## **OBITUARY**

THE HACKETTSTOWN GAZETTE,

## Services Are Held For Geo. P. Smith

Retired Merchant Served 22 Years On School Board In Town

Burial in Pequest Union Cemetery, Great Meadows, yesterday afternoon followed services at the Cochran Funeral Home for George P. Smith, 75, of 209 Sharp Street, a retired Hackettstown businessman and a former member of the Hackettstown Board of Education.

He died on Sunday, January 13, 1957, in Morristown Memorial Hospital, where he was admitted a few hours earlier, having suffered a stroke at home. The Rev. Frank T. Reed of Trinity Methodist Church conducted the service at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Masonic services were held Tuesday evening at the funeral home.

Mr. Smith was born at Drakestown on January 7, 1882, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Smith, and had resided in Hackettstown for the last 37 years. He was a retired operator of Smith's Grocery Store which he maintained on Main Street here for many years.

He was a member and trustee of the official board of Trinity Methodist Church; a member of Independence Lodge No. 42, F. and A. M., both of Hackettstown, and a charter member of the Hackettstown Kiwanis Club. He was a member of the Board of Education here from 1926 to 1948.

Survivors include his wife, the former Violet Emley: four sons, Carl of Titusville: Marcus J. of Elion, N. Y.; George P. Jr., of Snyder, N. Y., and Capt. Ralph A.; Smith with the Navy in California: two daughters. Mrs. Kathryn Brugler of Nutley and Mrs. Rachel Duff of Hackettstown: a brother, Marvin Smith of East Orange: two sisters, Mrs. J. Durham of Whippany and Mrs. Clifford Allen of Woodbine. Ga., and 15 grandchildren.

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DATE OF DEATH: 13 January, 1957