

## OBITUARY

# Wm. C. Merrell Succumbs At 94

Town's Oldest Merchant  
Was In Business 45 Yrs.  
Before Retirement

William C. Merrell, 94, oldest retired merchant in Hackettstown, died last night (Wednesday, January 9, 1946) after a long illness at the home of his daughter, Mrs. James Karr, of 123 Washington Street.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 2 p. m. from the Karr home. The Rev. Andrew M. Sebben of First Presbyterian Church will officiate. Burial will follow in Hackettstown Union Cemetery.

### In Business 45 Years

For 45 years Mr. Merrell was associated with a general store at 145 Main Street, site of the present Royal Scarlet Market. J. E. Hoffman, owner of the store, employed Mr. Merrell for 15 years as a clerk, then took him in as a partner in the business. After 15 years in this capacity, Mr. Merrell took over sole ownership and operated the business for 15 years until his retirement in 1922.

Born in Stewartsville, Mr. Merrell was raised in Mt. Bethel and moved to Vienna when he was 21. He worked five years in a general store there before coming to Hackettstown.

Mr. Merrell and the former Miss Emma Stiff were married 67 years at the time of her death last July. Three children survive: Mrs. Karr, Kenneth of Trenton and Justin S. of Hightstown. There is one grandchild.

Mr. Merrell was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and for 50 years had been a member of Independence Lodge No. 42, F. & A. M.

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