

Expires At Home



E. J. Wildrick

"Squire" Wildrick Dies In 82nd Year

Former Editor Of Gazette
Had Served 45 Years
As Magistrate

E. J. Wildrick, 81, editor of The Gazette from 1919 to 1926, president of the local Board of Health and former municipal magistrate, died on Thanksgiving Day, November 23, 1950, at his home, 317 Washington Street.

A resident of Hackettstown for 60 years, Mr. Wildrick was born in Blairstown, a son of the late Jason and Minerva Wildrick, on August 2, 1869, and received his early training in the local public schools. His first job was on The Blairstown Press. When his family moved to Hackettstown he began working for the old Warren Republican newspaper. He had been a correspondent for the Easton Express for 20 years until he retired a few months ago and had also formerly been correspondent for the Newark Evening News.

Magistrate 45 Years

"Squire" Wildrick, as he was familiarly known, resigned as municipal magistrate in Hackettstown on September 1, 1949, after 45 years of service as justice of the peace, recorder and as the first to fill the new office of municipal magistrate. He received his commission as justice of the peace from Governor Franklin Murphy and Secretary of State Samuel D. Dickinson in 1904. He took on the additional office of recorder for the Town on October 2, 1933, under appointment by Mayor Frank Pickel. In 45 years he had handled many hundreds of cases, which included small cause civil cases before the district court was established in Warren in 1929. In addition to his other duties he conducted a real estate and insurance business at his home.

Headed Health Board

Mr. Wildrick had been a member of the local Board of Health since 1924, holding the presidency in recent years. He was also a member of Junior O. U. A. M. for many years and a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

His wife, Mrs. Carrie Menagh Wildrick, whom he married on February 14, 1900, is his only survivor.

The Rev. James R. Miller of the First Presbyterian Church conducted funeral services Monday afternoon at the Cochran Funeral Home. Burial was in Hackettstown Union Cemetery.

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