

**Charles J. T. McIntire**, Esquire, (3 Jan 1830 – 13 Mar 1886), Peoples Advocate and Press, Thursday, March 18, 1886

Our community was startled on Sabbath morning to heard of the death of Hon. C.J.T. McIntire, at his residence, in this place shortly after ten o'clock on Saturday night. Although his demise was not unexpected, and it was generally known that his symptoms some days previous had assumed an alarming nature, yet such wonderful vitality had been shown throughout his long illness, when many times the dread messenger had knocked at the portal, that it was thought he might possibly survive the attack; and while all hoped for the best the worst came.

The deceased was born in Bloomfield, January 3, 1830, and was consequently at the time of his death aged 56 years, 2 months, and 10 days. At the early age of thirteen years he entered Dickinson College, from which honored institution he graduated four years later, the youngest member of his class, with the highest honors his Alma Mater could bestow upon him for scholastic merit. The succeeding year he spent at Marshall College, Mercersburg, where he devoted himself exclusively to the study of the German language.

At the termination of his German course at Mercersburg, he entered the law office of his father, the late **Benjamin McIntire**, where he read until of age, when he was admitted to the bar and practiced his profession until the time of his death.

In 1853 **Mr. McIntire** was nominated and elected District Attorney by the Democratic Party. He rose rapidly in his profession, building up a large and lucrative practice, and soon became prominent in the councils of the Democracy in County and State. In recognition of his political services he was elected State Senator in 1867 in the double district composed of the counties of Perry, Blair, Huntingdon, Centre, Mifflin and Juniata, and while in the Senate displayed signal ability, easily rising to the foremost rank among the legislators of the upper House. At the expiration of his term he resumed the practice of law, and was active in his profession and politics until 1880, when he was stricken down with disease, and from that time confined to his house and within two years, except at short intervals, to his bed, when death relieved him.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday at one o'clock and the remains will be interred in Bloomfield Cemetery.

Mr. McIntire was a man of brilliant parts. Springing from Scottish ancestry, the characteristics of that race were dominant in his nature. In mental and physical qualities highly favored, his future in deed looked auspicious. His rapid rise in the legal profession and in the political arena presaged for him a long and honored career. In politics he was a pronounced Democrat and his party numbered not many more powerful exponents of his principals than he.

In his chosen profession he had few superiors. Noted alike for his legal acumen and forensic ability, he was equally effective with court and jury; thoroughly equipped, studious and untiring in his efforts in behalf of his clients, his services were engaged on one side or the other of all important cases. Besides a large general practice he had for many years been solicitor for the Pennsylvania Rail Road, in this county.

He was an ardent member of the Masonic fraternity, and was a charter member of Adams Lodge, of this borough, which was constituted May 19th, 1858, he having been previously been a member of Perseverance Lodge #21, Harrisburg. For many years he was the District Deputy Grand Master of the 19th Masonic District of Pennsylvania.

He was an omnivorous reader, and his private library, containing hundreds of rare legal works besides the best productions of ancient and modern writers, is known to be one of the largest and most valuable in the State. Of scholarly attainments and gifted with a tenacious memory, in later years when enjoying a respite from pain, he found pleasure in translating the gems of Latin, Grecian and German authors.

Socially, those honored and respected him most who knew him best. He had a large acquaintance with prominent men throughout the State, who admired him for his fine intellect and for his noble and generous heart. Although bowed down and wearied with the suffering of years, his mental faculties retained their wonted clearness to the last. His death while in the noon of life is regretted by all, and kindly memories of him will long be cherished. To mourning relatives and sorrowing friends we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

**Charles J.T. McIntire**, (Died 13 Mar 1886), Patriot, Monday, March 15, 1886 Death of Hon. C.J.T McIntire – After Years; of Patient Suffering, the End Has Come.

New Bloomfield, Pa., March 14. – **Hon. Charles J. T. McIntire**, of the law firm of McIntire and Shull, long a prominent attorney at the bar of this county, and well known throughout the State, died at his home in this place yesterday.

Mr. McIntyre has been a sufferer from sciatica in an aggravated form for several years, and his lower limbs were practically helpless.

The intense suffering ensuing from his affliction did not affect his intellect and until recently he was daily carried into his office where he gave attention to the details of a very extensive law business. Throughout his illness he maintained a cheerful demeanor and endured all with remarkable fortitude. His sisters did all that affection could suggest to alleviate of his misfortune.

Mr. McIntire was a member of one of the oldest and most respected families in the state. He was a son of **Benjamin McIntire**, Esq., an unflinching Democrat, long the Nestor of this bar, who resided here for many years and is buried in the beautiful little cemetery near the town. **Benjamin P. McIntire**, of Steelton, is a brother of **Charles**, and they were the only sons.

The deceased gentleman was a graduate of Dickinson College, where his talents won him high distinction. He was elected to the State Senate as a Democrat, on October 8, 1867 with J. T. Shugart, of Centre County, when Blair, Huntingdon, Centre, Mifflin, Juniata and Perry Counties formed the Twenty-first Senatorial District, with two Senators. The senate in which Mr. McIntire served had 5 Republican majority, was presided over by Hon. James L. Graham, of Allegheny, present Speaker of the House. Mr. McIntire was placed on the Committee on

Pension and Gratuities Election Districts, and Private Claims and Damages. He served credit to himself and his constituents.

Although always taking an interest in the welfare of his party, Mr. McIntire retired from active politics at the expiration of one term in the Senate.

The intelligence of Mr. McIntire's demise will cause sorrow to many friends throughout the State to whom his kindly manners, genial ways and gentleness of character, have endeared him.

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