

## OBITUARY

### William L. Johnson Passes Away.

Another one of the old land marks has passed away in the person of William L. Johnson. He had been an invalid for some years past, being almost entirely helpless from rheumatism. For some weeks past he had been gradually failing and the end came Thursday morning. The deceased was the oldest son of Jesse Johnson, who settled in this place in 1812. In early life he learned the harness making trade. In 1838 William and his brother George, lately deceased, built the present store building and about ten years later they engaged in a general mercantile business. From a small beginning the business grew and for years the old firm of W. L. & G. W. Johnson did the largest business in this section. For the last half century the deceased took a deep interest in all the public improvements connected with this

place. He was one of the prime movers in having the borough incorporated. He also took an active part in securing a charter to establish our bank. It was through his energy that the Cemetery Association was formed, also our water works. He was a great friend to our public school and in many ways assisted and encouraged it. He was also interested in the Furnace Company, also in the Hackettstown Mutual Fire Insurance Company. He was one of the persons who donated land and money in order to have the Seminary located here. The deceased and his brother George, who died October 34, 1889, were closely connected in all their business relations that the history of one is the history of the other. Many of the advantages that we enjoy to-day are due to the forethought of the deceased. He has been a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church from early boyhood. Funeral services will be held at his late residence Saturday afternoon at four o'clock.

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NAME: William L. Johnson

DATE OF DEATH: June 25, 1891

(Born in Hackettstown November 8, 1817)

(Married Catharine Trimmer on September 30, 1841)