potter Hayes at the Mansion House. His remarks were very kind and befitting. The Bloomfield Male Quartette sang two hymns, favorites of the deceased, after which the remains were conveyed to their last resting place in the Bloomfield Cemetery.

The pallbearers were Hon. **William Henry**, Ex-Judge **James W. Shull**, **Luke Baker**, **James M. Barnett**, **James M. McKee** and **Charles H. Smiley**, all follow members of the Bar. The members of the Bar contributed a beautiful floral piece.

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