

Milton K. Thorp, 92, Hackettstown historian

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HACKETTSTOWN — Milton K. Thorp, town historian and longtime resident, died yesterday at the House of the Good Shepard retirement village. He was 92.

Mr. Thorp, who owned a store on Main Street for 38 years, was curator of the Hackettstown Historical Society. And while a retirement village resident, he worked daily at the town's museum, Mayor Paula Harper said yesterday.

"When you talk about the history of Hackettstown, he was the man to see," said Richard Harpster, a state Community Affairs Department official and resident of Washington Township.

Mr. Thorp received the 1984 Local Historian's Award of Distinction from the New Jersey secretary state.

He was born in Montville and lived most of his life in the Hackettstown area. He owned the Thorp Stationery Store on Main Street from 1934 to 1972. He was Hackettstown postmaster from 1925 to 1934.

"He gave a lot of himself to the town," Harper said. "He'll be sadly missed."



He was a World War I Army veteran and received a Purple Heart for service in the

Battle of Ardennes in France.

He was a member of Blue Ridge Post 164, American Legion of Hackettstown, and Independence Lodge 42, Free & Accepted Masons, Hackettstown, and was former Memo-

rial Day Parade marshal until the 1980s. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Hackettstown.

For more than 25 years, his son, Albert, served as town attorney — a job now filled by grandson, Albert.

His wife, Julia, died in 1969.

He is survived by two sons, William, Syracuse, N.Y., and Albert, Hackettstown; a sister, Helen Rake, Hackettstown; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are by Cochran Funeral Home, 905 High St.

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OBITUARY:
Milton K. Thorp
Date of death,
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