

William H. Raffensperger, (24 Apr 1849 – Oct 1897), Newspaper Clipping, The Perry Historians

William H. Raffensperger, died suddenly at home, on Middle Ridge, on last Friday afternoon at five o'clock of heart disease. He had walked out to the barn with his wife and back into the house, and was sitting in a chair, looking at a book, when a few minutes later, his daughter, hearing the book drop on the floor, quickly called her mother, who was out doing chores. When she arrived life was almost extinct. He was a son of the late **William** and **Elizabeth (Frantz) Raffensperger**, and was born April 24, 1849, in Juniata Township, where he lived all his life, respected by all who knew him. He was married to **Miss Barbara Ellen**, daughter of the late **John** and **Catherine (Lenig) Brown**. To this union were born seven sons and one daughter, three sons having preceded him in the spirit world. He is survived by a widow, four sons, and one daughter, namely; **William L. Raffensperger** and **John H. Raffensperger**, of Illinois; **Edith H.**, **Samuel F.** and **Charles S. Raffensperger**, at home.

He was one of twelve children, of whom five survive him, namely; **Mrs. Mary A. Kinzer**, of Donnally's Mills; **John** of Kansas; **George D.** of Juniata Township; **Isaac N.** of Kansas, and **Samuel L.** of Clearfield County, Pa.; He became a member of St. Samuel's Lutheran Church in 1870. After marriage he withdrew by certificate to join the Evangelical Church, on Middle Ridge, the choice of his wife, of which he has remained a consistent member. He was also a member of Newport Council, No. 614, Jr. O.U.A.M., a delegation of which attended the funeral. He suffered a great deal in late years, but bore all patiently in the Lord and oft times expressed a desire that the end might be nigh when he should be at rest. The funeral took place at his late residence on Monday at 9 o'clock. After brief services at the house, conducted by Rev. A.S. Baumgardner, his pastor, the body was conveyed to the Lutheran Church at Markelville, where services were concluded and interment was made in the Markelville Cemetery.

Farewell, father; farewell husband; farewell brother;-- we loved him, we cherished him, but we would not call him back, for we know that our loss is his eternal gain.

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