

JOHN TIMS

No Man has been better known in this community and throughout this immediate section than John Tims, who died Sunday afternoon at his home on Main Street. Deceased was born on the old homestead just above town, and most of his life lived here. He was the leader of that adventurous company of young men who went to California in '49, returning after a year or two of prospecting for the elusive gold with experience more valuable than the nuggets he brought back. He at once established himself in the furniture business, and for years was one of the most aggressive forces in local business life. Disposing of his business in middle life he went to Stroudsburg (Pa.) where he successfully conducted a hotel for some years, and then purchased the Ward House at Newton. He was there for several years and disposed of the business and property to advantage, going to Newark and from there to Bloomfield, where he conducted a cafe. The advancing years lead to his retirement, and he came back to Hackettstown in permanent retirement. For several years past he has enjoyed, in a quiet way, the associations of those who knew him best amid familiar surroundings. His last illness covered a period of several weeks and had been practically hopeless since the beginning.

He was seventy-three years of age, vigorous and active during most of his long life, active and trusted in public affairs. He was made a Mason in Independence Lodge, but demitted to Harmony Lodge of Newton, many years ago, and had retained his membership there. The funeral services were held from his late home on Wednesday, with interment in Union Cemetery with Masonic honors. His wife, four daughters and a son survive him, as does his older brother, Mr. J. Wesley Tims, of Allamuchy, and six sisters.

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