

Robert C. Neal, (20 Mar 1848 - 21 Sep 1913), Patriot, Monday, September 22, 1913; Death Claims Three Well Known Men of Harrisburg David L. Jauss, **Robert C. Neal** and George K. Peay Pass Away – First Named Coal Dealer – **Mr. Neal** Long Identified With Iron Interests in Central State

Death to toll of three of Harrisburg prominent and well-known residents within twenty four hours yesterday.

David Luther Jauss, prominent banker and businessman died suddenly of heart trouble at 930 o'clock started night; George Keats Peay, for some years custodian of the Dauphin County Historical Society died at his home two hours later after several weeks' illness and **Robert C. Neal**, one of the last of the early iron making families of the state, died at his country residence, at Cove Allen after a year's illness yesterday morning at 6.45 o'clock.

Mr. Neal for half a century prominently identified with the iron manufacturing business of the state, and for twenty-four years head of the Harrisburg rolling mills died at his country home, "Kinkora," as a result of a complication of diseases from which he had been a sufferer for nearly a year. He was in his sixty sixth year.

Mr. Neal's death followed close upon this sudden death of his wife, who was found unconscious in her room at the Neal townhouse at 15 North Front Street, less than six months ago. It is believed that the death of **Mrs. Neal** hastened the death of her husband.

Family of Iron Masters.

Mr. Neal came up and iron manufacturing family. His father, **William Neal**, of Bloomsburg, was one of the original iron masters of the state. For years the firm of **William Neal and Sons**, of Bloomsburg, were leading iron producers in the state.

Robert C. Neal was born in Bloomsburg on March 20, 1848. He prepared for college in Williamstown, Mass., and was graduated from Renasslaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, N.Y., in 1867, as a mining engineer.

Upon his graduation he entered the firm of **William Neal and Sons**, at Bloomsburg and here had charge of the company's mines. Later he had charge of the blast furnaces of that firm. In 1885 he became treasurer and general manager of the Tyrone Iron Company, of Tyrone, Pa., and later became president of the Eleanor Iron Company, of Hollidaysburg, Pa.

In 1889 he came to this city, where he organized the Harrisburg Rolling Mill Company, becoming its president. The old Lochiel blast furnaces were merged with the company. With this firm **Mr. Neal** was associated until the plant was closed down several years ago.

When the American Tube and Iron Company, of Middletown, went into the hands of receivers some years ago Mr. Neal was appointed with A. F. Matheson, of Middletown, as receiver. They afterward sold the plant to the National Tube Company and was later taken over by the United States Steel Corporation.

Married in 1873.

He was married to **Miss Eleanor Hurley Clark** in 1873. **Mrs. Neal** died several months ago. Two children survive him. They are **Robert C. Neal Jr.**, and **Harold C. Neal**, both residents of this city. **Mr. Neal** was a director in the Paxtang Electric Company until it was merged with the Harrisburg Light and power Company, and was interested in other local corporations.

He was a member of the Harrisburg Club and for several terms its president. He was a member of the Harrisburg Country Club and kept up an active membership in the Union League of Philadelphia. In politics he was a republican, although he never held public office.

The funeral services will be held this evening at 8.30 o'clock from the country residence, "Kinkora", Cove Allen. The Rev. Rollin A. Sawyer, rector of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, will have charge of the services. Interment will be made at Bloomsburg.

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