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FORMER BURGESS OF MORTON DEAD – Conrad K. Dolby, a Prominent Resident of the County, Has Passed Away – A Man of Affairs

Conrad K. Dolby, former Burgess of Morton, and one of the best known residents of Delaware County, died at his home in Morton about nine o'clock last night from pneumonia. He had been confined to his home for about a week and gradually grew worse. Death was not unexpected.

The deceased had been a resident of the county for years and has played a very prominent part in public affairs in the community in which he resided. In all sections of the county he had many friends and the news of his death brings sorrow to many.

Mr. Dolby was the son of the late Abraham and Catherine Kirk Dolby. He was born in Uwchlan, Chester County on February 16, 1833. He spent his boyhood days in that place and secured his elementary education at the public school.

At the age of seventeen he went to Philadelphia where he learned the trade of carpentering. Later he became a journeyman and afterwards located in West Philadelphia, where he entered upon the work of contractor and builder, and built up quite a business. From there he moved to Darby and later bought a store on Darby Creek at Heyville, this county.

In 1885 Mr. Dolby moved to Morton, where he resided up until the time of his demise. He operated a merchandise store in the central part of the borough, and also engaged in the real estate business. His store became a business center for the borough and a few years after the establishment was opened he had built up a large trade. He was formerly a stockholder in the Faraday Light, Heat and Power Company, which was taken over by the Suburban Electric Light and Power Company. He was a stockholder in the Media Title and Trust Company.

Aside from the interest which he built in the store, Mr. Dolby gave much attention to building and other accommodations in various parts of Delaware County. He organized the Morton Building and Loan Association, one in Folsom and participated in the formation of other similar companies. In all of his business contact he maintained a reputation in business dealing and for the purest of business methods.

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