

Marvin Shields, 80, Expires In Hospital

Clothing Merchant Here
For 58 Years Before
Retiring In '44

Services were held here at the Cochran Funeral Home Monday afternoon for Marvin Shields, 80, clothing merchant in Hackettstown for 58 years prior to his retirement in 1944, who died at 5:30 Friday afternoon, May 2, 1947, at Morris-town Memorial Hospital. He had been removed to the hospital in the local ambulance last Wednesday after an extended illness at his home, 110 High Street.

Born here on August 15, 1866, Mr. Shields was a son of Thomas and Matilda Larue Shields. Upon his graduation from Centenary Collegiate Institute in 1886 he went in the merchant tailor business his

father had founded in 1865 at Main Street and Grand Avenue, where the store is still situated. Upon his father's death in 1895 Mr. Shields took over the business, expanding to include a complete line of men's furnishings. He continued until his retirement in the spring of 1944 when Atwood Axford, who had been with him many years as a clerk, took over the proprietorship.

Mr. Shields formerly was president of the Hackettstown Building and Loan Association. He was a member of the Hackettstown Club and a member of Independence Lodge No. 42, F. and A. M.

His wife, Mrs. Viola White Shields, died last November 16. Nearest surviving relatives are a niece, Mrs. Anna Shields Curnock of New York City, and a nephew, Thomas Shields of Miami, Fla.

The Rev. George H. Palmer, vicar of St. James' Episcopal Church, officiated at the service. Burial followed in Hackettstown Union Cemetery. Local business houses were closed Monday afternoon during the funeral hour out of respect to the veteran merchant.

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