

Friends Shocked at Sudden Death of John J. Slack

One of Oldest Lackawanna Rail- road Conductors Passing On After Hospital Operation

Mr. John Judson Slack, one of the oldest Lackawanna Railroad conductors, died at his late residence, on High street Wednesday night.

Two months ago Mr. Slack was removed to the Moses Taylor Hospital at Scranton, Pa., for an operation from which it was apparent he would not recover.

Mr. Slack was born in Stanhope, March 28, 1849. He would have reached the age of 87 this coming March. He entered the employ of the Lackawanna Railroad as a brakeman in 1887 and one year later was made a conductor on the Hackettstown morning train to Hoboken.

He married Miss Mary Frances Heaton of Stanhope. Two children were born, one of whom, Mrs. Alice Gray of Newton, and his second wife, Miss Elizabeth Dufford, whom he married in 1917, survive; one daughter; three grandchildren; one great grandchild born last week, also survive.

During the blizzard of March, 1888, when the wreck of two trains occurred in Hackettstown and several were killed and injured, Mr. Slack's train was held up for 36 hours before it could proceed to the City.

It was said of him by the officials of the Company that he seldom lost a day on his run and was of the most painstaking conductors on the road. He lived in Hackettstown for 43 years. He was a member and official of the Methodist Church for many years.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, at 2:30 p. m. from his home on High street. The Rev. Dr. F. C. Mooney will officiate, assisted by the Rev. J. K. Easley of Trinity M. E. Church. Burial will take place in Stanhope.

Mr. Slack has been on the pension roll of the Lackawanna Railroad for eight years.

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NAME: John Judson Slack

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