

JACOB DAY

Born. 6-2-1789 in Succasunna, Morris County, New Jersey; d. 11.18.1873, Hackettstown, Warren County,

New Jersey. OBITUARY: Mr. Jacob Day was probably the oldest man in this vicinity and today his friends pay him the last sad rites as he is sacredly placed in Union Cemetery. He was born in Succasunna, Morris County, on 2nd day of June, 1789, and resided there until the year 1812 when he moved to Hackettstown and took possession of the house on the corner of Main and Center Streets, now belonging to W. L. and G. W. Johnson. He commenced building, where J. H. Curtis' house now stands, and by industry and integrity of purpose was successful land won the confidences of the people. He connected himself with the Hackettstown Presbyterian Church at this time, and son, thereafter, was ordained Elder, which position he always filled in an acceptable manner. In 1818 he and ex-governor Vroom, (who died on the same day) established the first Sunday School in this region, in the old yellow house known as the Grear property, the site on which now stands the house of Mrs. Van Sriver. In 1820 he built an addition to his shop and inverted it into a dwelling house, and purchased the place where Mr. Thomas McCracken's house stands and used that as a shop. About this time he dug the famous well so well known by everyone in town. In 1842 he moved to his farm near this borough where he has since resided. He has been spared to his family; many years has exerted a good influence in the community living on an upright consistent Christian life and doing good wherever it was his opportunity so to do. Jacob Day died November 18, 1873.