

Robert Markel, (3 Apr 1844 – Aug 1921), Newspaper Clipping, The Perry Historians

Robert Markel, a well known and highly respected citizen in this place after a lingering illness from Bright's disease and complications. **Mr. Markel** had been in declining health the past year or more and some months ago was successfully operated on in Baltimore, Md. He returned home and was apparently improving for a time but the shock to his system was too great and he gradually grew weaker until death consumed him.

The deceased was the son of the late **John** and **Annie (Miller) Markel** and was born in Centre Township, and at the time of his death was 77 years, 3 months, and 28 days. He spent the greater part of his life on the farm on which he was born, saved a short time he lived in Iowa and retiring from farming, came to this place in 1906, (New Bloomfield), where he had since resided.

September 14, 1869, he was joined in wedlock with **Agnes Burkepile**, daughter of the late **Henry** and **Hannah (Yockey) Burkepile**, of Mannsville. Two children were born to this union; **Milton L.** who was killed in a railroad accident in Texas in 1906, and **Elizabeth A.**, wife of **John H. Sheaffer**, of this place. There survive besides the widow and daughter four grandchildren and two great grandchildren. **Henry Markel**, of Howe Township and **Daniel Markel**, of Newport, are brothers.; of Middlesex, Cumberland County: **Mrs. Elijah Garlin**, of Little Germany, **Mrs John Garlin** Spring Township, and **Mrs. Henry Acker**, of Wila, are sisters.

Mr. Markel was a veteran of the Civil War, having been a member of Co. E, 208th Reg. Penna, Volunteers, under Capt. F.M. McKeehan. He served from August 31, 1864 to June 1, 1865, when he mustered out with his company. He was an excellent soldier. He was a member of John Jones Post, No. 448, G.A.R. of this place, until it became defunct. The deceased was a member of the United Brethren Church for many years and died in that faith.

Funeral services were held at his residence with his pastor, Rev. H.B. Baker, of the U.B. Church, officiating. The American Legion had the burial in charge. The carriers were; **B.F. Keller**, **McClure B. Ramsey**, **Edgar Garber**, **John Johnson**, **Paul N. Fox**, **Paul G. Swartz**, Bugler; **Edward Van Glahn**.

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