

OBITUARY

Hiram H. VanDuzer.

Hiram H. VanDuzer died at his home on Main street at 5 o'clock last Saturday afternoon after a long and hopeless illness. Mr. VanDuzer was 73 years of age. He was born near Milton, in Morris county, and when a young man went to Canada and established himself in business in a small way near Kent's Bridge. After a few years he closed out that business and came to Hackettstown and started a book and stationery store in the store room now occupied by David McClellan. A brother-in-law added a stock of small hardware and occupied the other side of the room. The relative tired of the business soon, and Mr. VanDuzer took it over, dropping out of the smaller enterprise gradually; and by hard work, careful and honorable business methods, built up a large and profitable hardware business. His business outgrew his location, and he purchased the old Dr. Bellis building which he doubled in size and transformed into the present building. He was a man of the strictest integrity, and his business grew and prospered. He was a man of strong political convictions, and sacrificed for them. He was of an inventive turn of mind and had a penchant for development outside his business, and both were expensive. He disposed of his business several years ago, later engaging in a small way in the grocery business, but all the time his activities were circumscribed by constantly failing health. He died leaving the impress of a sterling integrity on the community; a courage that would accept sacrifice, a purpose that would not bow to expediency. He is survived by his wife, three daughters, one son and two sisters.

The funeral services were held on Tuesday, with interment with Masonic honors in Union Cemetery.

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NAME: Hiram Headley VanDuzer

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