

OBITUARY

GEORGE W. JOHNSON.

It is with deepest regret that we are called upon to chronicle the death of Mr. George W. Johnson, which occurred at his residence on Washington street, Thursday noon, October 24th.

The deceased had enjoyed his usual good health until Saturday night, when alarming symptoms developed themselves, and the disease was finally pronounced by the attending physician to be inflammation of the bowels from traumatic causes. The deceased was seen upon our streets transacting business last Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Johnson was born in the old Johnson homestead on Main street, November 25th, 1819. He was 69 years, 10 months and 29 days of age. The deceased attended public school in his youth, in the house now occupied by the William D. Mettler family. In 1833 Mr. Johnson became a member of the Presbyterian Church and was a consistent member and regular attendant until his death. For many years he was an elder in the Church. In 1835 he went to Newark and spent about four years clerking in dry goods houses. In 1838 his brother William engaged in the harness business where the present Johnson's store is located. Mr. G. W. Johnson assisted and learned the trade. In

1838 the present store building was built by them. In 1848 they increased their business, branching out into the dry goods, groceries and hardware lines. It may be noted that they sold the first merchantable iron and wagon tires ever brought to this place. For many years the firm of W. L. & G. W. Johnson was the leading business house in this town. This partnership continued about thirty-nine years.

Mr. Johnson was a director in the Hackettstown National Bank for several years. He was also a member of the water board. He was the most prominent person in securing the grounds for the location of the Union Cemetery. He carried the subscription list and secured the required amount to purchase the present grounds. For a long time he has been an officer in the Cemetery Association and at his death was secretary. For many years he was Superintendent of the Presbyterian Sunday-school.

During the panic of 1873-77, the partnership which had continued the many years was dissolved, Mr. Johnson retiring from the mercantile business and has since acted as agent for various insurance companies.

In his death the Church is bereft of an honorable member; the community of a valuable citizen and in his home will he be missed by a devoted wife, children and grand children.

Funeral services from his late residence on Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

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NAME: George W. Johnson

DATE OF DEATH: October 24, 1889

(Born in Hackettstown November 25, 1819)

(Married Nancy Ayers on October 9, 1849)