

George William Morris, Sr., (9 Jul 1836 – 11 Jan 1914), Newspaper Clipping, Wednesday, January 14, 1914, The Perry Historians

A valued contributor from Duncannon, sends us the following.

George Morris, a well known and respected citizen of Duncannon, was found dead in his bed Sunday morning by his daughter, **Mrs. A. O. Zerfing**, with whom he made his home. **Mrs. Zerfing** had called her father, but he failing to reply, she went to his bedside and found him cold in death. Dr. H. W. McKenzie was summoned who attributed the death of **Mr. Morris** to heart failure, and he had passed away during the night several hours before his daughter called him. He was aged 77 years, 6 months and 2 days.

The deceased was a quiet, unobtrusive gentleman and had many friends. His health had been declining for some years, but his sudden demise was not anticipated.

George Morris, Sr., was born in Madley, Shropshire, England, (Cucoo Oak) July 9, 1836. Sailed from Liverpool June 16, 1860, arriving in New York, July 25, 1860. Having a brother at Duncannon, the late **John Morris**, he came here on a visit. After a short time he went to Pittsburgh and followed his trade of mining at Saw Mill Run. After one year he returned to Duncannon and entered the employ of the Duncannon Iron Company, for whom he worked faithfully as a shearsman for forty years, retiring about twelve years ago. **Mr. Morris** was regarded as a faithful and trusty employee, always at his place.

He was joined in wedlock to **Sarah Keel** October 16th, 1862, by the Rev. D. G. Alter. His wife preceded him in death August 1907.

Mr. Morris was a faithful and active member of the U. B. Church for forty years.

He is survived by one sister in England and the following children, all residing in Duncannon: **William H. Morris**, **Mrs. Mary Zell**, **Mrs. A. O. Zerfing**, and **George A. Morris**. There are sixteen grand-children and three great grandchildren. Interment was made in the U. B. Cemetery today (Wednesday) at 2 o'clock p.m., services being conducted by his pastor, Rev. Kohler, assisted by Dr. G. A. Johnston of the Presbyterian Church.

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