

Robert B. Valentine, (11 Aug 1840 – 10 May 1923), Newspaper Clipping, The Perry Historians

Robert B. Valentine, aged 82 years, 8 months, and 29 days, died at the home of his son, **Edward Valentine**, Thursday morning at 3 o'clock following an illness, covering a period of several weeks of a complication.

The deceased was a son of the late **Jacob** and **Rebecca Valentine** and was born in Allen's Cove, August 11, 1840. At the outbreak of the Rebellion he enlisted in Company B, First Regiment of Pennsylvania Rifles, Reserve Corps Volunteers, the company being recruited here and was composed principally of Duncannon men, April 19, 1861, Thomas B. Lewis, of this place, later became Captain of the organization. After participating in many engagements and making a record that will live in history the regiment was mustered out of service, June 11, 1864, at Harrisburg, March 1, 1865, he enlisted in Company I, 77th Regiment, Pennsylvania Veteran Infantry Volunteers under Captain John Bell and at the formation of the company was made First Corporal. The organization was sent to the Middle Division of the Department of Texas where it was mustered out of service at Victoria, December 6, 1865. His army record was always a matter of pride with this old soldier and being endowed with a retentive memory, it was a real pleasure to hear him recount experiences when Lee with his hungry hordes tried to lay waste the fertile fields of the North. He was a genial and companionable man who numbered his friends by the scores and it was with sincere regret and sorrow that his death was learned. For many years following his army life, he resided in Wheatfield Township, near Pennell's Church, and during that time was employed at the old blast furnace operated by the Duncannon Iron Company. He was a member of Lieutenant Allison Post, G.A.R. and an honorary member of the V.F.W. Post of this place. He is survived by two sons, **Edward Valentine** of this place, and **George M. Valentine**, of Fargo, North Dakota. A brother, **James Valentine** resides in Baltimore, Md.

Funeral services were conducted at his late home Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock by Rev. Charles R. Hartman, pastor of the Reformed Church and which was under the supervision of the local Post G.A.R. assisted by members of the V.F.W. Post. The funeral was one of the largest ever witnessed in this place. Interment was made in the Lutheran cemetery.

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