

## **Abram Conrow**

### **Delran Mayor 1890-1893**

No family has deeper roots in Delran. Abraham Engle Conrow was the great, great grandson of Darling Conrow and Deliverance Stokes. Darling and Deliverance married in 1733 and built a house on Conrow Road. This house still stands and is the oldest structure in Delran and the third oldest in Burlington County. The brickwork on the side displays "D&DC 1751". This house is site #11 on the [Delran Historical Marker Trail](#).

Darling Conrow, great grand son of the first Darling Conrow married Mary T. Engle. Darling Conrow served as Delran Mayor 1882-83. Their son Abraham Engle Conrow was born on July 8, 1858 on the family homestead. Later Abraham's parents built a second house on the Conrow homestead in 1881. The corner stone of this house has "DC-MTC 1881". Abraham's family lived in the Conrow house built in 1881 after his parents died.

Abraham also known as Abram attended public school and the University of Pennsylvania earning degrees in medicine and veterinary surgery. After receiving his education he returned to Delran to practice as a doctor and a vet. He married Minnie Buckman Atkinson. Together they had five children - Job Atkinson, Abraham Engle, Walter Thomas, Anna, and Darling Thornton.

Dr. Abram Conrow was extremely active in the community. He served as the Mayor of Delran Township from 1890 to 1893. He was on the Township Committee when the New Jersey Legislature divided Delran and Riverside in 1895. He also found time to serve on the Burlington County Board of Freeholders and the Board of Education. He ran for Congress to represent the Second District (Atlantic, Burlington, Mercer and Ocean Counties) for New Jersey in 1896. He was appointed Township Physician in 1897. As a Freeholder in 1897, he condemned the bridge over the Pompeston Creek that connected Riverton with East Riverton and advertised bids for the replacement. He was also a member of several orders. Interesting note, he started out as a Republican but became a staunch Democrat.

Unfortunately a month after his wife Minnie died from pneumonia Abram died from appendicitis. Both are buried in the Westfield Friends Cemetery in Cinnaminson. He left behind his five minor children. Dr. Abram's sister Sarah and her husband Walter Thomas sought to become their legal guardians of the children. After about a year, the children were sent to live with other Quaker families. In 1917, Sarah Thomas sold the her family homestead to Elwood Moore for \$15,000.