

# ELGIN AYERS DEAD AFTER SHORT ILLNESS

Had Served Both Town and County  
in Public Offices.

The announcement last Saturday morning that Elgin Ayers had died suddenly, shortly after nine o'clock the previous night, was received by the community with regret, although the news came not as a surprise to his relatives and friends. It was known that he had suffered on several occasions serious attacks of illness and the family physician had given his warning of fatal results if care was not exercised.

Returning to his home a half hour before he died he was taken ill and the physician was summoned. Treatment was being given when the end came.

Mr. Ayers was born on a farm in Allamuchy Township, near here, being a son of John D. and Eliza McC. Ayers. He remained on the farm until twenty years old, and on learning the trade of carpenter and builder, he became a resident of Hackettstown, from 1883 to 1888, when he removed to Orange, continuing as a contractor and builder there for five years, returning to this place in 1893. For the past twenty-four years he had been engaged here along former lines.

As a builder, Mr. Ayers was a mechanic of exception ability and his contract work met with the approval of his patrons and won for him a good standing in the building line. No one ever questioned the honesty and integrity of Elgin Ayres.

While serving Hackettstown as its mayor in 1908, he also represented it for that year in the closing of a three-year term as a member of the Warren County Board of Freeholders. Previously he had served for several terms as a member of the common council and as constable. He was a charter member of Vigilant Hook and Ladder Company.

The deceased is survived by his wife, who was before her marriage Miss Elizabeth Dilley, of this place. Also by three brothers, George W. Ayers, of this place, and Henry and Archibald Ayers, of Orange.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at the house, with the Revs. John O. Sparnon and Francis A. Mason officiating. Interment was in the family plot in Union Cemetery.

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NAME: Elgin Ayers

DATE OF DEATH: December 13, 1918