

James P. A. Rankin

Name:	James P. A. Rankin {LC - C,31,4}			Sex:	M
AKA:					
Birth Date:	1867	Place:	Pennsylvania		
Chr. Date:		Place:			
Death Date:	1895	Place:			
Burial Date:	1895				
Place:	Linesville Cemetery, Linesville Borough, Crawford County, PA				
Cause of Death:	drug overdose; abscessed tooth				



Events

- His obituary was published. From the Paul Henry Scrapbook at the Linesville Historical Society, page 16, column 1:
 The people of Linesville were never more startled by any event than in the announcement last Friday evening that James Rankin had died at his father's residence at 7:10 o'clock. He was around town most of the day greeting friends and in apparently good health. He had been employed as traveling salesman for Riddle, Graff & Co., Delaware, Ohio, tobacconists, and arrived home a day or two before Christmas to spend holidays at home. An ulcerated tooth so pained him that loss of sleep for two days induced him to use cocaine and in the hope of getting rest he took several doses of chloral during the day. At supper time he ate oyster soup as his throat had become irritated by medicine used on the tooth and the taking of solid food caused pain. He remarked that he would take his chloral medicine and try to get some sleep which he did and lay down upon the lounge. His mother was soon attracted by his hard breathing and at once went to him. He managed to inform her that he wanted the doctor but his heart failed him fast and he was past medical aid.
 James was a thorough druggist before he left his father's drug store to strike out for himself in different lines and as he had reached only the age of 27 years last month, his death casts a gloom over the community and the loss to the family seems harder than they can bear.
 James P. R. Rankin was the second son of Dr. G. T. Rankin, graduated in Linesville schools at the time his mother was a teacher. His pharmacist education was acquired under his father's tutorship. A few years ago he took charge of a drug business at Mer Rouge, Louisiana, and from there traveled to Peru, South America, coming home via San Francisco.
 The funeral was held at the home Sunday at 1 p.m. Burial in Linesville cemetery.

- Census Data: 1880, Linesville Borough, Crawford County, PA. Franklin Street, 193/196:
 G. T. Rankin, white male, 41, doctor, born PA
 Malvina J. Rankin, white female, 40, wife, keeping house, born PA
 John M. Rankin, white male, 18, son, doctor, born Mass?
 Mary G. Rankin, white female, 14, daughter, at home, born PA
 James A. Rankin, white male, 12, son, at home, born PA
 Jennie J. Rankin, white female, 10, daughter, at home, born PA
 Malvin C. Rankin, white male, 7, son, at home, born PA
 Edgar A. Rankin, white male, 5, son, at home, born PA
 Catharine Reed, white female, 65, aunt, housekeeper, born PA

Father:	Dr. George Taylor Rankin {LC - C,31,6}
Mother:	Malvina J. Andrews {LC - C,31,5}
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