

# Alexander Heath

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Automobile Mishap Results Fatally

Alexander Heath Dies From Injury Sustained Monday Night

What were supposed to be minor injuries caused the death on Tuesday about noon of Alexander Heath of Liberty St. They were sustained Monday night in a accident on Penwell Hill between this place and Washington, when he fell from the automobile of Lewis L. Carpenter of this place. Carpenter and Heath had been to Easton when returning home when they were blinded by the glare of headlights on an approaching automobile while descending the steep grade on Penwell Hill. In a effort to avoid being struck, Mr. Carpenter who was driving turned sharply to the right and ran into the ditch along the highway. The door of the car either sprung open or Mr. Heath opened it in order to jump landed on the roadway while the car continued further on a few yards, striking the bank and upsetting.

The driver of the other car stopped and the occupants aided in righting the Carpenter car. Mr. Heath apparently felt no serious effects from his fall and accompanied Carpenter to Hackettstown. Upon arriving home he did not think it necessary to call a physician and retired. Early Tuesday morning he lapsed into unconsciousness and remained so until his death.

Dr. George W. Cummings, county physician, was called and after examining the body gave as his opinion that death had been caused by a fracture of the skull. His verdict was accidental death. A bruise on his hip and a slight abrasion on the knee were the only visible marks on Mr. Heath's body.

Carpenter's car, a new Hudson coach, was badly damaged, the body being torn away on one side. He escaped without injury.

Mr. Heath was sixty one years of age and had spent his entire life in this vicinity. For the last several years he had been employed by the American Saw Mill Machinery Company in the blacksmithing department. His immediate survivors are his widow and three daughters; Mrs. George Engroff, Mrs. William Cronin and Mrs. Harry Kay all of this place. Funeral services will be held this afternoon at 2:30 Rev W.R. Neff, pastor of the Trinity Methodist Church will officiate. Internment will be in the Union Cemetery.

NOTES (by Stewart Woolever):

He was married to Sarah B. Johnson.

He was b-August 5, 1862

Sarah B. Johnson was the daughter of Alfred Johnson & Sarah Elizabeth Willever-Woolever