

John Rathfon, (20 Jan 1824 - 5 Feb 1914), Patriot, Friday, February 6, 1914. Oldest Blacksmith in City Dies at 90 Years

John Rathfon, the oldest blacksmith in Harrisburg, died at the home of his son, **William S. Rathfon**, 2231 Logan Street, yesterday afternoon at 4.30 o'clock at the age of 90 years.

Mr. Rathfon was born at Duncannon January 20, 1824. When the Pennsylvania Canal was built in 1833, he sharpened the picks for the men. This work he also followed when the Middle Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad was built. He was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and the Methodist Church at Duncannon.

Surviving him are the following children: **William S. Rathfon, Mrs. W. M. Rich, Mrs. Ellen Bartruff, Mrs. G. W. Owen, Mrs. J. W. Keel** and **Mrs. John Liddick**.

Funeral services will be held from the Methodist Church, Duncannon, Saturday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. Interment will be made at the same place. The lodges will hold services from the home of his son, 2231 Logan Street, this evening at 7.30 o'clock.

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