

OBITUARY

On Friday morning last, shortly after eight o'clock, George Haszen, one of our best known and well esteemed citizens, dropped dead as he entered the old steam saw-mill, on Liberty street, the place of his active business for many years. The cause of his death was heart disease. His remains were speedily conveyed to his home on High street, the attendant physicians and coroner deeming a view inquest unnecessary.

Mr. Haszen was born in New Brunswick in 1829, and was 56 years old on Aug. 10. When but six years old, he, with his mother, became inmates of the family of Benjamin Leeder, of this place, his mother's brother.

He learned his trade as a carpenter with Clawson & Vanatta. In 1856 he entered into partnership with Alfred Clawson, and then first was known the firm of Clawson & Haszen. In 1858 this firm erected the large steam mill on Liberty street, and, in 1859, were the contractors who built the Presbyterian church. This partnership continued until 1865, when Alfred Clawson stepped out, and Alpheus Clawson became the partner, the firm name remaining the same. In 1868-9, the firm, in connection with Stryker Bros., built the Institute, and for a series of years were engaged in most of the building improvements about our town. Two years ago, the firm stopped active business at the mill, although the partnership had never been dissolved until his death. Mr. Haszen had since been engaged in special work at his trade, and about two years ago was hurt by a piece of timber thrown against him, while working with a circular saw. From this shock he seemed to have entirely recovered and was apparently enjoying the best of health at the time of his death.

In politics, he was a steadfast Democrat, and many times was elected to office. He was a member of our town Council seven times, between the years 1856 to 1866, and twice during that period was also Street Commissioner. In 1867, he was elected Freeholder, and held that position until 1874. In 1875 he was again elected Councilman, and was a member for eight out of the ten years since passed, was President of the Council for the last six of his years of service and at the time of his death. During his many years of service, he was recognized as a sound and conservative officer, and a common-sense manager, with reference to our town and county's best interests.

In 1853, he married Rebecca J. Moore, of this town, by whom he was the father of six children, three of whom died at an early age. His son William died in December, 1883, aged 25, and he leaves surviving him his widow and a son, John H., and a daughter, Lizzie, both adults.

The funeral took place at his late residence on Monday, at three o'clock p.m., and was largely attended, the remaining six Common Councilmen acting as pall-bearers. Rev. Alex. Proudfit, late pastor of the Presbyterian Church, preached the funeral sermon.

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NAME: George Haszen

DATE OF DEATH: September 11, 1885