

Berkstresser

William Lee Berkstresser, a well known and highly respected citizen of Taylor township, died suddenly at the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. DeKalb Chesnut at Hustontown, Sunday morning, October 26, 1930. While he had not been in good health for some time past, on the day previous to his death he seemed unusually happy visiting among the neighbors and seemed to be enjoying life to the fullest extent. He was a son of Jesse and Mary (McClain) Berkstresser and was born near Center Church, September 26, 1861, being aged 61 years and one month.

Mr. Berkstresser in early life learned the milling business at Carlisle and spent several years milling at Fayetteville, Warfordsburg and Hoover's Mill, in Taylor township. However, he followed the occupation of a merchant for the greater part of his business life, having owned and operated stores at Laidig, Dublin Mills, New Grenadad and on the farm now occupied by his son Ralph, near Laidig. He had the confidence and respect of all who knew him and when in business probably enjoyed the trade of a longer list of customers than any country merchant in the north end of the county.

Mr. Berkstresser was united in marriage to Mary Ellen Laidig, Sept, 26, 1888, who preceded him in death by about six months. He is survived by the following children: Clarence W., of Greensburg, Pa.; Harvey W., of Bedford, Pa.; Grace L., wife of DeKalb Chesnut, of Hustontown; Edgar J., of Hustontown, and Ralph E.

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Funeral services were held at the home of his son-in-law and daughter on Wednesday, October 29, at 10 A. M. in charge of Rev. Parker H. Heller of the M. E. Church. Interment was made in Hustontown cemetery.

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