

## OBITUARY

### DEATH OF LEWIS J. YOUNGBLOOD.

Lewis J. Youngblood, one of the oldest and most respected citizens of Hackettstown, died very suddenly at his home on Mill street last Saturday afternoon. Deceased was in the 82d year of his age, and though his death was sudden, it was not unexpected either to himself or to his immediate family, as the faithful family physician had told all that at his age and in his condition death might be expected at any time. Mr. Youngblood was seemingly better Saturday morning, and a few minutes before his death he was discussing his business affairs with his son. About 3 o'clock in the afternoon, Dr. Cook called and found him in bed fanning himself. In a few minutes he complained of shortness of breath and asked the Doctor to take the fan. He did so, and before he had hardly time to use it the patient gasped and was dead.

Deceased was born at Allamuchy on March 5, 1812, the son of John H. Youngblood and Marie E. Handler. At the age of 14 he entered the mill of Andrew B. Snyder at Allamuchy, and learned the trade of a miller. He afterwards leased and operated the mills at Johnsonsburg and Paulina, and in 1836 went to Townsburry, where, in partnership with his brother Jacob, they bought the mill at that place. On December 10th of the same year, he married Sarah E. Schamp, daughter of John H. Schamp, who for years conducted the hotel at Johnsonsburg. For eleven years he was in successful business at Townsburry, and then sold his interest there and purchased the mill at Johnsonsburg, where he remained nine years, and it was while living there that he joined the Christian church. On April 1, 1855, he leased the William Clark mill property, which the year before had been sold to the Morris Canal Company at foreclosure sale. The Canal Company, of

which Judge Marsh was then president, bought the property to protect themselves from the mill owners along the entire stream, who were constantly suing and recovering damages from them because of their diversion of the water course. During the year Mr. Youngblood and the Canal Company came to an agreement and the former purchased the property. He ran the mill in person until the spring of '61, when he leased it to his sons, but he has ever retained his interest in its success, almost ever retaining a laboring oar in its management because his long life of activity, his robust constitution simply made it impossible for him to do otherwise.

Such in brief is the history of the active business life of one who has long been known and ever respected in this community. His private life, that life which men live within the precincts of their own home, is to the public a sealed book, but which, with an honored name, he leaves as a precious legacy to the members of that hitherto unbroken family circle. He was a man of methodical business habits and correct business principles. His fellow citizens have always had a high appreciation of his worth, and have ever and anon forced public places of trust upon him. Year after year he was elected to Common Council, and for 25 years continuously he was a Justice of the Peace. He was president of the Aqueduct Board at one time, and when gross mismanagement threatened to make that enterprise a burden upon the Town, he was called to the superintendency. Among the public trusts of his later years, and the one in which he took an unusual interest, was as a member of the Board of Directors and Superintendent of Union Cemetery, and it was particularly fitting that on Monday last, after the Rev. John Lowrey had read the burial service of the Presbyterian Church over his bier, that his fellow members should carry his remains over to their last resting place in that beautiful silent city that he had watched over with so much care.

His wife, who for more than 56 years has been his companion and helpmeet, and the three children, who blessed their union, survive him.

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