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Robert Rusling

(1812–1879)

Robert Rusling was born in Newburgh, New Jersey in 1812, the son of James Rusling and his wife, Hannah Frazer.


He was a very prominent businessman in Hackettstown. From 1841 to 1844, Rusling served as the town's postmaster. In 1853, Rusling was one of the original incorporators of the Hackettstown Aqueduct Company, which eventually became known as the Hackettstown Water Commission. He was a member of the first Board of Trustees of the Union Cemetery Association and a member of the first Board of Directors of the Hackettstown National Bank, which was established in 1855. In that same year, he also served as Mayor of the town.

Rusling was married to Mary McCracken. They had eight children - Frances (Fanny), James, Helen, Joseph, Robert Jr., Elizabeth and Mary Alice. Fanny was married to Caleb H. Valentine, Jr., another prominent citizen in Hackettstown.

Robert Rusling died in 1879. He, his wife and several of their children are buried in the Union Cemetery, Hackettstown.

Read more about the Rusling family in J. Harold Nunn's book, *The People of Hackettstown* available in the Hackettstown Museum.

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