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Alpheus Clawson

((1819–1905))

Alpheus Clawson was a native of Hackettstown, born here in 1819, the eldest child of Jacob Clawson and his wife, Kesiah Titus. He was a carpenter and master builder in town for more than 50 years. His firm, Clawson & Hazen, along with the Stryker Brothers, build the first Centenary College Institute in 1869. The buildings were dedicated in 1874. He was also one of the 10 men who donated money and the ground for the buildings, campus and lawn.

He was married to Rebecca Goodrich and they had four daughters, Anna, Emma, Louella and Elizabeth (Lizzie). Clawson was a well respected member of the community and served two terms as mayor of Hackettstown, first in 1862 and again in 1871. He died on 17 February 1881. He and his wife Rebecca are buried in the Union Cemetery, Hackettstown.

Read more about Alpheus Clawson in J. Harold Nunn's book, *The Story of Hackettstown* available at the Hackettstown Museum.

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