

## Henry Hoffman

(1 Feb 1815 - 1 Feb 1854)

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### **Public Funeral**

Yesterday afternoon, a larger than ordinary assemblage of persons congregated together to witness the funeral of Henry Hoffman, who kept the public house, in 7th street, opposite to Centre Market, known as Hoffman's Hotel. The funeral procession which was very large consisted of the members of the German Benevolent Society, and of the Independent Order of Red Men, as well as the National Greys, to all of which the deceased belonged. The procession left the house about three o'clock p.m., and proceeded along Pennsylvania avenue in the following order:

The German Benevolent Society, headed by their banner; Marsoletti's Band; I.O.R.M., members of Tuscarora Tribe, members of Osage Tribe; Navy Yard Band; the National Greys in reverse order, the commanding officers in the rear; the hearse; carriages containing the relations and friends of the deceased.

The procession was a very long one, and extended a considerable distance up the avenue, there being over two hundred members of the German Benevolent Society present, and about the same number of the members of the I.O.R.M. These, together with the National Greys, and the carriages in the rear of the hearse, formed a very long line that attracted considerable curiosity as the procession passed along the avenue. The fineness of the day attracted out a large assemblage of spectators, many of whom were, undoubtedly, drawn thither by idle curiosity; but, there was, also a large number of persons who visited the house to see the remains of the deceased in the coffin, out of better motives. Indeed, the number of persons, that went up into the room where the coffin was placed, was very considerable, consisting most of females, so that the house was filled with people, who were moving up and down stairs for some hours before the funeral took place.

The corpse of the deceased was neatly dressed, extended in the coffin, and the whole arrangement did great credit to the undertaker, Mr. Buchley. The name of the deceased, his age, etc., were engraved on a silver plate, and it is a singular coincidence that he was just over 38 years of age at the time of his death, having died on the same day of the month on which he was born. The inscription on the plate having the following: Born February 1st, 1815. Died February 1st, 1854. Aged 38. The deceased was married man, but has left no family. The burial service was performed by Mr. Flaglin, of the German Lutheran Church.

Site purchased by Mrs. Mary Hoffman.