

John Karr.

Saturday morning John Karr passed away at his Grand avenue home after a short illness caused by the infirmities of old age.

Mr. Karr was a native of Karrsville and was born in 1844. At an early age he moved to Illinois with his father, Mark Karr. The family returned during his early manhood, and he accepted a position as clerk with the firm of W. L. and G. W. Johnson and became a member of G. W. Johnson's family until he entered into a partnership with Thomas Shields and opened a general merchandise business under the name of Shields and Karr in the building now occupied by the Peoples National Bank, where they continued until the business was taken over by George A. Beatty.

Mr. Karr then entered into the electrical contracting business which he followed for a number of years, being instrumental in bringing the electric lighting system to Hackettstown, Washington and other municipalities throughout the south and west. Later, he and his son purchased the coal yard of S. C. Larri-son, which they conducted for a number of years and sold to the Hackettstown Coal & Lumber Co., since which time he has been retired.

In 1871 he was married to Miss Jennie Shields, daughter of William Shields of Washington, who with one daughter, Mrs. Anna Baltzly of Muncie, Ind., and one son, James S. Karr, of town, survive him.

The funeral took place from his late home Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. J. W. Martyn, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, officiated, assisted by Rev. J. K. Freed, pastor of the Beattystown Presbyterian Church. Interment was in Union Cemetery.

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