

Espy White Spencer Was Descendant Of Pioneers In County

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Espy White Spencer, whose death occurred on Friday, July 26th, at 2:30 p. m., at his late home at Wolf Run, after an illness of four months' duration, of complications following the flu, was born at the ancestral home, Grampian Hills, Penn Township, second son of Miles Sharpless and Lucy Griest Spencer, August 24, 1854. His grandparents, Joseph and Lydie Moore Spencer, were of the very earliest settlers in this locality, coming here from England in the early part of the 18th century. He grew to manhood on the farm, attending the schools of the County, and Lumber City Academy. His parents being Quakers, or Friends, he was reared in that faith, and continued a member of the church until his death.

In his early life he followed lumbering, marketing his timber in the Williamsport and Lock Haven markets. He knew most of the rivermen of that time. In 1883 he moved his family to Lawrence Township, buying the late Judge Clyde's farm. He continued to make this his home until the time of his death, with the exception of about four years he lived in Clearfield.

In 1885 he was elected to carry the mail from Clearfield to Karthaus, which he continued to do faithfully for eight years, this bringing him a wide acquaintance and business association. After this he continued in his farming and operating his coal

holdings, furnishing the Banta Refrigerator Company with coal for 16 years.

In 1875 he was united in marriage to Florence E. Hoover of Center, Lawrence Township, eldest daughter of William M. and Mary Glass Hoover. To this union seven children were born, three sons and four daughters. Surviving him are his wife and five children, Mrs. J. E. Conklin, Knoxville, Tenn.; Mrs. John W. Soult, Clearfield; L. E. Spencer, Albion, Pa.; Mrs. Ralph Shaw and J. K. Spencer, Clearfield, his eldest son having died in infancy, and his youngest daughter, Lafie, in 1918. He is also survived by four brothers, Irvin, E. A., Frank (of Grampian) and W. G. of Clearfield, ten grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; also two half-brothers and two half-sisters.

He was known as Espy to his large circle of friends and acquaintances, who knew him as a loyal friend and wise counsellor, always ready and willing to lend a helping hand. He was a loving husband and a kind father, his home his castle, and all who came there were made welcome. He had a keen mind and was a great reader; was well-informed on all topics of the day. In politics he was a Republican, deviating now and then when he deemed it the better course.

On March 11, 1925, Espy and Florence celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at their home, renewing on that day their marriage vows. They shared this joyous occasion with a large number of acquaintances and friends.