

**Samuel A. Hench**, (Died 26 Sep 1907), Patriot, Friday, September 27, 1907. Samuel A. Hench Died Suddenly in Huntingdon

**Samuel A. Hench**, of this city, dropped dead in Huntingdon yesterday while on a business trip.

About 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon he entered Steel's drug store in Huntingdon and purchased a package of charcoal tablets. He was about to place one in his mouth, or had already done so, when he dropped to the floor: he was dead by the time Mr. Steel reached him. He had been troubled with his stomach and it is believed that he died of acute indigestion, but members of his family who were in this city last night were uncertain of details.

Mr. Hench was sixty-two years old. He was well known in the local mercantile business, having been engaged in business here all of his life. He was formerly the senior partner of S. A. Hench and Company, who conducted a retail store in the store room in the old Bergner homestead, 225 Market Street, which is now being remodeled for a small vaudeville theatre. This firm quit business seven years ago and since that time Mr. Hench had been engaged in the wholesale shirt business. He was a brother of **N. I. Hench**, of N. I. Hench and company, but was not connected with that firm.

Mr. Hench lived at 807 Green Street. He is survived by his wife, who was Miss **Effie Weakley**, a sister of **C. S. Weakley**, of this city, and three sons – **Ralph W.** and **Samuel Ross**, of New York, and **William S.**, of this city.

Funeral arrangements will be made today, the body of Mr. Hench having reached the city early this morning.

About a year ago Mr. Hench was thrown from an Arch Street trolley car in Philadelphia, his most serious injury in that accident being a punctured lung. He never recovered normal health.

**Patriot, Monday, September 30, 1907**

HENCH – The funeral services of late **Samuel A. Hench** will take place at 10 a.m. on Monday, September 30, 1907, at his late residence, 807 Green Street. Interment private.