

## OBITUARY

### **John Milton Everitt.**

Hackettstown has known no more unassuming, no man of stricter business integrity than John Milton Everitt, who died at his home on Sharp Street last Saturday night. To the men who touch elbows in the struggles and activities in life it is always well to remember that accumulation does not always measure success or the lack of accumulation mark failure. To have lived a life of helpful industry, to have touched other lives helpfully, to have had the sanctuary of home, to have loved and sacrificed, to have met life's problems hopefully and bravely, to have charted one's life by the Golden Rule, to have whistled and not whined at the handicapper, to have lived up to one's own standards rather than down to another man's fear is a credit not found on the bank-book. That is the record a community that knew and respected our friend has written on an invisible tombstone.

John Milton Everitt was the son of Elijah Everitt and Jane Moore. He was born in Hackettstown on December 6th, 1843. He learned the trade of harness making in the shop of George and William Johnson under William Metler. In 1868 he opened a shop and salesroom of his own and was continuously engaged in that business at the time of his death. He took up the study of veterinary practice and began his practice in 1882 as a member of the New Jersey Veterinary Society. He was appointed Health Inspector of the town in 1897, serving four years, doing especially efficient work during the smallpox epidemic. He was elected a member of the Common Council in 1910 and continued a useful member of that body at the time of his death, and was an unopposed candidate for re-election. He was a member of the State Board of Health at the time of his death, by appointment of Governor Fielder.

His last illness covered a period of six weeks, but there were heart complications that science could not reach.

He is survived by his wife, two sons and a daughter, and by his sister, Mrs. Paul, of Moore Street, and (a brother) Alexander Everitt of Phillipsburg. Funeral services were held from the home on Wednesday, Dr. Martyn officiating, with interment in Union Cemetery.

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DATE OF DEATH: October 28, 1916