

Death Came Wednesday Afternoon to Distinguished Citizen.

The funeral of Lewis Merrill, who was considered a splendid type of the farmer and business man, will be held tomorrow afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, standard time, at his late home in Vienna. Rev. C. R. Hamlin, pastor of the Danville Presbyterian Church, will officiate, assisted by Rev. N. P. Crouse of Stanhope, a former pastor, and Rev. E. C. Hall of Vienna. Interment will be in Pequest Union Cemetery at Great Meadows.

Mr. Merrill was a son of John P. and Maria F. Merrill and was born in Danville, now Great Meadows. He celebrated his eighty-fifth birthday April 14 last. On December 4, 1867, he was married to Miss Elizabeth Hance, who survives him with these children, one son and two daughters: Frank Merrill, Miss Bertha Merrill and Mrs. Grace Merrill Balmoos, all of Vienna. Mr. and Mrs. Merrill celebrated on Dec. 4, 1917, their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Mr. Merrill's early education was in a private school in Belvidere, conducted by a Mr. Lanning. For two years, 1857-1859, he was enrolled at Blair Hall, which was followed by one year's preparation for entrance in Princeton College, from which he graduated in 1862. He came back to the homestead farm at Vienna and in 1863 his first public office of trust, that of township clerk, was reposed in him. This was before Alamuchy and Independence Townships were separated. At the opening of the Civil War he was interested with the activity of farmers used to secure substitutes or substitutes. Continuing in public duty he was chosen to serve Independence Township as a member of the Warren County Board of Freeholders for two years, which was succeeded as county collector for seven years. His longevity of service was rendered the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Warren County as secretary for twenty-seven years, advanced age and physical infirmity demanding his resignation April 1, 1920. In every official duty Mr. Merrill gave the best that was in him, and being a man of fine intellect, quick thought and foresight, his service was that of a faithful steward.

OVER

The Hackettstown Gazette: May 2, 1924

NAME: Lewis C. Merrill

DATE OF DEATH: April 30, 1924