

Elizabeth (Bistline) Wentz, (16 Mar 1832 – 7 Apr 1912), Peoples Advocate and Press, April 10, 1912

Many friends are grieved to learn of the death of Mrs. **Elizabeth Wentz**, widow of **Joseph Wentz**, which occurred on Sunday morning at 1 0'clock at her home in Jackson Township at the old homestead. She had been gradually failing for a couple of years past and at her great age it was hardly expected that she would rally much as her physical powers were exhausted. Her death nevertheless was a shock to her friends.

Mrs. Wentz was a daughter of the late **Andrew** and **Elizabeth (Foust) Bistline**. She was the last one living of a family of ten (10) children. **Mrs. Wentz** was born March 16, 1832 and died on Easter Sunday, April 7, 1912, aged 80 years and 22 days. She was married November 8, 1859 to **Joseph B. Wentz**, by the Rev. J.T. Williams, a Lutheran minister.

Mr. Wentz died March 31, 1908, aged 77 years, 1 month, 30 days. The children born to their union were; **William B. Wentz**, at home; **Samuel Wentz**, of Jackson Township and **Margaret E.** wife of **L.M. Wentzel** of Blain.

Mrs. Wentz has been a faithful member of the Lutheran Church all her long life. She was baptized the year of her birth, and she was confirmed into full membership about 1850. Mrs. Wentz was a liberal contributor to the cause of Christ.

The funeral was held Tuesday at 10 a.m. and the service was conducted by her pastor, the Rev. J.C. Reighard, in the Lutheran church, preaching a comforting sermon taken from Rev. 14:13 "That they are gone to rest and their works do follow them." The Ladies Mite Society attended the funeral in a body of which organization Mrs. Wentz was a devoted member. The pallbearers were; **Samuel Woods, S.M. Drumgold, S.G. Smith, Joseph Woods, W.H. Book** and **W.L. Smith**. The undertaker was H.L. Spohn.

Beautiful floral tributes were present by friends among which was a handsome bouquet of lilies given by the Ladies Mite Society, Interment was made in the Union Cemetery beside her husband. Relatives from a distance who attended the funeral were; **Charles Derrick** of Bellwood; **George Derrick** of Carlisle; **Thomas H. Derrick**, Newville; **Aaron Bistline** and sister, **Mrs. Lizzie Trent**, Shippensburg; **Mrs. S.H. Tressler**, of Marietta; **Mrs. N.T. Evans**, **Mrs. John Wolfe** and daughter, **Myrtle**; **David Kleckner** and daughter **Ira** of Loysville.