

OBITUARY

JOHN AYERS DRAKE PASSES TO LAST REST

Mrs. Clifford Heath Passes Away After Lingerin*g* Illness.

John Ayers Drake, of 209 Joralemon street, Belleville, a descendant of his namesake who built one of the first houses in Hackettstown, and of the illustrious Sir Francis Drake, died late Thursday, May 25, at St. Barnaba's Hospital, Newark, on his 55th birthday.

Mr. Drake, for thirty years prominent in the national activities of the Royal Arcanum, was taken suddenly ill a week ago. He was grand secretary and a member of the supreme council of the order. He was a member of Woodside Council, of Newark. He was also a Son of the American Revolution, a descendant of Obadiah Ayers.

Born in Hackettstown, Mr. Drake spent his youth here and later carried on the manufacture here of heaters which were the invention of his father. He lived afterwards in Newark many years and for seven years in Belleville.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. May S. Drake. Funeral services were held at the home Sunday at 4 p. m. Rev. O. Bell Close, pastor of the Fewsmith Memorial Presbyterian Church, of Belleville, officiated. Burial was in Union Cemetery, Hackettstown.

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