

Joseph Wert (12 Nov 1838 – 24 Nov 1919), Harrisburg Telegraph, November 25, 1919: **Joseph Wert Is Taken By Death, Helped Build First Telegraph Line in This Section of State**

Carlisle, Pa, Nov. 25 - **Joseph Wert**, former school teacher, telegraph operator, Civil War soldier and hotelkeeper, died here yesterday at his home on South Hanover street at 3.15 o'clock, the result of a stroke of paralysis. He had been in declining health for some time.

Mr. Wert was a soldier in the Civil War, having belonged to Company A of the famous 130th Regiment, the late Captain John S Low, of Carlisle, commanding officer. He participated in the Battle of Antietam and other engagements. With knowledge of telegraphy, he engaged in construction work after the war, having helped build the first Western Union lines between Harrisburg and Philadelphia.

He was once proprietor of the Washington House, for years one of the best known hotels in this section, but retired about 30 years ago. Surviving him are his widow, daughter, **Mrs. Walter J. Lins**; two grandchildren, **Walter** and **Louise Lins**, and his sister, **Mrs. Maria Finkenbinder**, of Plainfield, now 82 years of age.

Funeral services will be held at the house tomorrow morning at 10.30. The remains will be taken to St. Paul's Reformed Church cemetery, near Landisburg, Perry County, for burial.

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