

WILLIAM H. DRAKE

William H. Drake died early last Sunday morning at his home after a long illness from paralysis. Mr. Drake was first-stricken in October 1903, on a street car in Newark and he has been an invalid since. About a week ago he suffered the second stroke and another on Friday.

Mr. Drake was the son of the late William and Rachel Axford Drake and was born near Townsbury sixty-one years ago last May. When a boy four years old he moved with his parents to the Drake farm in Morris county, now the property of the deceased. Many years later his parents retired from the farm and moved into town. They built and occupied for several years what is now the Benbrook house on Moore street.

The deceased married Miss Adaline Ayers and their married life has been spent in the house where his death occurred.

In 1887 Mr. Drake began to manufacture steam heaters and erected a foundry in the rear of his residence. He made many improvements on his original heater and the business rapidly increased. In 1893 he opened an office in Newark to handle his increasing business which is now in charge of his son, John A. Drake.

Several years ago the deceased purchased the homestead farm, upon which he has spent much money and brought it to high state of cultivation.

Besides his widow and son he is survived by a brother, Richard V. Drake, of Orange, and three sisters, Mrs. Josiah Ketcham, of Independence township; Mrs. Adaline Dufford, of New York City, and Mrs. J. D. Flock, of this place. He was a member of Independence Lodge, F. and A. M., and of De Molay Commandery of Washington.

Funeral services were held at his late residence yesterday afternoon. Dr. Martyn officiating. Interment in the family plot in Union cemetery.

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NAME: William H. Drake (born 1852)

DATE OF DEATH: August 24, 1913