

FUNERAL SERVICES OVER YARDLEY'S OLDEST CITIZEN

Thomas Girton Laid to Rest by Sorrowing Church and Lodge Associates.

Funeral services over the remains of Thomas Girton, the oldest resident of Yardley, took place there at 1 o'clock this afternoon.

The services were conducted in the M. E. Church of that place, of which he had been an active and devoted member since 1843. The services were held under the auspices of Uncas Lodge, No. 246, I. O. O. F., with which the deceased has been identified for half a century and was at the time of his death the only living charter member.

The pastor of the church, Rev. H. F. Isett, had charge of the service and a touching sermon was delivered by Rev. F. A. Gilbert, of Philadelphia, a former pastor of the Yardley church, who referred to the upright Christian life of the deceased and the good work he had accomplished for the cause.

The services were largely attended, the funeral being one of the largest held in the county for years past. The remains were interred at the Stone burial ground.

Thomas Girton was born August 10th, 1813, only a few miles distant from the home where his death occurred, on Sunday. He was the oldest resident of the borough, the companions of his youth having all passed away.

He settled in Yardley in 1833 and conducted a meat business there for sixty-five years. He gained a reputation for his honorable and upright business dealings and was looked upon as one of the foremost citizens of the place.

In 1835 he was united in marriage to Mary Ann Nice, of Lower Makefield, and by a coincidence his death occurred just ten years later, to a day, than that of his wife.

The outcome of the marriage was eleven children, six of whom still survive. The latter are Mrs. B. F. Graham and Gardner S. Girton, of Yardley; M. D. Girton, Holmesburg; Mrs. S. G. Sutton, Tyrone, and Mrs. Louisa Carr and Mrs. George Levins, of Trenton.

Sixteen grandchildren and sixteen great grandchildren also survive to mourn his loss.

Mr. Girton was, in many respects, a remarkable man for one of his years. Up to within a few months of his death he took an active part in the conduct of his business and was equally active in his church work.