

Henry 'Harry' McVey, (1 Jan 1816 – 21 Jul 1902), Newspaper Clipping, The Perry Historians

Harry McVey, who was one of the oldest citizens of this end of the county, was removed from our midst through death on Monday morning, July 21st. about 12:40 o'clock, which occurred at the home of his son, **C. Edward McVey**, who resides at the limestone hill property northwest of Blain. One year previous to his death a cancerous tumor formed on his lip and later an ulcer broke out on his neck. Last spring the disease took firm hold and he rapidly grew worse, and to which fatal disease he finally succumbed. He was born in Parish Derry, County Down, Ireland, January 1, 1816 and died July 21, 1902, aged 86 years, 6 months, and 20 days.

The deceased sailed to this country as near as can be recollected when 26 years of age. He had not located at any particular point in Pennsylvania, but when the first railroad bridge crossing the Susquehanna River from Rockville to Marysville was constructed he was there employed. He then went of to Bloomfield, this county, where he served as jailor under Sheriff Miller. While here he was married to Miss **Elizabeth Kitner**. The Angel of Death separated them when the wife was removed from this earth March 3, 1897.

From this union eight children resulted, all of whom are living, and are named according to their respective births; **C. Edward**, of Blain; **Jennie R.**, (**Mrs. Newton Kretzing**), Marsh Run; **Annie M.** (**Mrs. Joseph Bixler**) Eshcol; **John F.**, of Delta, Colorado; **Sarah M.** (**Mrs Thomas Delancey**) Millerstown; **James H.**, Lewistown; **George H.**, Lewistown; **Ettie E.**, (**Mrs. Samuel Yohn**) Toboyne township.

Mr. McVey, with his wife moved to Blain about the year 1857, and worked at the limestone quarrying for a number of years. Having spent the remainder of his life at this place, after 1857, he was well known and proved himself to be a highly respected, law-abiding citizen. His disposition was good-natured, kind hearted and true. To the distressed and afflicted he always had a sympathetic word of encouragement to speak to them. A grand old man he was, and he will long be remembered by all who knew him, who regret to learn of his departure. The family has the sympathy of all in their sad bereavement.

Over a year prior to the death of the deceased he made his home with his son, **C. Edward**, and family, who tenderly cared for him in his last illness.

Funeral was held on Wednesday at 9 o'clock. Interment in the Union Cemetery, Rev. C.A. Waltman officiating and Rev. J.T. Bell assisting. Services in the Lutheran church, of which the deceased had been a member for four years.

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