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Rev. George Whitney

(1830–1913)

George Whitney was born in Georgetown, D.C. on 30 July 1830. As a young boy, his family moved to Washington, D.C. where at the age of seventeen, George became the city editor of the 'Daily National Whig'.

He was educated at Wesleyan Institute, Newark and graduated from Wesleyan University, at Middletown, Connecticut in 1858.

After positions as headmaster at Macedon Seminary and Oneida Seminary, George joined the Newark Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church and was stationed in Somerville, New Jersey. In 1869, George Whitney was chosen President of Centenary Collegiate Institute, Hackettstown. He supervised the construction of the building and began his duties as principal after the institute was finished and dedicated on September 9, 1874. He served as president of C.C.I. for nearly thirty years, from 1869 to 1895.

On 17 November 1858, Whitney married Carrie A. Sheppard, and they had one child, a son, Irving Sheppard Whitney. He later married Nettie French. They had two daughters, May Vincent Whitney and Bertha Hurst Whitney.

George Whitney died on 6 June 1913. He is interred in the Fairmount Cemetery, Newark, New Jersey.

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

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