

Oliver Hazard Perry Rider (9 Dec 1837 – 22 Sep 1901) Published in the Newport News, September 26, 1901; on micro-film at The Perry Historians, Lenig Library, New Bloomfield, Pa.

O.H.P. Rider who was named after Oliver Hazard Perry, the hero of the battle of Lake Erie, died of bright's disease, at his home on Front street, yesterday morning at 12:50 o'clock.

He had been failing in health for three years, at which time he had a severe attack of inflammatory rheumatism, but he was still able until last May to assist in his butchering business.

He was born in Oliver Township, December 9, 1837. His ancestors came from Germany, three brothers arriving in America during the Revolutionary war.

Paul Rider, grandfather of O.H.P. Rider, with his brothers, **John, Henry, Abraham** and **David**, came to Perry county, from York county, Pa. and bought all the land lying between Little and Big Buffalo creeks, on which they built a mill and laid out the town of Newport, which they called Ridersville.

The parents of the subjects of this sketch were **Paul** and **Dorothy Frank Rider**, both of whom are dead. He remained on the farm until the age of eleven, when he was employed as a mule driver on the canal.

When President Lincoln issued his call for troops in April, 1861, Mr. Rider promptly enlisted in Company D, Second Pennsylvania Volunteers, and was discharged at Harper's Ferry in June, 1861, at the expiration of his term of service.

In 1874 he opened a meat market, which he had successfully conducted since enjoying the respect of the public as a generous and good citizen.

He was united in marriage in 1864, to **Miss Jane Wilson**. They had the following children, all of whom are living; **William S. Rider** and **Mrs. William Mason** of Harrisburg; **Osias Paul Rider** of Philadelphia, and **Miss Clara**, at home.

Mr Rider's second marriage occurred November 7, 1875, to **Miss Eliza J. Wertz**, who survives him. He is also survived by his brothers, **Paul F. Rider** of Allegheny and **Jacob R. Rider** of Harrisburg, and his sister, **Mrs. Milton Clemson** of this place.

Funeral services were held at the house on Front street, at 2 p.m. Friday; Rev. E.G. Baker officiating; Interment in the Newport Cemetery.

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