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PROMINENT MAN IS DEAD

**Joseph Birkbeck Succumbs
at Wilkesbarre.**

**One of Luzerne County's
Most Respected Citizens
Has Passed Away—Sketch
of His Busy Life.**

The death of Joseph Birkbeck, prominently identified with the business interests of Luzerne county for the past thirty years, and a citizen of high repute, took place at his home, corner of Dana and Grove streets, Wilkesbarre, Pa., at 4.40 o'clock, Wednesday morning, November 14, 1900. The cause of death was general debility. He had been gradually failing for the past year and a few months ago it became evident that death was not far off.

The deceased was a native of Glenmore, Westmoreland county, England, where he was born December 27, 1830, which would leave him 70 years of age, lacking six weeks. He was the son of Joseph and Elizabeth Johnstone Birkbeck, who emigrated to America in 1834, landing in New York city and immediately proceeding to Minersville, Schuylkill county, Pa., where the father procured work in the mines. A few years later the family removed to Hazleton, where in 1838 Mr. Birkbeck, the elder, sank the first slope for Ario Pardee.

In 1840 he purchased 400 acres of land in Denison township, Luzerne county, which later became Foster township and is now included in the site of Freeland borough. It was a vast, uncultivated wilderness, and after constructing a rude log house he removed his family to it. This turned out to be a profitable investment and is yet a source of income to the Birkbeck estate.

The Birkbeck home was the only house within a radius of five miles, and here the father and his sons, one of whom is the subject of this sketch, worked hard for many years clearing the land and gradually increasing the patches under cultivation. The coal fields were soon developed and the influx of population greatly increased the value of land. Mr. Birkbeck surveyed a large portion of his real estate into town lots and sold them to the newcomers. This constituted the first move in the laying out of South Heberton and Freeland.

There were twelve children in the Birkbeck family, all of whom are now dead except Thomas and Mrs. Margaret Johnson, of Freeland.

Joseph Birkbeck, the subject of this sketch, left the family home at Freeland at the age of 16 and for the next twenty years of his life he did considerable traveling. At 16 he was apprenticed to his uncle, who was a machinist in Brooklyn, N. Y. This occupation was not to his tastes and a few days after his arrival in Brooklyn he left for England, whence he went to Australia. While in Australia he spent fourteen months on a sheep farm. In 1849 he caught the gold fever and started for California. He spent seven years in the diggings, but met with poor luck.

He then returned in the fifties to his old home in Freeland, but his spirit was restless and at the end of a year he returned again to the gold fields, going by way of the Isthmus of Panama. He remained this time about five years, and while he did not strike prospectors' luck he managed to save a few hundred dollars. This he invested in the butcher business at Eckley, Luzerne county, and here began the business career which was destined to turn out so successful. He was fortunate in an investment in Copley (Lehigh county) Iron Works stock and it brought him large returns.

In 1870 the deceased went to Wilkesbarre, believing in a broader field for his enterprise. He engaged with Maj. E. A. Hancock, now of Philadelphia, in the grain business and later invested in other enterprises, all of which proved profitable.

At the time of his death he was president of the Freeland Water Co., the Freeland Citizens' Bank, president of the Wilkesbarre Heat, Light & Motor Co., secretary of the board of directors of the Wilkesbarre Deposit and Savings Bank and treasurer of the firm of Paine & Co.

Mr. Birkbeck is survived by his wife and one brother, Thomas, a leading citi-

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zen of Freeland and whose history is largely the history of that town. He is also survived by one sister, Mrs. Margaret Johnson, of Freeland. He leaves no children.

Few men have been so intimately connected with the business life of a community and yet remained so much out of the public eye. The simple tastes he acquired as a hard worker in his struggling years remained with him throughout his life and he was ever the same approachable and kind-hearted gentleman in the days of prosperity as when he was busily laying the foundation for the competency that was to be his in maturer years. As a business man he was far-seeing and methodical and his counsel and judgment were often sought by those associated with him in the several enterprises that shared his attention.

Deceased was a man of sterling worth and though of a retiring disposition he had many friends who had warm admiration for him and who regarded him as a man of the highest integrity. Though his life has been active and his duties responsible he never lost interest in church and charitable work. He was a member of St. Stephen's Episcopal church.

The deceased was unassuming in disposition, frugal in his habits, thrifty and abstemious, not even using tobacco, and was withal a man of high sense of honor. It was a pleasure to do business with him. His only recreation was traveling, of which he was fond. He toured Europe twice, spent some time in the Bermudas and took in all the exhibitions of recent years. He was twice married, his first wife dying in 1893. In 1895 he was married to Mrs. Mary Wadsworth, a cousin of his first wife.

BURIAL.
Remains Interred in Freeland Cemetery Saturday, November 17, 1900.

The funeral of the late Joseph Birkbeck took place on Saturday, November 17, 1900, from St. Stephen's Episcopal church, Wilkesbarre, of which deceased had for many years been a communicant. The service was read by Rev. Dr. Henry L. Jones, and he was assisted by Rev. Horace E. Hayden. Dr. Jones spoke briefly but most fittingly.

The casket was covered with floral emblems, among which were a chair of roses from Paine & Co.; a yard of roses, Wilkesbarre Savings and Deposit Bank; a bouquet of white roses, Freeland Citizens' Bank; pillow of white roses, Mrs. Joseph Birkbeck, Sr.; "Gates Ajar," Miss Eleanor Wadsworth; white chrysanthemums, Anthony Birkbeck; pink chrysanthemums, Thomas Birkbeck and family; white chrysanthemums, John Lewis; lavender chrysanthemums, Miss Paine; white chrysanthemums, Mrs. Adams, and many other floral gifts from other friends.

The church contained a large assemblage of sorrowing friends. The pall bearers were two of Mr. Birkbeck's partners in Paine & Co., J. B. Howell and W. P. Anderson, J. C. Bell, cashier of the Deposit Bank, Maj. J. Roberts, Jr., Capt. Cyrus Straw and C. J. Cooper, superintendent of the Steam Heat Co.

The body was then taken to Freeland on a special train over the Lehigh Valley Railroad. The train was hauled by the engine "E. A. Hancock," named for a former partner of Mr. Birkbeck in the grain business. The crew comprised John Sweeney, conductor; Thomas McHale, engineer; W. H. Ritter, baggage-master; Charles Evans, fireman, and C. W. McCarty, brakeman.

As the time of departure was at the noon hour—the only time the special could be arranged for—the friends were served with sandwiches and coffee by Hanley, of Scranton. This was much appreciated, as the whole afternoon until 6.15 was consumed in the trip. The train comprised three cars, and those attending represented the leading business and professional interests of Wilkesbarre and neighboring places.

Arrived at Freeland the train was met by a large concourse of citizens. Many of the business places testified to their esteem for the man who had founded and done so much for Freeland, by closing during the funeral. The interment was almost in the shadow of the beautiful monument which honors the memory of the brave soldiers of Freeland.

The service at the grave was read by Rev. Dr. Jones, assisted by Rev. Frank Marshall. The day was a cold and wintry one and the ground was covered with snow. The pall bearers at Freeland were Anthony Rudewick, John Shigo, H. Fisher, John Burton, Charles Dusheck and Henry C. Koons. They had gone to Wilkesbarre and attended the services at the church.

On the train were officers and employees of the Deposit Bank, a dozen or more members and employees of Paine & Co., and representatives of the Swift and Armour packing houses. Among the gentlemen present were

Alexander Farnham, Woodward Leavenworth, R. P. Brodhead, Maurice Gaertner, Dr. E. B. Sturdevant, W. B. Mitchell, A. H. VanHorn, T. C. North, A. H. Phillips, Charles H. Gillam, D. H. Frantz, A. A. Sterling, O. M. Brandow, E. H. Chase, E. W. Davis, J. W. Dreisbach, Q. A. Gates, J. J. Robbins, D. L. O'Neill, S. J. Strauss, S. J. Whitman, J. B. Howell, J. F. Hicks, J. C. Paine, E. F. Cooke, Anthony Birkbeck.

RESOLUTIONS.
Expressions of Condolence Adopted on the Death of Mr. Birkbeck.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Wilkesbarre Deposit and Savings Bank, held November 14, the following minute on the death of Joseph Birkbeck was adopted:

The board of directors of the Wilkesbarre Deposit and Savings Bank have heard, with sorrow and regret of the death of their associate, Joseph Birkbeck, which occurred in this city on Wednesday, November 14, 1900.

Mr. Birkbeck was first elected a director of this bank on July 12, 1880, and from that date he served the bank continuously up to the time of his death. He was also secretary of its board of directors from September 21, 1881, to this date.

His ability, fidelity and character eminently fitted him for his position on our board. By his death we have lost a counsellor whose advice showed his familiarity with the business interests of the community, and the prudence which begets success. His affability endeared him to all men and gave him a place in the affections of his associates.

He was an upright and progressive citizen, true to his adopted country, faithful in the discharge of duty, and constant in his endeavor to promote the good of those who committed trusts to his keeping.

We hereby express our appreciation of the qualities and attributes manifest in his life, and extend to those who were dear to him our condolence and sympathy in their bereavement and sorrow.

CITIZENS' BANK OF FREELAND.
The committee appointed by the directors of the Citizens' Bank of Freeland to draft appropriate resolutions, expressive of the loss and sympathy on the death of Joseph Birkbeck, president, reported the following, which were unanimously adopted and spread on the minutes:

Whereas, It has pleased our Heavenly Father, through His mysterious and omniscient ways, to call our president, the late Joseph Birkbeck, from among us. Therefore, be it

Resolved, As the sense of our officers that we have lost the assistance, experience and wise judgment of a respected and faithful officer, at all times congenial, considerate and kindly in all his dealings during the long term of his association with us as our presiding officer, and beloved by us all; and further be it

Resolved, That we drape our charter for a period of thirty days, and that we tender the afflicted widow and family our warmest sympathy, conscious nevertheless, that no words of ours can change present conditions, as all must humbly bow to the unerring judgment of our Creator.

Chas. Orion Stroh, } Committee.
B. R. Davis, }

FREELAND WATER COMPANY.
At a meeting of the board of directors of the Freeland Water Company, held this twenty-first day of November, 1900, the following was presented and adopted:

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God in His wise providence to remove by death our beloved and highly respected president, Joseph Birkbeck. Therefore be it

Resolved, That while we bow in humble submission to God, the author and disposer of life, we sincerely deplore in the decease of our president, Joseph Birkbeck, the loss of a devoted and faithful member of our company, a wise counsellor as an officer of our board, an active and patriotic citizen and member of the community, who added to his high merits the most amiable personal qualities which adorn and dignify every relation in social and public life.

Resolved, That we tender our heartfelt sympathies to the bereaved widow and family of our late president and that we commend them to the God of all consolation, Who, though He caused grief, yet will He have compassion according to the multitude of His mercies.

Resolved, That we shall ever cherish the memory of our departed president.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be presented to the bereaved widow and family of Joseph Birkbeck, and that they be published in the Freeland Tribune.

H. C. Koons, } Committee.
John Burton, }
Dr. F. Schilleher, }

LOCAL NOTES WRITTEN UP

**Short Items of Interest to
All Readers.**

**Happenings of the Past
Two Days in and Around
Freeland Recorded With-
out Waste of Words.**

Sunday services in old M. E. church, Birkbeck street, as follows: Sunday school at 9.30 a. m.; English preaching by Rev. A. R. King at 10.30 a. m. Everybody welcome.

The trial of Thomas Hareur, charged with the murder of Deputy Ralph Mills at Oneida, is still occupying the attention of Schuylkill county court.

Burgess John F. Boyle and James P. McNellis have been drawn to serve as grand jurors during the week of January 7 next.

Breaker boys at Highland struck on Wednesday afternoon, alleging severe treatment at the hands of the bosses. The matter was adjusted after a conference with Superintendent Geodecke.

A marriage license has been granted to Jesse R. Woolsey, of Cementon, and Miss Mame E. Fisher, of town. The bride-elect is a daughter of John Fisher, of Front street, and is an accomplished young lady. The marriage will take place next week.

Watch repairing at Keiper's. H. G. Allen, agent for "Down on the Farm" Company, which appears here next Friday evening, is attending to business in town today.

A special sermon will be delivered to Council No. 348, Jr. O. U. A. M., at St. James' Episcopal church on Sunday afternoon, December 2, by Rev. Frank Marshall.

Best 5c cigar in town at Keiper's. John Evans and Miss Mary Potoko, both of Freeland, will be married tomorrow at St. John's Slavonian church.

Miss Gertie Keck has been appointed secretary of the Epworth League, to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Mabel Missmer.

Clifford H. Heller has resigned his position with the Freeland laundry and returned to Philadelphia.

Gentlemen, for hats and caps go to A. Oswald. He has a nice variety.

H. W. Bittenbender and Howard Buck, of Bloomsburg, were the guests of Mrs. R. A. Dodson, Walnut street, on Wednesday.

The Daughters of Mary Sodality and several hundred friends and relatives attended the funeral of the late Katie Kelly yesterday morning. Rev. F. Mack celebrated the requiem mass at St. Ann's church.

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The trial of Tony Lombardo and Jacomena Spalone for alleged murder near Drifton last April, and Michael Decosma, on the charge of being an accessory after the crime, has been postponed until the next term of court, the defense not being ready.

A man giving the name of James Morris and accompanied by his wife and daughter arrived in Silver Brook yesterday, having covered the distance from Philadelphia on foot. They were provided with food and clothing, and continued their walk. The father is in search of work.

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Frank Aes, aged 40 years, of Oneida, one of the men accused of being implicated in the Oneida riot on October 10, blew out his brains yesterday in an out-house near his home. He is survived by a wife and four children in Austria.

PLEASURE.
November 27.—"Old Maids' Convention" at the Grand opera house. Tickets, 25, 35 and 50 cents.

November 28.—Ball of Jeddo Base Ball Club at Yannes' opera house. Admission, 50 cents.

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The jury in the case of John Lutz, on trial for wife murder, has rendered a verdict of murder in the first degree, after being out four days.