

Christ Episcopal Church Cemetery Inventory

State and Water Streets, Dover DE 19903

Lot Number: 17 Space: D

Find A Grave # 11916117

Name: **Lafferty, Dr. William Lightfoot**

Birth date: May 18, 1807 Death date: October 12, 1886 Burial Date: October 14, 1886 Age: 79 yrs. 4 mos.
Born at Little Creek Landing

Spouse: Rachel Wilson *Marshel* Lafferty (1816-1886), m. April 5, 1836

Children: Margaret Marshel Lafferty (1837-1913); James Henry Lafferty (1840-1840); Annie Craig *Lafferty* Moorhouse (1842-1906); Mary Lafferty (1844-1915); Rebecca Blaine Lafferty (1847-1879); Eliza *Lafferty* Conner (1849-1935) (m. State Sen. Alvin B. Conner); William J. Lafferty (1852-1912)

Parents: James Lafferty (1780-1832) and Ann *Craig* Lafferty (1779-1824)

Siblings: Mary Lafferty (- 1840);

Residence: Canterbury, DE

Cause of death/Burial/Obituary:

Service/occupation information: medical doctor (U. of Penn); farmer

Officiate: Rev. Edward Wotters, Rector of Seaford

Lot Owner: Dr. William Lightfoot Lafferty, A – E

MARKER: Lafferty family monolith

Inscription: On east side

William L. Lafferty
Born May 18, 1807
Died Oct. 12, 1886

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Rachel Wilson
wife of
W. L. Lafferty
Born Aug. 5, 1816
Died Dec. 10, 1886

DIMENSIONS: H approx.120" x 32" x D 32"

STYLE: family monument - monolith

Repairs needed: Cleaning

Inventory date: February 2, 2020 Recorder: Nancy Quinn



Partial obituary from Brownsville, PA

Lafferty, Wm. L.

STATE OF DELAWARE.

Certificate of a Death

In the *Near* Town of *Cantersburg* Kent County.

Full name of deceased *Doc Wm L Lafferty* If an infant, not named, give parents name.

Age *79* Color *white*

Nation or State *Delaware*

If of foreign birth, how long in the United States?

Residence *Near Cantersburg*

Occupation *Doctor & Farmer*

Single, Married, Widowed. (Cross out words not required in this line.)

Sex *male*

Name and nation of parents

Cause of death and complications *Cerebral Paralysis and Congestive Dropsy*

Date of death *October 12 1886*

I Hereby Report this death, and certify that the foregoing statements are true according to the best of my knowledge.

Witness my hand this *14th* day of *Oct* 1886

Signature and residence of reporter. *Wm. H. Guff*

Returned to the Recorder of Deeds of Kent County 1886 by *W. H. Guff* Undertaker, residing at *Setton* in Kent County.

Signed, *W. H. Guff*

partial obit, Brownsville, PA

BROWNSVILLE BOROUGH

at Washington, Pa., and served some time as a civil engineer on the Pennsylvania Canal, afterwards studying medicine in the office of F. J. Le Moyne, M.D., of Washington, Pa., completing his medical studies in the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania, from which institution he received the degree of M.D. in March, 1836. He began the practice of his profession in Brownsville one month after graduating, and remained continuously in business for thirty years, returning to his native county in Delaware in 1866. The doctor soon acquired an extensive practice, and retained it during the whole time of his residence in Brownsville, in addition to being the owner of the largest drug-store in the place nearly the whole of that time. He was industrious and enterprising in business, took an active part in educational affairs, being an early and sturdy supporter of the public school system; was one of the originators and principal stockholders of the Brownsville Gas Company, and interested in all that pertained to the sanitary and general welfare of the community. In politics he was an Old-Line Whig, afterwards a Republican, and at one time a candidate for Congress in the latter party. He was a prominent Freemason, and a zealous member of the Protestant Episcopal Church. He still resides in Delaware, where he has been engaged in fruit-growing since 1866, though still from force of long habit giving part of his time to the practice of the profession to which the best part of his life has been devoted. In a recent letter he says, "I am now an old man, but still visit the sick when requested so to do, having never learned to refuse assistance to a suffering fellow-being."

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Monongahela Valley Republican, Monongahela, PA
Thursday, October 21, 1886

Dr. Wm. L. Lafferty who, a quarter of a century ago, was a prominent physician at Brownsville, Pa., died of malarial fever, in Kent county. Del., on the 12th instant, in his eightieth year.

Monongahela Valley Republican, Monongahela, PA Thursday, Oct. 21, 1886