

Pottstown Area Necrology

Book 1

1878 - 1899

A limited history of the summons from life made by the inhabitants of Pottstown and the surrounding area.

It can be said that the persons that are listed have:

**Taken their last call;
Received their final summons;
Finally gone home;
Entered into the silent land;
Answered the death roll;
Passed into the eternal land;
Joined the silent majority;
Become a record of the tireless reaper;
Been touched by the hand of death;
Gone into the spirit land;
Been visited by the dark messenger.**

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Introduction

Necrology: A list of the recent dead.

The listings that follow are enhanced images of the information that was broadcast to the citizens of Pottstown and the surrounding areas by means of the Montgomery Ledger, a local weekly, and the Daily Pottstown Ledger newspapers published at the beginning of each year between 1878 and 1899.

These Pottstown publications covered a tri-county area which encompassed western Montgomery, northern Chester and southern Berks counties.

The information that was supplied defined not only who the person was, but where the individual lived, plus their age at the time of death. In many instances, the name of the cemetery where the person was interred is identified.

The listings for 1878 through 1889 are limited to what was basically described as residents of Pottstown and vicinity.

Beginning with 1890, the roster of people that were visited by the tireless reaper was expanded to list children, as well as to identify who their parents were. It also begins to include persons that died elsewhere, but who were buried in Pottstown cemeteries. One last item of interest is that it also included persons that were from localities outside of the immediate Pottstown vicinity.

The point of these listings was that no matter who died, they were listed because there was a connection either to the Pottstown area as a citizen, or as someone who was a native of the Pottstown area but moved elsewhere, or who had a relative that still resided in the area surrounding Pottstown.

Listings for the years 1884 and 1886 were not available and are identified as such in the Table of Contents.

In many instances, obituaries were written of ones passing. Based on the person's status within the community, these articles would range from a few lines to several paragraphs.

Inquiries to their existence should be made to the Pottstown Library, 568 E. High Street, Pottstown, Pa. 19464 or by contacting the arranger of this Necrology at

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1883

Sarah Ann Bechtel, Pottstown, Nov 12, aged 50 yrs
 Zachariah Prutzman, Pottsgrove, Nov 12, aged 65 yrs
 Catharine Fritz, Pottstown, Nov 12, aged 75 yrs
 Henry Mintzer, Pottstown, Nov 17, aged 71 yrs
 Rachel F Rhoads, Pottsgrove, Nov 19, aged 79 yrs
 Thomas J Graham, Sr., Pottstown, Nov 21, aged 73 yrs
 George W Kennedy, Pottstown, Nov 23, aged 25 yrs
 Henry Wise, Pottstown, December 1, aged 30 yrs
 Howard J Lachman, Pottstown, Dec 11, aged 26 yrs
 William Bishop, Birdsboro, Dec 20, aged 78 yrs
 John R. Brooke, Pottstown, Dec 21, aged 63 yrs
 Ann Ryan, Port Union, December 22, aged 77 yrs
 William Moyer, Limerick Station, Dec 24, aged 36 yrs
 William Schmeierer, Pottstown, Dec 26, aged 44 yrs
 Benjamin Fox, East Coventry, Dec 27, aged 68 yrs
 Mrs. John Smith, Crooked Hill, Dec 28, aged 55 yrs
 Sarah Bair, Pottsgrove, Dec 31, aged 56 yrs,

FOUR SCORE AND BEYOND.

The following died in Montgomery county and adjacent townships in Berks and Chester, having attained the age of 80 years and upward:

Ann Wilson, Honeybrook, Chester co, Jan 7, aged 83
 Hannah R Croll, Norristown, Jan 9, aged 80 yrs
 Sarah Jack, Friedensburg, Berks co, Jan 14 aged 80
 Mary Wells, Spring City, Jan 15, aged 80 yrs
 Joseph Long, Frederick Station, Jan 22, aged 83 yrs
 Daniel Miller, near Schwenksville, Jan 23, aged 80
 John G Powell, Sr, E Fallowfield, Jan 26 aged 99 yrs
 John Bauman Gilbertsville, Jan 29, aged 81 yrs
 Ann Cameron, W Whiteland, Feb 3, aged 93 yrs
 Eliza Dowell, Marshallton, Feb 9 aged 98 yrs
 Adam Slemmer, Norristown, Feb 14, aged 91 yrs
 Julia Bennett, West Chester, Feb 14, aged 92 yrs
 Mary Strohl, Pottsgrove, Feb 18, aged 82 yrs
 Jacob Isett, Norristown, Feb 25, aged 82 yrs

Mary Strohl, Pottsgrove, Feb 18, aged 82 yrs
 Jacob Isett, Norristown, Feb 25, aged 82 yrs
 James Strickland, West Vincent, March 3, aged 82 yrs
 Louisa Vanhorn, Phoenixville, March 3, aged 80 yrs
 Daniel B Grim, Grimsville, March 6, aged 83 yrs
 Mrs Jacob Moyer, East Coventry, March 2, aged 80 yrs
 Mary Aiman, Norristown, March 6, aged 87 yrs
 Phebe Keelor, Perkiomen Bridge, March 11, aged 85
 Eliza Cowgill, Norristown, March 11, aged 86 yrs
 Thomas Gunson, Port Union, March 12, aged 85 yrs
 Elijah Lewis, Norristown, March 20, aged 86 yrs
 Elizabeth Root, Washington Square, Mar 27, aged 91
 Jacob Hagy, Whitmarsh, March 27, aged 81 yrs
 Jonathan Shock, Norristown, March 27, aged 88 yrs
 Rev Geo M Clawges, Warwick, April 2, aged 80 yrs
 Margaret Fisher, Spring Mill, April 6, aged 87 yrs
 Samuel Fisher, Pottstown, April 11, aged 84 yrs
 Peter Hillegass, New Hanover, April 13, aged 80 yrs
 Jacob Hoffecker, E Nantmeal, April 14, aged 80 yrs
 Mary Todd, E Whiteland, April 21, aged 87 yrs
 James Jackson, West Chester, April 21, aged 105 yrs
 Rachel Hoffman, Norristown, May 4, aged 93 yrs
 Sydney Fisher, Pottstown, May 6, aged 83 yrs
 → Joseph Bailey, Pine Iron Works, May 28, aged 87 yrs
 Patrick Blake, Conshohocken, June 1, aged 86 yrs
 Lewis Maxton, Coatesville, June 11, aged 85 yrs
 Eliza Evans, Pottstown, June 14, aged 82 yrs
 Margaret Coughlin, West Chester, June 14, aged 102
 Walter Evans, Morgantown, June 19, aged 90 yrs
 Capt Peter Slosser, Douglass, June 20, aged 83 yrs
 Peter Gehris, District twp., July 1, aged 85 yrs
 Susan B. Temple, West Chester, July 8, aged 88 yrs
 Julia Stout, Norristown, July 27, aged 88 yrs
 Rachel Royer, Phoenixville, August 6, aged 84 yrs
 Susan Baily, West Chester, Aug 13, aged 91 yrs
 Philip Mowrey, South Coventry, Aug 22, aged 90 yrs
 Barbara Moore, Frederick, Aug 20, aged 92 yrs
 Henry Walker, Norristown, Sept 1, aged 83 yrs
 John Stiteler, Charlestown, Sept. 15, aged 85 yrs
 Rebecca Shuler, New Hanover, Sept 18, aged 83 yrs
 Nehemiah Miller, Douglassville, Sept 22, aged 88 yrs
 Peter Levingood, Douglass, Berks co, Sept 30, aged 80
 Henry Frederick, Gilbertsville, Nov 1, aged 95 yrs
 Susan Koons, Limerick Square, Nov. 13, aged 82 yrs
 Susan Ritchie, Lower Merion, Nov 12, aged 91 yrs
 Sarah Pennypacker, West Chester, Dec 13, aged 92 yrs
 John Sabold, Sr., Pottsgrove, Dec 18, aged 83 yrs
 Catharine Shaner, East Coventry, Dec 19 aged 82 yrs

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1889

WITH THE SILENT MAJORITY.

NAMES OF PEOPLE WHO LEFT US DURING THE YEAR.

From the Borough of Pottstown and
Neighborhood, Together with Age
and Place of Interment.

Jan. 4, Carl Malmberg, aged 44. Edgewood.
" 5, Wm. Lutz, aged 87. Pinegrove.
" 8, Edwin Wells, Shanghai, China, aged 52.
Edgewood.
" 10, Earnest V. Phillips, aged 16. Brooklyn.
" 12, Solomon S. Baver, aged 49. Churchville.
" 19, Mrs. Hannah Missimer, aged 75. Mt. Zion.
" 18, Samuel G. Boyer, aged 58. Mt. Zion.
" 20, M. Bachman, aged 60. Catholic.
" 27, Miss Esther Umstead, aged 27. Mt. Zion.
" 30, L. Cass Apple, aged 37. Pottstown.
Feb. 1, Miss Jennie J. Humbert, aged 20. Pittsburg.
" 1, John S. Allen, aged 30. Pottstown.
" 3, Miss Sallie J. Walters, aged 26. Old Forest.
" 9, Levi E. Kinzer, aged 70. Pottstown.
" 11, Joseph Carter.
" 15, Adam Boyer, aged 75. Pottstown.
" 23, Jacob T. Sides, aged 70. Mt. Zion.
" 27, James McLean, aged 78. Edgewood.
Mar. 3, Mrs. Mary Dellinger, aged 86. Mt. Zion.
" 3, J. Edgar Fegely, aged 15. Pottstown.
" 4, Solomon Fair, aged 65. Mt. Zion.
" 7, Mrs. Elizabeth Willman, aged 58. Amity's.
" 10, Mrs. Susanna Huber, aged 53. Huff's C'h.
" 12, Richard H. Krause, aged 55. Pottstown.
" 18, Geo. E. Gilbert, aged 22. Edgewood.
" 21, Miss Annie A. Marquet, aged 18. Pottst'n.
" 25, Miss Amelia Yergey, aged 18. Pottstown.
" 23, Miss Mary E. Levengood, aged 37. Pottst'n.
" 25, Mrs. Mary Neiman, aged 21. Mt. Zion.
Apr. 2, Wm. E. Hetzel, aged 22. Pottstown.
" 10, Thomas May, aged 78. Douglassville.
" 20, Mrs. Rose Gross, aged 27. Pottstown.
" 25, Miss Lizzie H. Herbst, aged 30. Pottstown.
" 29, John M. Linsinbigler, aged 78. Pottstown.
May 1, James Holston, aged 64. Edgewood.
" 3, Mrs. Lydia Levengood, aged 87. Pottstown.
" 3, Mrs. Lydia Keifreider, aged 60. Huber's.
" 4, Mrs. Fannie S. Fox, aged 20. Mt. Zion.

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" 4, Mrs. Fannie S. Fox, aged 20. Mt. Zion.
" 6, Samuel E. Hallman, aged 52. Mt. Zion.
" 6, Mrs. Elizabeth Lachman, aged 65. Mt. Zion.
" 8, Mrs. Anna M. Davis, aged 53. Edgewood.
" 12, Mrs. Matilda L. Marquet, aged 41. Pottstown.
" 12, Mrs. Catharine Moser, aged 72. Pottstown.
" 16, Henry T. Garrett, aged 30. Pottsville.
" 16, Mrs. Sarah Yohn, aged 73. Catholic.
" 17, Mrs. Mary E. Kurtz, aged 17. Pottstown.
" 16, Reuben Steltz, aged 72. Mt. Zion.
" 23, Mrs. Elizabeth Starrett, aged 56. Mt. Zion.
" 26, Mrs. Mary Weand, aged —. Pottstown.
" 27, Miss Minnie T. Dunlap, aged 17. Mt. Zion.
" 30, Miss Anna B. Schwab, aged 24. Mt. Zion.
June 7, Mrs. Esther Herpat, aged 72. Pottstown.
" 9, Mary Prendergast, aged 52. Douglassville.
" 10, Miss Martha Walks, aged 27. Birdsboro.
" 10, Henry Geist, aged 87. Pottstown.
" 19, Mathias Boebel, aged 50. Pottstown.
" 20, Joshua W. Collier, aged 53. Pottstown.
" 23, Mrs. Sarah Detwiler, aged 82. Pottstown.
" 26, Mrs. Ruth Ann Knauer, aged 43. Mt. Zion.
" 28, Mrs. Susan Kepner, aged 81. Pottstown.
July 1, Charles Auchy, aged 83. Pottstown.
" 2, Mrs. Hannahette Verts, aged 60. E. Nantmeal.
" 6, Edward Bailey, aged 65. Edgewood.
" 16, Dr. W. C. Roney, aged 65. Pottstown.
" 23, Mrs. Idella Frees John, aged 28. Mt. Zion.
" 28, Mrs. Margaret Davis, aged 70. Pottstown.
Aug. 4, Miss Annie E. Rahn, aged 14. Pottstown.
" 4, Horace Fryer, aged 14. Mt. Zion.
" 20, Mrs. Catharine G. Cook, aged 57. Ewing N J.
" 21, Mrs. Lydia N. Mull, aged 18. Mt. Zion.
" 24, Mrs. Caroline Umstead, aged 60. Mt. Zion.
" 27, Mrs. Eleanor Tonnelier, aged 29. Mt. Zion.
" 28, Mrs. Sophia Wright, aged 78. Pottstown.
" 30, Mrs. Lavina H. Danehower, aged 68. Norristown.
" 30, Geo. W. Montier, aged 33. Newark, Del.
" 31, Samuel Beecher, in Chicago, aged 73. Edgewood.