

John W. Wagner, (12 Jan 1839 – 6 Feb 1912), Perry County Democrat, February 7, 1912, New Bloomfield, PA

Claimed by Death **John W. Wagner**, one of the most highly esteemed citizens of this place died at his home on Barnett Street yesterday morning a few minutes before eight o'clock, after an illness of several weeks. His death was a shock to the community for while it was known that he was ill it was not generally known that his condition was critical, and when the announcement of his death was made it was received with profound sorrow, for there were few men ever lived in this place who were held in such general high regard. The cause of his death was Bright's disease. He was bedfast only one week.

John W. Wagner was the son of **John Wagner** and was born in Chester County, Pa., January 12, 1839, His father was a native of Würtemberg, Germany, and came to this country when he was young and first settled in Chester County, afterwards removing to Saville Township, this county, where he lived until his death in September, 1870. Mr. Wagner was educated in the public schools of Saville Township and was a farmer by occupation, but had been living retired for several years. He and **Sarah Eby** were married in Liverpool October 24, 1861. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary last October.

Mrs. Wagner survives with the following, named sons and daughter; **L. Frank Wagner**, of Millerstown; **Edward M.**, of Harrisburg; **Prof. John C.**, of Carlisle; **Rev. Scott R.**, of Riegelsville, Pa.; and **Clara**, (**Mrs. David H. Metz**) of this place. He also survived by one brother, **George Wagner**, of Roseorans, Pa., and two half sisters, **Mrs. Solomon Gutshall**, of Blain, and **Mrs. Harry Hoover**, of New Cumberland, and one half brother **William Wagner**, of Harrisburg.

Shortly after the marriage of **Mr.** and **Mrs. Wagner** they moved to near Mannsville, from there to Ickesburg, then to near Millerstown, and then to Mr. Wagner's farm in Centre Township. For the past ten years they had been living in this borough. The deceased was a veteran of the Civil War. He enlisted September 5, 1864, in Company G, 208th Regiment, under Captain B.F. Miller, and was mustered out with his company June 1, 1865. He was a member of John Jones Post, No. 448, G.A.R. of this place.

He was one of the leading members of the Reformed church, having joined the church in his boyhood days and was a consistent Christian all his life. For many years past he was an elder and trustee of the church here, and frequently served as representative at the meetings of Classis and Synod. By his death the church loses one of its most prominent members and liberal contributors. In political faith he was a Democrat and took a deep interest in the success of his party. He was the Democratic candidate for Director of the Poor in 1808. He served as school director and supervisor in Centre Township and was a member of the Bloomfield town council a few years ago.

Mr. Wagner was in every respect a good man honorable, conscientious and God-fearing. He was a kind and affectionate husband and father and a model of good citizenship. He stood very high in this community everybody recognized his true worth of character and he was honored and respected by all. He was aged 71 years and 25 days.

The funeral will be held on Friday. Services at 10:30 at the house, conducted by Rev. J. Thomas Fox, and interment will be made in the Bloomfield cemetery. Pallbearers; H. P. Sheibley, H.G. Swartz, W. H. Darlington, W. F. H. Garber, C.N. McKeehan and D. C. Kell, Esq.