

GEORGE WASHINGTON AYERS

George Washington Ayers, one of the oldest citizens of Hackettstown died at the home of his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ayers, on Sharp Street, Friday, January 9.

Mr. Ayers was 88 years of age on September 1, and has been a resident of Hackettstown since Nov. 6, 1886, and has been retired for a period of ten years.

Mr. Ayers was born at Quaker Settlement, September 1, 1849, the third son of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Ayers. When he was a young boy, he moved to Andover, then Stanhope and again to Chatham. While at Chatham he married Miss Lenwilla Wire, of Wiretown.

Originally, he learned the carpenter's trade, but as the work involved much heavy lifting, he changed his occupation to that of house painting and decorating, which he followed until he retired.

He was one of the oldest members of the M. E. Church.

The survivors are one daughter, Mrs. Harry G. Nolan, and three sons, Roscoe C., William H., and Fred R., all residing in Hackettstown, and several grandsons.

Funeral services were held at the Cochran funeral parlor, Wednesday, January 13, at 2 P. M. Rev. L. A. Martin, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, presided. Interment was in Hackettstown Union Cemetery.

Mr. Ayers was a direct descendant of John Eyers, the immigrant who came over on the ship "James," with other members of the Massachusetts colony in the year 1635.

One branch of the family came to New Jersey and took an active part in the Revolutionary war. The name has been spelled in numerous ways, but can be traced back to the English stock, spelled Eyre.

It was one of his ancestors who gave the plot of ground on which the Presbyterian Church still stands.

2 b. Sept. 1, 1848

d. Jan. 9, 1937

m. Sept. 24, 1870

Lenwilla Wire Ayers

b. 1852

d. 1920

Unknown newspaper - probably Hackettstown Gazette