

Death of Dr. John S. Cook.

Dr. John S. Cook, one of the oldest and most competent physicians in this section of the State, died at his home on Mill street at 5:30 Monday morning, after an illness of about ten days, from acute gastritis.

John S. Cook was the fifth son of Dr. Silas C. Cook. He was born at Stewartsville, this county, June 19, 1827, and after a preliminary academic training at Hackettstown, entered Lafayette College, Easton, Pa., in 1843. In 1846 he entered the senior class of Union College, Schenectady, N. Y., where he was graduated in 1847.

Soon after graduation Dr. Cook commenced the study of medicine at Easton, Pa., with his father, with whom he remained three years. During this period he attended two courses of lectures at the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania, in Philadelphia, and was graduated from that institution with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1850. He at once entered upon the practice of his profession at Hackettstown, where he has since remained—a portion of the time being in partnership with his brother, the late Dr. Lewis C. Cook.

Dr. Cook was the oldest practicing physician in this place, and enjoyed a large and remunerative practice. He was recognized as an intelligent and able practitioner, of good judgment, careful in diagnosis, and skillful in the application of remedies to meet the requirements of his cases.

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Dr. Cook was married in 1855 to Georgiana, daughter of Richard and Mary A. Lewis, of Worthington, Ohio, and the union was blessed with eight children, six of whom are living: Dr. Richard L., of Dover; Silas C., of New York; Dr. William F., of Beconton; and Misses Helen B., Mary, and Catharine P. at home. John C. died a few years ago, and George in infancy.

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