

Claimed by Death



THOMAS A. SHIELDS

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Thomas A. Shields Passes Away

Popular Figure in Warren Politics and Former Assemblyman Dead

Thomas Alden Shields passed away at the Warren Hospital, Phillipsburg, Sunday evening. He had suffered a long illness and was a patient in the Warren Hospital for about two weeks.

Mr. Shields was a native of Hackettstown, having been born here September 22, 1885. His parents were the late Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Shields. He was a civil engineer and graduated with a C. E. degree from Lafayette College in 1906. He followed his profession for a number of years with railroads. He was better known as a partner in the lumber business known as Shields & Chamberlain and now conducted by Williams & Hibler. He bought, dismantled and sold a number of army camps after the war. Later he was in the real estate business having a large interest in Crescent Knolls at Mountain Lake.

Mr. Shields represented Warren

County for two terms as an Assemblyman at Trenton, having been elected on the Democratic ticket. He just missed being elected to Congress in 1922 when he lost out by less than 300 votes. He also later made a close run for State Senator and Freeholder. He had a large and enthusiastic following in the county.

He was a Past Worshipful Master of Independence Lodge, F. and A. M. at Hackettstown, and a member of Jr. O. U. A. M. He was also a member of Delta Upsilon Fraternity at Lafayette College.

Mr. Shields' passing is mourned by a great host of friends throughout Warren County where he was familiarly known as Tom. His disposition was one of great cheerfulness and friendliness. His very pleasing personality was felt by whoever came in contact with him and gained for him the respect of his fellowmen. He will long be remembered for his generosity on behalf of those who were less fortunate than himself.

Besides his wife, who was Miss Irene Gardner, he is survived by one sister, Mrs. Lulu Cox of Hackettstown.

Funeral services for Mr. Shields were held yesterday afternoon at Trinity Methodist Episcopal church. Rev. W. C. James of the Vienna Methodist church officiated in the absence of Rev. Burton. Burial was in the family plot in the Hackettstown Union cemetery.

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