

David M. Rhinesmith, (31 Dec 1831 – Dec 1899), Newspaper Clipping, The Perry Historians

Ex-Sheriff **David M. Rhinesmith**, one of the best known citizens and Democratic politicians of this county, died suddenly of apoplexy in his barn in Spring Township, about 10 o'clock last Thursday morning. His wife and his daughter, **Mrs. George Crozier**, had been to the store at Falling Springs, and upon their return, **Mrs. Rhinesmith** inquired of her little granddaughter, **Louise**, where her husband was. From her she learned that he had gone to the barn, but had not returned. **Mrs. Rhinesmith** immediately began to search for him, finally finding him lying dead at the door of the cow stable, his body still warm, indicating that life had not been long extinct. **Mr. Rhinesmith** was a son of **Henry** and **Elizabeth Rhinesmith**, and was born near Blain, December 31, 1831. There he resided about 37 years, employed as a carpenter and farmer, where he removed to Spring Township. He kept hotels subsequently in Blain, Landisburg and Bloomfield, where he was proprietor of the Mansion House, when he was elected sheriff in 1871. At the expiration of his term, he returned to Spring Township and engaged in farming. He again became proprietor of the Perry House from 1890 to 1895, when he sold out to his son, **Harry**, who remodeled the place to conform to modern hotel requirements and named it Hotel Rhinesmith. He then retired to his farm where he died. He was married to **Miss Sarah Smith**, daughter, of **John Smith**, of Mannsville, March 14, 1854. She with two sons and two daughters survive him; **Charles W.** postmaster of Harlan, Iowa, and editor of the Republican of that place; **Harry R.** of Bloomfield, **Mrs. George Crozier**, of Carlisle, and **Miss Annie Rhinesmith**, at home. One son, **James** died in infancy. The following brothers and sisters survive him; **George Rhinesmith**, of Carlisle; **Samuel Rhinesmith** and **Mrs. Fred Gutshall**, of Blain, and **William Rhinesmith**, of Carlisle, Ill. The funeral was held on Sunday morning. Rev. Dr. Deatrich conducting the services; interment in the Bloomfield cemetery, with his neighbors, **Robert Jones**, **J.A. Bower**, **Robert Crozier**, **Foster Spotts**, **D.B. Dunkelberger** and **John Dunkelberger** as pallbearers.

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