

OBITUARY

Lewis J. Youngblood.

Last Saturday afternoon occurred the death of one of Hackettstown's most prominent citizens: one who has been prominently identified with its affairs, political, financial and industrial, for the past forty years, and who for years has had the respect and good will of all our citizens.

Lewis J. Youngblood was born at Allamuchy, March 5th, 1812, being the son of John H. and Marie Youngblood. There his boyhood days were spent and there with Andrew B. Snyder, he learned the miller's trade, with which his entire life has been more or less occupied. He first engaged in business at Johnsonsburg, where he rented the mill. After one year there he, with his brother Jacob, purchased the mill and distillery at Townsbury, where they conducted business for eleven years, until 1840. Then they sold the Townsbury property and returning to Johnsonsburg purchased the mill property at that place. Here he remained for nine years, until April, 1855, when he disposed of the Johnsonsburg mill, and became a resident of Hackettstown.

After a year in which he did no business, he purchased the mill property, on Mill Street, conducting the business there until April 1st, 1861, at which time he was succeeded by his sons.

He was married at Johnsonsburg on December 10th, 1830, to Sarah E. Schamp, daughter of John H. and Mary Schamp, who with his three sons, John H., of Morristown, William H. H., and Martin J., of Hackettstown, still survive him. His own death was the first break that has occurred in the family circle.

His father was a Democrat in politics, but Lewis J. was a Whig and afterwards a Republican. He had held various local offices of honor and trust. He was Justice of the Peace for twenty-five years, member of the Common Council and president of that body.

One of the local matters of great importance in which he was interested was the Hackettstown aqueduct, of which he was for a long time superintendent and member of the Board of Water Commissioners. At the time of his death he was superintendent of the Union Cemetery, and member of its Board of Trustees. Early in life he united with the Christian Church at Johnsonsburg.

The funeral services were conducted at his late residence by Rev. John Lowrey, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, on Monday, July 24th, and the interment was made in the family plot in Union Cemetery.

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