

**Craig Blair, 82, Leather
Chemist Known Nationally**

Craig A. Blair, 82, Mine Hill Road, Hackettstown, died yesterday in Hackettstown Community Hospital after a long illness.

He was the founder of Blair Laboratory, Newark, N.J., in 1924. In 1937, he sold the laboratory, and it became Blair-Reed Laboratory, moving to New York City, where he became manager. In 1947, he continued as manager when the company changed to U.S. Testing Co. He retired in 1953 as a nationally known leather chemist.

Born in Plainfield, N.J., on July 22, 1895, he was a son of the late Adam and Martha Atchison Blair.

He moved to Hackettstown in 1937 from Irvington, N.J.

He was a member of the American Leather Chemistry Association, Cincinnati, Ohio, and the First Presbyterian Church, Hackettstown.

Surviving are his widow, the former Bertye Smith; a son, Thomas of New Berlin, Wis.; a brother, Adam of Bayhead, N.J.; a sister, Mrs. Margaret Wilmerding, Plainfield, N.J., and three grandchildren.

Services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Cochran Funeral Home, Hackettstown. Interment will be in Hackettstown Union Cemetery.

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Obituary,
Craig Blair,
Date of Death, May 1, 1977.