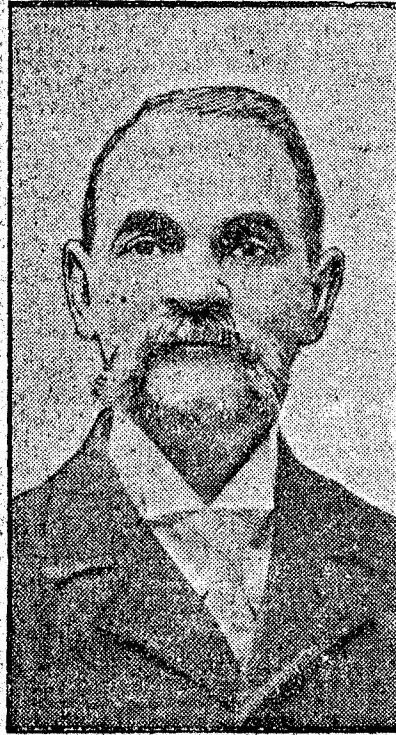


PROMINENT WARREN COUNTY MAN DIED LAST SUNDAY.

Hackettstown, Aug. 5.—(Special.)—Nelson Ayers, one of the most prominent farmers and business men of Independence township, died at his home, about two miles from here, Sunday morning, July 30, after an illness of several months.



NELSON AYERS.

from catarrh of the stomach. The ancestors of Mr. Ayers were among the early settlers of this vicinity. His great-great-great-grandfather, Obadiah Ayers, came from Aberdeen, Scotland, to this country about 1720, and settled at what is now Hackettstown. Ezekiel Ayers, his great-great-grandfather, who died in 1796, and was buried in the old Hackettstown Presbyterian Burying Ground, was an influential business man here about 1775. His great-grandfather, Ezekiel Ayers, Jr., and his grandfather, Robert Ayers, were wealthy landowners in Independence township from 1775 until 1835.

The deceased always lived in the township in which he died. Besides his widow, he is survived by three children—David, who resides on the homestead farm; George, of Plainfield, and Mrs. Walter L. Cook, of Newark. He was one of a family of twelve children, and his surviving brothers and sisters in this vicinity are Mrs. Jacob A. Shields and Andrew J. Ayers, of Hackettstown; Simon A. Ayers and Mrs. Louis Schenck, of Independence township.

At the time of his death Mr. Ayers was filling the position of supervisor of the macadam roads of Warren county, to which position he was appointed by the County Board of Freeholders about two years ago. Like his father before him he had filled many offices of trust in the township, of which he was a life-long resident. For several years he was a member of the Board of Freeholders and was most highly esteemed.

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