

# George W. McPeak Dies.

## Served as Magistrate

HACKETTSTOWN — George W. McPeak, who served as the first municipal magistrate of Washington Township in Morris County from 1947 to 1959, died Sunday at the Hackettstown Community Hospital. His age was 90.

John and Charles, both of Drakestown. His wife, the former Rachel B. Tellem, died in 1951, and another son, George W. Jr., also is deceased.

Services were held at 2 p.m. today at the Cochran Funeral Home, High Street, Hackettstown, Baccantini and the Mt. Olive Cemetery.

Mr. McPeak, remained at home until recently at his farm home on Route 46, east of Hackettstown at the foot of Budd Lake Hill. He is recalled as the last of the old-time farmers in this vicinity who still maintained a team of horses for his field work and was seen frequently over the years driving his wagon.

Born at Drakestown on December 17, 1877, he was a son of the late John and Magdalene Waterfield McPeak. While he still lived at Drakestown he served four years in the now-discarded elective post of "surveyor of high-ways" for Mt. Olive Township. He also worked several years as a steamfitter at Bartley.

### Justice Of The Peace

Mr. McPeak moved to the Route 46 farm in Washington Township after his father bought the property in 1903 and became the owner after his father's death.

He was elected justice of the peace in Washington Township in 1922 and a short while later also became the municipal "recorder." He held both those posts until the new State Constitution was ratified in 1947 and the positions were abolished. He was then appointed municipal magistrate, serving 12 more years before he resigned at the age of 82.

Mr. McPeak recalled in an interview on his 92nd birthday that there were few houses east of the Musconetcong River when he moved to his farm in 1903. In more recent years, portions of the farm were sold for the A&B Market, Robert Hall clothes, the Phillips 66 service station and the Four Oaks Motel, formerly Hackettstown.

Surviving are two sons, Leonard and William S. McPeak, who continue to operate the farm; a daughter, Miss Anna B. McPeak, also at the home; and two brothers,

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Date of Death,  
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