

William Henry Pennell, (23 May 1844 – 10 Sep 1927), Newspaper Clipping, the Perry Historians

William Henry Pennell, aged 85 years, 5 months and 19 days, died at his home on Market Street, Saturday morning at 9:30 o'clock, from causes incident to his advanced age, having been ill but a short time.

Deceased was a son of the late **Andrew** and **Margaret (Hornketh) Pennell** and was born in Wheatfield Township, Duncannon, Pa., where he resided until he reached young manhood. When the Civil War broke out **Mr. Pennell** enlisted and was assigned to Company C, Twenty-First Pennsylvania Calvary and later was promoted to Orderly Sergeant. He was on Gen. Phil Sheridan's staff when General Lee surrendered at Appomattox Court House. At the cessation of war activities **Mr. Pennell** continued to reside in this community and for thirty years was postmaster here, receiving his first appointment under President Rutherford B. Hayes and his last appointment during the administration of President Taft. In politics he was an ardent Republican and served his party well. He was a representative citizen and stood high in the regard of his fellow townsman. His passing will be learned with sincere regret throughout the community. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church and a member of the Board of Trustees. He was also one of the few remaining members of the local Post G.A.R., and at the time of his death was Post Commander.

He is survived by his widow, who was **Miss Jane M. E. Brown**, a son and daughter, **W.H.B. Pennell**, Girard, Ohio; and **Mrs. Sarah C. Birmingham**, Kansas City, Mo., **George Pennell**, **Thomas Pennell**, **James Pennell**, and **Mary E. N. Pennell** of this place are brothers and sister.

Funeral services were held at his late home, Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, Rev. Raymond H. Wilson, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, officiating. Interment was made in the Evergreen Cemetery, Duncannon, Pa.

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