

OBITUARY

EX-MAYOR BEATTY DEAD.

An Autopsy that Reveals Conditions that May Have Caused Death.

Humanity Demands an Investigation.

The announcement of the death of Councilman Jacob H. Beatty in the State Hospital at Morris Plains last Friday afternoon was received with universal sorrow in this community which, in the face of the revelations of a post mortem examination, has given place to an indignation that demands vengeance. Every condition revealed and established vindicates the claim of Mayor Van Syckle that this honored citizen and official, in his unfortunate and pitiable mental and physical condition, was brutally beaten in a public institution, established and maintained by a State charity for the care and treatment of its unfortunate citizens.

The name and fame of Jacob H. Beatty is safe in the memory and hearts of his fellow-citizens.

He was born in Lebanon Township, Hunterdon County, sixty years ago last September and came to Hackettstown when a young man, and practically his whole active life has been lived here. He was a man of activity, enthusiasm and public spirit. His popularity was well deserved and most practically expressed in his repeated election as mayor and a member of the Common Council. There was no more loyal friend or charitable citizen than Jacob H. Beatty. His heart was in the right place and business reverses did not curdle the milk of human kindness. He was a man among men, sharing their pleasures, their successes, and he frequently, without flaunting it, reached beyond his cable tow to aid those whose condition of hardship appealed to his remarkably charitable disposition.

All men differ as to ways and means of accomplishing ends, but no one ever questioned the integrity of Jacob H. Beatty's public spirit or his desire and hope to make Hackettstown a bigger and better town. The enthusiasm of his optimism was contagious and in a material way Hackettstown is better because of his business and public activities.

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NAME: Jacob H. Beatty

DATE OF DEATH: March 2, 1906

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