

## OBITUARY

Through death another of our long-time merchants and most favorably known residents has been removed in the person of John O. Park. Although it was known that he was in ill health his death came with a large degree of startling suddenness to many of his large circle of friends. His death was due to uremia, which attacked him with a severity that indicated fatal results from the beginning. Tuesday of last week he was at his store and the bank, but his physical condition indicated that he was a sick man. That night he was stricken with symptoms that threatened quick fatality and he was removed on Wednesday to the Correll Hospital in Easton, where it was hoped an operation to have been performed on Friday might stay the end and give relief. But death came shortly after five o'clock Friday morning.

Mr. Park was among the oldest of our merchants, a man of energy, aggressiveness and reasonable measure of success. His mercantile career in Hackettstown covered a period of more than thirty-five years, a large portion of which was spent in the Grand avenue storeroom he occupied until his death. Perhaps his most active interest outside his home and business was his connection with the Methodist Episcopal Church. For many years he had been a personal influence in the North Hackettstown Methodist class, which a dozen years or so ago became the North Hackettstown Union Mission, and his interest and concern remained active and supporting. He gave freely, liberally and willingly of his time and means.

None of the older business men of this place were more favorably known or commanded a higher degree of personal confidence and esteem than Mr. Park. His faith in friendship and loyalty to duty needs no comment from the Gazette to its readers. His only desire is to voice a sincere personal admiration of his honorable and conscientious relations of life to the old town he had adopted and which had adopted him.

Mr. Park was sixty-six years old. He is survived by his wife and four children, who are William A., of Port Morris; Arthur J., of Phillipsburg; Mrs. John Jensen of Rochester, N. Y., and Mrs. Harry H. Cull of Hackettstown. To them his death is a profound sorrow and the major link of the chain of family ties has been severed.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in Trinity M. E. Church, conducted by the pastor, Rev. C. J. Hoyt assisted by Revs. Martyn and Mason of Hackettstown and Rev. VanNatta of near Philadelphia. Special vocal selections were rendered by Mrs. Enslin and Mrs. Hartman and by "Bennie" Locke, a personal friend of the deceased. Interment was in Union Cemetery. Mr. Park was a member of the Masons and the Odd Fellows.

The Hackettstown Gazette: June 18, 1920

NAME: John O. Park

DATE OF DEATH: June 11, 1920