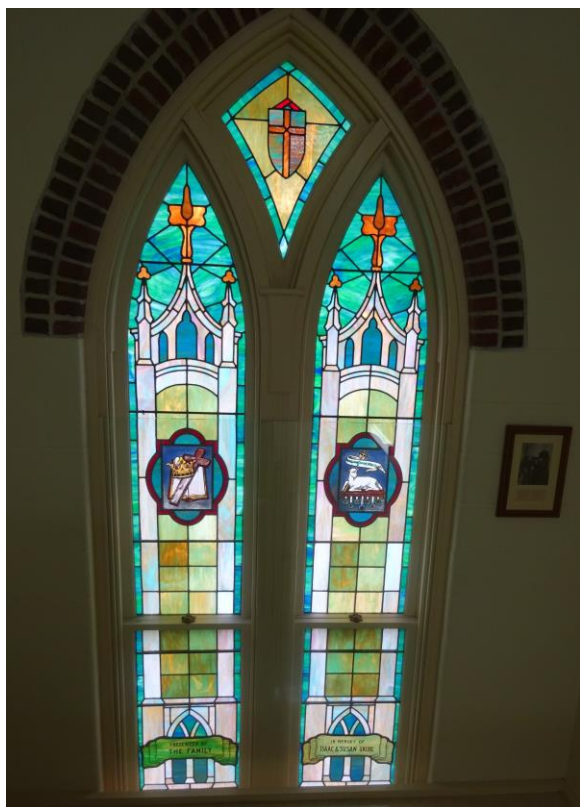


Exploring the Cemetery: Stained Glass 7



For the New Year, I thought that I would focus on the window that was, then wasn't, then was again.

In the back of the church, before construction of the education building and installation of the large doors leading to it, there was a window dedicated to Isaac and Susan Grube. Once removed, it was put in storage until construction of the accessibility addition.

At that time the window was removed from storage and placed in the front of the addition. Perhaps because of its time in storage and away from the elements, it is beautiful. If you are able to take the stairway surrounding the elevator, stop on the landing to admire it. Beside it is a photo of Isaac and Susanna that I have scanned and added here.

Isaac Grube (Aug. 29, 1831-Sept. 29, 1913) was the son of George and Elizabeth (Sawyer) Grube, both buried at Salem Lutheran at Kissel Hill. Susanna "Susan" Grube (Dec. 14, 1833-Sept. 1, 1909) was the daughter of John and Margaret (Weidman) Sheaffer who are also buried at Salem.

Isaac and Susan are buried in section 2 of the Rothsville cemetery, to the right of the road leading back to the section of single graves. They had nine children: Mary Grube Zwally; Douglas (who died in 1906 at age 46), Wayne, and Grant Grube (who died in 1878 at age 13); Ellen Grube Krafft, Fianna, Susan Grube McQuate; and Horace who died in 1900 at age 26.



I am also adding both of their obituaries from the *Lititz Record*.

Lititz Record, Sept. 2, 1909:
“Those who received their last summons: Death near Kissel Hill:

Susan, wife of Isaac Grube, died at her home near Kissel Hill on Wednesday, September 1, at 9:30 A. M., aged 75 years, 8 months and 17 days. She had been in ill health for several years, but only took to her bed on Tuesday suffering from bronchial troubles. Her maiden name was Shaeffer. She was born in Ephrata township and confirmed in the Kissel Hill Lutheran church in 1850, but later in life was united with the Rothsville Lutheran church. In 1856 she was married to Isaac Grube, the ceremony being performed at Lancaster by Rev. J. Strine. The couple had nine children--five sons and four daughters—three sons having died. Following are



the surviving children: Mary, wife of Daniel Zwalley, Rothsville; Ellen, wife of Edwin H. Kraft, Warwick; Fianna, at home; Susan, wife of Rufus McQuaite, Rothsville; Wayne, near Kissel Hill; George, Disston. Mrs. John Hoffer, of Akron, is a surviving sister. Besides the husband and six surviving children, the deceased leaves fourteen great and three great-great grandchildren. The funeral will take place on Saturday at 10 A. M. from the house, to proceed to the Rothsville Lutheran church for service and interment. Rev. D. A. Roth will officiate. The relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral.”

Lititz Record, Oct. 2, 1913:

“Death of Isaac Grube. Isaac Grube, a well-known resident of Rothsville, died on Monday evening at seven o’clock from the effects of a stroke of apoplexy, aged eighty-two years and twenty-nine days. In early life, deceased followed the occupation of farming and lived at Owl Hill. About two years ago he retired and had since lived at Rothsville. The following children survive: Mary, wife of D. B. Zwalley, of Rothsville; Wayne S., of Kissel Hill; Ellen, wife of Edwin Krafft; Susan, wife of Rufus McQuade, and Miss Fianna, of Rothsville; George S., of Disston, Fifteen grandchildren and four great-grandchildren also survive. The funeral will be held on Friday morning at 9:30 o’clock at the house, with interment in the Lutheran cemetery at Rothville. Rev. J. W. Bittner, of Lititz, will officiate.”