

Benuel Mast Obituary

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Mast.-Benuel Mast was born May 1, 1847, in Berks Co., Pa.; died Mar. 27, 1931, at the home of his son Emanuel, near Parkesburg, Pa. Grandfather was afflicted with dropsy for the past year, but was able to be about until January. He was living with his daughter when the house caught fire, burning the part in which grandfather lived. It destroyed all that was dear to him in this world, including his Bible and a book which he was writing and had almost completed. He never recovered from the shock. He always met us with a smile although conversing with him was difficult as he was deaf. He told his granddaughters a few days before he died that he and his Savior were walking hand in hand and he was only waiting for the call. He was conscious until about 10 minutes before he died, bidding his son and wife goodbye when he passed away with a smile. He was married Feb. 15, 1870, to Sarah Stoltzfus. To this union were born 3 children (Salome Hooley, Emanuel Mast, and Bishop I. S. Mast). The mother of these children passed away April 20, 1874. In 1893 he was again married to Rachel Spotts. To this union was born 1 daughter (Mary Dice). He also leaves 18 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, 2 sisters, and 2 brothers. Funeral services were conducted March 30 at the house by J. A. Kennel and at the Millwood Church by J. S. Mast and Amos B. Stoltzfus. Interment in Pine Grove Cemetery near Elverson, Pa.

"Dear grandfather, you are not forgotten,
Though on earth you are no more;
Still in memory you are with us,
As you always were before."