

## The Calamities of Eusebius R Barnard



Newspapers from past centuries had a common practice of publishing local happenings, many of which would be considered odd or mundane by today's standards. Eusebius R Barnard (born November 2, 1840 - son of Eusebius Barnard), had several articles written about his unusual calamities over the decades.

At 25 yrs old, Eusebius was severely kicked by a horse outside the Fox Chase Tavern on his way to Philadelphia. He was

found lying on the ground, insensible.

Sixteen years later, while gaping widely, his jaw got locked open. Crazed with pain, those around him were terrified. His hired help rushed him by wagon to the local doctor where the jaw was reset.

Eusebius Barnard, farmer, was severely kicked by one of his horses, on Monday night last. He was on his way to Philadelphia market with a load of pork, and had stopped at the Fox Chase tavern. A gentleman, standing on the porch of the tavern, hearing a horse squeal, went out to see what was the matter, when he found Mr. Barnard lying back of the horse, insensible. The horse had struck him on the side of the face, near the temple, injuring him very severely. On Thursday evening last, at the 8 o'clock

In 1899, at 59 years old, Eusebius R slipped on a snow-covered step while exiting his road cart. He fell across the wheel, breaking a rib.

*Pocopson Paragraphs.*—About a week since, Eusebius R. Barnard, of Pocopson, made an effort to gape, when he opened his mouth so wide that he misplaced the jaw bone. Being unable to close his mouth, he could not communicate to any one the extreme pain that he suffered. Some thought he had gone crazy. He was placed in a wagon, and his hired man drove him to Dr. Parker's. During the drive, the hired man was extremely frightened, believing he had an insane passenger, as Mr. Barnard made violent attempts to get possession of the reins, on account of the colored man driving too fast. Upon reaching the doctor's, his jaw-bone was put in its proper position, so that Mr. Barnard could explain matters. He then returned home very much relieved.—We know of a party that will not rest for a new straw hat. The

**Eusebius Barnard Has a Fall.**  
Yesterday afternoon while getting out of a road cart Eusebius R. Barnard, of Lenape, slipped on the snow which was on the step and fell across the wheel, breaking one of his ribs. It is not certain whether there are other injuries or not. He suffers considerable pain.

Eusebius R Barnard died April 14, 1915, having suffered a recent stroke after 20 months of illness caused by a fall. Descendents of Eusebius R recalled him falling down the narrow stairs by his kitchen. Though all of us suffer calamities throughout our lives, Eusebius R Barnard's were both unique and played out in the local newspapers for everyone to see.

### Eusebius R. Barnard.

Eusebius R. Barnard, a lifetime resident of Pocopson township, died Seventh-day, 4th-month 17th, at 11.30 p. m., in the same house in which he was born, 11th-month 2d, 1840. He departed this life after an illness of twenty months, from a fall, which had impaired his health, followed by a stroke four days ago, causing his death in the 75th year.

He was a son of the late Eusebius and Sara Painter Barnard. He married Alta J., daughter of Mary J. and the late Eugene J. Downing.

He leaves to mourn his loss, besides his wife, Ida B., wife of A. W. Bally, of Pocopson, and Charles D., who resides on the home farm; four grandchildren and a brother, Enos P. Barnard, of Pocopson, who is the last survivor of eight brothers and sisters.

He was always interested in all progressive movements and in early life he assisted his father in the underground railroad work.

He received his early education in the local school, followed by a course in Fairville Seminary.

He was a birthright member of Marlborough Meeting of Friends and a member of Brandywine Grange, No. 60, but did not take an active part on account of his defective hearing.

For a number of years he was a Director of the Kennett Mutual Wind Storm Company and the Union Mutual Livestock Company, and for twenty years attended the Philadelphia Farmers' Market.

In politics he was Republican of the Progressive type, and at different times served as Supervisors, School Director and Treasurer of his township.