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Abraham Lincoln Frey (1861-1952)



Abraham Lincoln Frey was born on April 5, 1861, in Lancaster County Pennsylvania. He died on February 29, 1952, at age 90 in Pottstown, Montgomery County Pennsylvania. He is buried at the Mount Tunnel Cemetery in Elizabethtown, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. His wife was Sadie B. Rider-Frey who was born in 1864 and died in 1943. They had a daughter who passed away at the age of one year, six months in 1896 whom they are buried with. They also had two sons, Clayton R Frey (1886-1962) and Paul Rider Frey (1893-1979).¹

After a search of Pennsylvania newspaper archives using different variations of his name very few papers came up. And within that, it is hard to know which one is talking about him. The best source from the newspaper archives that was found was a short excerpt from the Mount Joy Bulletin which speaks of a Mrs. Stauffer who is the daughter of a Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Lincoln Fry from Elizabethtown. This information conflicts with the information found from the Find a Grave website in various capacities. In the Find a Grave source the daughter listed died before the age of two. This newspaper article also claims that Frey was named after the "Great Emancipator because he was born on the day the civil war ended." which once again conflicts with the information listed in Find a Grave. Frey was born in 1861, the civil war ended in 1865.

¹ "Abraham Lincoln Frey," Find a Grave, accessed May 28, 2024,

https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/172410045/abraham-lincoln-frey.

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