

OBITUARY

Death of James M. Hance.

At three o'clock, Wednesday morning, one of the oldest and most respected citizens of Vienna passed peacefully away to his last home—James M. Hance. The deceased has suffered greatly for the past two years with asthma and was also troubled with heart disease. The fatal illness began a couple of weeks ago with an attack of the grip which soon took a serious turn. Mr. Hance was born near Beattystown, on December 12, 1807, and lived there forty-eight years. In 1835 he married Frances Stewart, daughter of Samuel Stewart, by whom he had one son, Henry Hance, who is now a commission merchant of Chicago, Illinois. His wife died a few years after their marriage and in 1844 he married Emmeline Emery, with whom he lived happily till the time of his death. He had five children by his last wife. Mary, wife of Robert Ayres, Jr., died some years ago, and William died of the Plymouth fever that was so fatal in Plymouth a few years since. Three children are still living, Elizabeth, wife of Lewis Merrell, of Vienna, and John and Edwin of Wilkes-Barre. When a young man Mr. Hance bought the Beattystown grist mill in partnership with William Martin. He followed the milling business till 1855 when he sold out and bought a farm near Vienna. He followed farming until 1870 when he sold his farm to Patrick Larkins and John Dunn and moved to Vienna, where he resided at the time of his death. Mr. Hance was an active and successful business man during his business career and honest and upright in all of his dealings. He was a type of the old school gentleman, kind and affable and always companionable. His mental faculties remained unimpaired until his death. He was a great reader and took an intelligent interest in passing events. The funeral services will be held at his late residence on Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Interment in the Hackettstown cemetery.

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NAME: James M. Hance

DATE OF DEATH: January 24, 1894