

## OBITUARY

ROBERT AYERS.

Robert Ayers died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. William Mott, at Markshoro, last Thursday night, at the age of 82 years. He had been in failing health for the past three years, and for six months has lived with his daughter. The funeral was held in the Vienna Christian church at 1 p.m. Monday. Interment in the new cemetery at Danville.

Robert Ayers was one of the most prominent residents of Independence township, where he resided nearly all his life. He was of sturdy Scotch descent, his great great-grandfather coming from Aberdeen, Scotland, about 1720. He was born on the farm of his father (Robert Ayers) in Independence, February 25, 1814; received a good common school education, until at the age of 24, when he entered his father's woolen mill at Whitehall. In 1841 he was given the large tract of land where he has since resided, near Petersburg, by his father. Later he bought adjoining farms and at one time owned 500 acres. Besides farming he went into several outside ventures, notably the raising of sugar cane from which he made molasses; and the propagation of carp, his extensive ponds being visited by people from far and near.

He was a very industrious man, progressive and liberal in his views, of strict integrity, and was justly considered one of the most popular men of his township. He was both elder and trustee of the Vienna Christian church, and its liberal supporter. As a life-long Democrat he filled various township offices and was for several years a Freeholder.

Mr. Ayers married Malinda, daughter of Jacob Cummins, on August 31, 1837. They had twelve children, two of whom are dead, viz.: Maria, wife of Daniel Vliet, of Hope, died September 12, 1864, and Maranda A., who died in 1885. The others are: Catharine, wife of Wm. Mott, of Markshoro; Harriet, wife of G. W. Lundy, of Johnsonburg; Jacob, now farming near Rolla, Missouri; Nelson, residing in Independence; Emma, wife of Jacob Shields, of Hackettstown; Justina, wife of Caleb Rogers, of Markshoro; Simon A., farming in Independence; Andrew J., living near Hackettstown; Isabella, widow of J. J. Craig, of Scepta; and Mary, wife of Louis Schenck, of Independence township. *Press.*

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