

## OBITUARY

### Almost a Nonagenarian.

Silvain B. Down, one of the oldest residents of this place, passed quietly away last Friday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. For a long time he has been a patient sufferer from senile gangrene in the foot.

He was born in this place February 9th, 1801, and hence was 88 years old. Here he spent the early years of his life. In 1821 he married his first wife, Lenna Sharp, by whom he had seven children. Five children survive him, two sons and three daughters, Charles S., of this place; Jacob N., of Newark; Mrs. Samuel B. Osman, Mrs. Newton Blackwell, of Hackettstown; and Mrs. H. M. Cherry, of Burlington. In 1840 he moved to New Brunswick. After living there some time he returned to Hackettstown. In 1852 he moved to Newark, from there he went to Burlington, returning to Newark in 1873, where he resided until about five years ago, when he moved to this place to spend the rest of his long life.

On December 31st, 1855, he married Elizabeth Ward, his second wife, who survives him. There were no children by this wife.

Mr. Down has from his early life been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, having united with it in the days of its struggles for existence, and has always been an earnest and consistent Christian gentleman. In his last illness he found in his religion great comfort in his intense and prolonged suffering. In his death the church loses one of its brightest examples of a pure Christian life, but through it is seen a verification of the truths of the Divine Word.

The funeral services were held at his late residence, on Willow Grove street, Tuesday afternoon, Rev. D. B. F. Randolph officiating. Interment in the Union Cemetery. Mr. Charles Downs, only living brother of the deceased, and now in his 81st year, who resides at Hawley, Pa., was in attendance at the funeral.

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NAME: Down, Silvain B.

DATE OF DEATH: January 11, 1889