

Samuel Roath, (1 Jan 1818 – Nov 1895), Perry County Democrat, November 30, 1895, New Bloomfield

On Monday night, at his residence in this borough, **Samuel Roath**, Esquire breathed his last and peacefully died without a struggle, after having reached the ripe old age of almost 81 years. The Squire, as he was familiarly called by all who knew him, was taken ill on Sunday. He was sitting in the front room at his home, when his wife, who was in an adjoining room, heard him breathing heavily and on going to him found he was unconscious. He recovered quickly, however, complained of being sick and his stomach. Dr. Johnston was summoned and the Squire was put to bed. He did not seem to suffer much, but it was evident from his appearance that the sands of his long life were ebbing away. His death was due to heart failure, incident to old age.

Squire Roath was born in Liverpool, January 1, 1818. His early years were spent in boating on the canal. Later he lived on a farm in what was then called Wildcat Valley, now Perry Valley. He was an active Republican, and in 1860 was elected Register and Recorder of the county, serving in that capacity for one term. In 1869, under (U.S.) Grant's first administration, he was appointed postmaster of this borough, which office he held until 1885, a period of 16 years.

He was twice married, his first wife being **Elizabeth Shuler**, of Liverpool, a sister of the late **Ramsey Shuler**, of this place. By this marriage, three daughters were born, two of whom survive; **Mrs. S. H. Beck**, of this place, and **Mrs. Harry Wheeler**, of Mechanicsburg. His first wife having died, he married **Miss Sally Rhodes**. In 1864, who made him a faithful wife, and is now a sorrowing widow. A sister of the Squire is also living; **Mrs. Sallie Barger**, of Harrisburg, who is up in the 90s in years. Squire Roath is a large, portly man, of strong convictions and aggressive character, and in his younger days, wielded considerable influence in the Republican Party of the county. It is of his death will be learned with sorrow by many old friends.

Funeral services will be conducted on Thursday morning and his remains will be interred in the Bloomfield Cemetery.

"After life's fitful fever, he sleeps well"

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