

HACKETTSTOWN MAN DEAD

Robert Q. Bowers Dies in Easton Hospital
Following an Operation for
Strangulated Hernia.

Robert Q. Bowers, a highly respected citizen of Hackettstown, died on Monday in the Easton Hospital, from heart failure, a few hours after a successful operation for a strangulated hernia. Mr. Bowers was born in Sarepta, Warren county, on March 3, 1830. When about 21 years of age, he was united in marriage to Elizabeth Kinneman, and five of the six children born to them survive: Mrs. Margaret Stitzer of Philadelphia, Mrs. Sarah Q. Lanson and Michael B. Bowers of Hackettston, Robert Q. Bowers, Jr., of Washington, and Mrs. Franklin H. Gulick of Philadelphia.

Mrs. Bowers died some years ago. His second marriage occurred about six years ago, to Mrs. Ketcham of Port Murray, who survives him, but is in poor health, having suffered a paralytic stroke several months ago. He is also survived by a brother, John C. Bowers of Kansas, and two half-brothers, Searing P. and George B. Bowers of Washington.

Mr. Bowers was a member of the Methodist church and was a trustee for many years. He was active in temperance work and served his town as a councilman. Mr. Bowers was one of the ten citizens to give a thousand dollars each and an acre of land for the location of Centenary Collegiate Institute here, and is the last but one to survive of the ten men. He has been a resident of Hackettstown for nearly fifty years and was engaged in the manufacturing of agricultural implements until a few years ago, when they only continued the foundry work and were agents for machinery.

The funeral services will be held from his late home on Willow Grove street Friday afternoon at 2.30, to be conducted by Rev. J. A. Owen, pastor of the Methodist church.

Genealogy File -
Bowers

Wilbur Bowers
grandfather

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Death of Robert Q. Bowers.

Robert Q. Bowers, one of our oldest and most prominent business men died at the Easton Hospital at 4 p. m. Monday afternoon, where he was taken that morning for an operation for internal strangulated hernia. The operation was successful. He came out from under the anesthetic and spoke to the attending physician at his bedside, but heart failure set in and the end came at 4 o'clock.

The deceased was born March 26, 1831. He was the son of Michael Bowers, who spent the greater part of his life near Washington, where he was proprietor of a foundry. During his boyhood days the deceased assisted his father on the farm and in the foundry. On attaining his majority he formed a partnership with his father in the management of the foundry near Washington, where he remained for six years. About 1858 he came here and purchased the foundry on Willow Grove street, of which he has since been proprietor and manager. He was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth P. Kinneman, of Washington, on July 1, 1852. They became parents of six children, five of whom are now living. Margaret the eldest of the family is the widow of the late J. H. Stitzer, of Philadelphia; Sarah, of this place, the widow of the late J. S. Lamson; Michael B., of this place, who has been associated with his father in the foundry business since 1878; Robert Q., Jr., near Washington; William, the youngest son, died when twenty-one years of age, and Laura, the youngest of the family is the wife of F. H. Gulick, of Philadelphia. Mrs. Bowers died December 21st, 1898. Mr. Bowers was identified with the Methodist church in which he has been a steward and trustee for many years. About six years ago he married Mrs. William Ketcham, of Port Murray, who survives him.

Funeral services will be held at the house this (Friday) afternoon at 2 p. m. His pastor Rev. J. A. Owen officiating. Interment in the family plot in Union cemetery.

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