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DEATH OF CAPT. J. MERRILL LINN.

Captain James Merrill Linn, an honored and esteemed Alumnus of Bucknell, died suddenly at his home in Lewisburg, on Tuesday evening, Feb. 23, from paralysis of the heart. The death of Capt. Linn removes another living member from the first class, that of 1851, graduated from this institution; the remaining members being Rev. J. M. Lyons, of Richland, N. J., and Henry Pomerene, of Philadelphia.

Capt. Linn has always maintained an intense and loyal interest in the affairs of the University. He has used his voice and pen on many occasions in behalf of *Alma Mater*, and he has frequently written articles for the MIRROR on the early history of the University.



Mr. Linn was the third son of James Fleming and Margaret Irvin Linn, late of Lewisburg, dec'd. He was born Oct. 17, 1833, hence his age is 63 years, 4 months and 6 days. His early education was at the Lewisburg Academy. When the first session of the University commenced, in Sept., 1846, he entered what was then called the senior academic class. The next year he entered college and graduated Aug. 26, 1851, with the salutatory, being not quite eighteen years of age. Mr. Linn was a member of the Pa. Gamma Chapter of the Phi Kappa Psi, and during the early history of the chapter he took an active interest in its affairs. In 1853 he went to Lancaster to read law with James Black, a former student of his father. The same year he was appointed a tutor in Franklin and Marshall

college in that city, teaching Greek and Latin. He returned to Lewisburg and was admitted to the bar in Sept., 1854. For six months he practiced in Phoenixville; then returned to Lewisburg, and in 1858 he became a partner of his father under the firm name of J. F. & J. M. Linn. When the war broke out and the call for 75,000 troops was issued he was at a law-suit in Snyder county. The suit came to an end at once, when he hastened home, enlisted and served as Second Lieutenant in Co. G, 4th Regt. Pa. Vol., for three months. Then he aided in recruiting a company, of which he was commissioned Captain, Co. H, 51st Regt. Pa. Vol., in which he served from Nov. 1861, until April 14, 1864, when he resigned on account of greatly impaired health. During his last enlistment he served as a staff officer a considerable part of the time, and particularly as judge advocate of the division, on account of his legal training and equip-

ment. After his return from service it was several years before he could resume his profession. His father dying in 1869, he entered into partnership with Andrew H. Dill, which continued for ten years. The partnership then dissolved, when he practiced his profession alone. On Dec. 26, 1867, he and Mary Ellen, eldest daughter of Philip Billmyer, were married. They have one son, Philip Billmyer Linn, Esq., who was associated with his father in the practice of the law. Surviving him are the wife and son, and his brother, Hon. John Blair Linn, of Bellefonte, and a sister, Mrs. John S. Angle, of Stafford.