

**Daniel Wirts**, (10 Jun 1804 – 23 Dec 1887), Juniata Gazette, January 2, 1887

**Wirt** - At Centerville, Juniata Co., PA., Dec 22, 1887, **Mr. Daniel Wirt** age 83 years 6 months and 12 days.

**Mr. Wirt** was born June 10, 1804 and died Dec 22, 1887. He leaves three children and twelve grandchildren and three great grandchildren to mourn his loss.

Father **Wirt** married **Miss Maria Miller**, of Mexico in 1830, where he lived until 1834, when he moved to Center, where he lived until his death. In 1839 he joined the Lutheran Church at Mifflintown, where he attended until 1834, when the Lutheran Church at Center was built. He took an active part in building the church and laid the foundation for the structure. Since then, when health would permit, his pew was always occupied by him and his family. He was faithful in all his duties and consistent to the end. His remains were interred in the Lutheran Cemetery at Center, and were followed by a large assembly of people, by whom he was held in high esteem. He will be much missed as a husband, father, neighbor and Christian brother. The services were conducted by Revs. Leshner and Graybill, who spoke very ably on the occasion. The words of the text were "And they have reached their desired heaven". While we feel his loss we think of the words. "Call not back the dear departed an-chore safe beyond this weary life" Oh! to be there where storms never beat on that beautiful strand. And yet when desired, like the one that is past, who thought this world a wearisome task, he longed to go home, he longed for a rest, he said there were hopes he would be blest, his day has come, not gone, his sun has risen not set; his joys commenced, not ended, Oh, to be with him at rest. He lives forever who lives there; his life is now beyond. The reach of death or change, not ended but begun. A sincere Friend.

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