

[Wilson, Birney M.]

Birney M. Wilson, 77, Lifetime Resident, Dies Thursday Afternoon

Birney M. Wilson, lifetime resident of Whitesville, died at his home last Thursday afternoon. Although he had been in failing health for over a year, he was not confined to his home until very recently.

Born in the Town of Independence, May 1, 1870, he was a son of the late Willis and Jane Barker Wilson. On April 6, 1890, he was united in marriage to Mary Darling, who survives, together with one son, Mark H. Wilson; a granddaughter, Marian Wilson Williams, and a niece, Mrs. Hettie Leach, all of Whitesville.

The deceased has always been active in business affairs in this community, at one time operating the B. M. Wilson Paint and Wallpaper store in the building which then housed the Wilson House, and which has now become known as the Barker Block.

He served for about 25 years as Deputy Sheriff of Allegany County and for one term of office served as Under-sheriff at Belmont. It was prior to this appointment that he disposed of his store, and upon his return from Belmont he dealt in real estate until 1927.

At that time he purchased the Moses share of the Moses and Wilson Store, operated by Carl Moses and Mark H. Wilson. The father and son business continued as Wilson and Company in the building which is now occupied by Clyde Newton, Moses and Wilson having purchased the business of Hr. Stadelman.

In 1928 Mark purchased his father's interest in the business and then later instigated an insurance business, which he continued until the time of his death.

He was a member of the local Universalist Church, a director of the Rural Cemetery, and a member of the Rod and Gun Club.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon from the late home, the Rev. Charles C. Thomas, pastor of the Universalist Church of Hornell officiating. Pall bearers were Mr. Harry J. Stadelman, of Hornell; Mr. W. W. Bush, Mr. F. Vanama Jones and Mr. Edison Brigham, Belmont, and Harold L. Bloss and Ronald Leach.

Burial was in Whitesville Rural Cemetery.

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