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## FREDERICK LEIGHTON PADDOCK (1846-1916)

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*[The following is excerpted and adapted from A History of Delaware County, Pennsylvania and Its People, John W. Jordan, editor, published by Lewis Historical Publishing Company, New York in 1914.]*

**FREDERICK LEIGHTON PADDOCK**, second son and fourth child of Rev. William H. Perry Paddock and Laura (Stewart) Paddock, was born in Utica, New York, April 29, 1846 [and died May 13, 1916]. He was educated in the state of Delaware, choosing the profession of civil engineer. While still at his studies in 1864 a call was made to oppose a Confederate raid into Maryland, and he enlisted in the Seventh Delaware, in which regiment he served six weeks. In 1866 he was professionally engaged on work at Fort Delaware. He then went to Philadelphia, and was connected with the Fairmount Park surveys as assistant engineer, and with the Centennial Exhibit as principal assistant engineer and on other engineering undertakings. In 1880 he went West and was employed in railroad building and other professional work. Returning east again he became connected with the Norfolk and Western railroad as resident engineer. In 1883 he returned to Philadelphia and was employed by the city as principal assistant engineer of survey on new water supply. After completing this he returned to the Norfolk and Western railroad as division engineer on the West Virginia extension, and remained with them until 1888, when he became associated with the Flat-top Coal Land Association, continuing as chief engineer of that company until his retirement in 1899.

In the latter year he moved to Delaware county, Pennsylvania, purchasing land in Haverford township, where he erected a beautiful country mansion, his present home. Mr. Paddock has practically disposed of his business interests, although he retains his directorship and holdings in the Powhattan Coal and Coke Company, operating in the Pocahontas region of West Virginia. He is a member of the Engineers' Club of Philadelphia and the Masonic order; is a Republican in politics, and both he and his wife are communicants of the Protestant Episcopal church.

Mr. Paddock married, December 22, 1880, Jeannie S. Lathrop, of Cooperstown, New York. Children:

1. Winifred Lathrop Paddock, born in Delaware county, October 7, 1885; a graduate of the Baldwin School, Bryn Mawr.
2. Mildred Paddock, died in infancy.
3. Frederick Paddock, died in infancy.
4. Bettine Stewart Paddock, born December 6, 1893, a graduate of the Baldwin School, Bryn Mawr.

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Frederick Leighton Paddock, one of the oldest and most highly respected members of the Engineers' Club, passed to the Great Beyond at his home, "Woodleigh," Oakmont, Delaware County, Pa., Saturday, May 13, 1916, aged seventy years.

Mr. Paddock was the son of Rev. William Perry Paddock and Laura Stewart Paddock. He was born in New Hartford, N. Y., April 29, 1846, and was educated in the State of Delaware, choosing the profession of civil engineer. While still at his studies, in 1864, a call was made to oppose a Confederate raid into Maryland, and he enlisted in the Seventh Delaware, in which regiment he served six weeks. In 1866 he was professionally engaged on work at Fort Delaware. He then went to Philadelphia and was connected with the Fairmount Park surveys, as assistant engineer, and with the Centennial Exhibit as principal assistant engineer, and on other engineering undertakings. In 1880 he went West and was employed in railroad building and other professional work. Returning East, he became connected with the Norfolk and Western Railroad as resident engineer. In 1883 he returned to Philadelphia and was employed by the city as principal assistant engineer of survey on new water supply. After completing this he returned to the Norfolk and Western Railroad as division engineer on the West Virginia extension, and remained with it until 1888, when he became associated with the Flat-top Coal Land Association, continuing as chief engineer of that company until his retirement in 1899. In that year he moved to Delaware County, Pa., purchasing land in Haverford Township, where he erected a beautiful country home. Mr. Paddock had practically disposed of his business interests, although he retained his directorship and holdings in the Powhatan Coal and Coke Company, operating in the Pocahontas region of West Virginia.

Mr. Paddock was elected to membership in the Engineers' Club on November 19, 1881.

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