

Adolph Ahl

Occupant Name: Adolph Ahl

Location: Section C

Date of Birth: 5/27/1827

Date of Death: 11/24/1868

Date of Burial: 1868

Veteran: Yes

Multiple Occupants: No

Comment:



LOCAL MATTERS.
Death of a Good Woman.
 It becomes our duty this week to record the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Susan Ahl, who expired at her residence, about two miles south of this place, on Friday night last at about 12 o'clock. Her disease was cancer of the liver, from which she suffered severely for a year or more. She was the widow of Adolph Ahl, who died in 1868 from the effects of wounds received by the discharge of a gun in the hands of Conrad Pfenning, who mistook him for a stranger entering his door-yard after night-fall for evil purposes, as he believed. Mrs. Ahl was born in Haden, Germany, December 7th, 1828. For many years past she resided in this vicinity, and ever was held in the highest esteem by all her acquaintances, both German and American. She was noted for kindness, frugality, industry and honesty, as well as for self-sacrificing devotion to her children, nearly all of whom were small when her husband died. She was the mother of nine children, seven of whom—five boys and two girls—survive her. All reside in this county excepting one son, Michael, whose home is in Nebraska. The funeral took place on Sunday at one o'clock, with services in the M. E. Church, conducted by Rev. Thos. Harrison. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, the church was well filled. The remains were deposited in the new cemetery.

Conrad Pfenning Commits Suicide.
 About six o'clock on Tuesday evening, the dead body of Conrad Pfenning was found by one of his sons lying upon the floor in a room at his residence, in Grassy Fork township, near Euchretown. Upon a table close to his feet was a rifle, with a ramrod by its side. An examination of the dead man revealed a bullet hole in his forehead, about an inch above his left eye. All the circumstances indicated that he had committed suicide by shooting himself. It was evident from the position of the body and rifle that he had knelt or stooped by the side of the table and held the muzzle of the gun with one hand against his head, while with the other he grasped the ramrod and pressed the trigger with it, the ball entering his head, in which it lodged. His death must have been instantaneous. From the wound streamed a pool of blood, in which were fragments of the brain, showing that there was no movement of the body or head after he fell. Coroner Brown was dispatched for, who held an inquest upon the body, whose report will be found in our advertising columns. The deceased was a native of Nassau, Germany, whence he emigrated to America in 1847. He resided in this county for many years, and was an honest, straightforward man in all his dealings, and respected by all who knew him. Of late he was somewhat addicted to excessive drinking of hard cider, and at the time and for several days before his death was laboring under intoxication. His wife had left him some four or five weeks ago, but returned last Friday, when, finding him under the influence of liquor, again left. He had at different times said he would kill himself, though none felt apprehensive that he would carry his threats into execution. The last seen of him alive was about 11 o'clock on Tuesday, when he went to the residence of his son in the neighborhood, and received a bowl of soup from his daughter-in-law. She asked him to stay there and eat it, but he refused, saying he would take it home and eat it. He was 68 years of age. It is not known what induced him to destroy his life. Financially he was in good condition, being worth not less than \$5,000, and owed no man a dollar. Some think his domestic troubles made life a burden to him, while others think he still brooded over the killing of Adolph Ahl, whom, it will be remembered, he shot by mistake some 11 years ago.