

**William S. Curtis**

**Obituaries**

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**Former Resident of This County Passes Away at Home in Parkersburg**

**William S. Curtis** answered the last at his home in Parkersburg last Friday, November 26, 1915, at the age of 51 years. He was afflicted with tuberculosis and had been in declining health for many months before the end came. Mr. Curtis was born in Roane County, June 30, 1864, and moved to Parkersburg twenty-seven years ago. The deceased was the son of Capt. William and Rebecca Curtis, both of whom have passed to the other shore. Capt. Curtis was killed in the battle at New Creek Station, W. Va. now Keyser, when William S., his youngest child, was but one month old. The son never saw his father. He is survived by Nathan Curtis of Spencer; and Rev. A. J. L. Curis of Barrickville, WV, brothers; and Mrs. Rulina Hardman of this city, a sister. His mother married again and P. H. S. Riddle of Curtis District, a half-brother, and Mrs. Thomas Sleeth of Looneyville and Mrs. Sophronia Wilt of Webster County, half-sisters, survive. The deceased was united in marriage while yet a resident of this county to a Miss (Hannah) Noffsinger. She passed away several years ago. The following children survive this union: Logan, Ellsworth and Mervin, sons; Miss Belva and Mrs. H. D. Stewart, daughters, all of Parkersburg. He was again married to Miss Florence Starcher, a Roane County girl of Zona, who died about two years ago.

Mr. Curtis was a hard-working, but upright and fearless man. He maintained a reputation for sobriety and honesty and was a faithful member of the Methodist-Episcopal Church. The remains were laid to rest in the Dills Cemetery on Sunday. Funeral services were held at the U.B. Church by Rev. Fred Slaughter.

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*(Submitted by Jo Ann Stephens)*