

Rev. Charles Milton Nicholas (11 May 1874 – 17 Jan 1958)

Charles Milton Nicholas was a son of **Rev. J. L and Amelia (Weitkamp) Nicholas**. Rev. J. L. was a Lutheran minister. He and **Amelia** had three sons, all of whom became Lutheran ministers.

In 1895, C. M. Nicholas graduated from Harrisburg Academy and in 1898, he graduated from Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg. He then graduated from the Theological Department of Susquehanna University (Selinsgrove). While at Susquehanna, he was a member of the "Preacher's Sons Club".

He was ordained in the Lutheran ministry in 1901.

His first charge was in New Bloomfield, Perry County that spanned from 1901 to 1905 when he accepted a call to Lykens, Dauphin County.

On January 22, 1907, he married **Laura Burd**.

They had three children. **G. Leonard Nicholas** (b. 5/4/1909, d. 1/9/80) was a Lutheran minister, **Laura Burd Hartzell** (# 19613837) and **Jeanne E. Robinson**.

In 1908, he accepted a call to Garfield Square Lutheran Church in Pottsville, Schuylkill County.

In 1918, Susquehanna University conferred upon him a D. D.

In the 1930's he was an unsuccessful candidate for Congress on the Republican ticket.

In 1934, he inaugurated Easter dawn services and helped organize vacation bible school.

From the Pottsville Republican January 18, 1958:

"**Dr. Charles M. Nicholas**, 83 of Market St., pastor emeritus of English Lutheran Church, former chaplain of the Six County Fireman's Association Association, etc., died Friday at 5 p. m. in Pottsville Hospital.

Until recent years he had been active as a church and civic leader. He helped organize Pottsville's Chamber of Commerce. During World War I he toured the county on behalf of Liberty Loans, was a charter member and at one time president of the Pottsville Rotary Club.

During his pastorate at the English Lutheran Church he had the church renovated several times, had chimes installed on the organ, instituted a vested choir and the new order of worships, installed a new lighting system and organized the English Lutheran Men.

Further services will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from David Myers Funeral Home at Newport, Perry County. Services will be in charge of the Rev. Leroy Dietrich, pastor of the Lutheran Church in New Bloomfield, where Dr. Nicholas first served. Interment will be made in Newport Cemetery.