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Jacob D. Flock
(1847–1935)

Jacob Divers Flock was born near Succasunna, New Jersey on his father's farm on 25 August 1847. His father, Mathias and his mother, Christine (Divers) Flock died in 1852 and 1849 respectively, leaving young Jacob and his siblings orphaned. Jacob spent his early years in Stillwater, NJ with his uncle, Jacob M. Divers and at the age of 8, he was reunited with his siblings in Jacksonburg (Blairstown) at the home of another aunt and uncle, John and Susan Flock.

Arriving in Hackettstown as a teenager in 1865, Flock worked in the general store on Main Street owned by W.L. and G.W. Johnson, beginning his business career.

On 28 September, 1869, Jacob married Katherine Drake. They had three daughters, Ella, Edith May and Rachel.

In 1874, in the former Shields Building at 153 Main Street, Jacob and Katherine Flock opened a ladies and gentlemen's clothing store. He moved to larger buildings over the years, eventually erecting The Flock Building on Main Street, which still stands today as a testament to his business acumen.

Flock was a well regarded member of the community and a respected business man. He served as the clerk of session at the Presbyterian Church for twenty-five years, was a member of the Board of Educations and served as a director of the Hackettstown National Bank for twelve years.

On 25 September 1935, Jacob Flock passed away at the age of eighty-eight. He and his wife are both buried in the Union Cemetery, Hackettstown.

Read more about Jacob D. Flock in the books, *The Flock Family* and J. Harold Nunn's *The People of Hackettstown*, both available in the Hackettstown Museum.

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