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ALFRED J. AUBREY, NEWS WRITER, DIES

Once a Pastor, He Performed Marriage Ceremony for J. G. Sargent and Wife

LONG ON BROOKLYN EAGLE

Was Postmaster in Futon, N.Y., and Later

Served as Aide to W. G. Redfield in Municipal Post

Alfred J. Aubrey, a former Universalist minister, who for thirty years had been on the staff of The Brooklyn Daily Eagle, died Sunday at his home, 217 Berkeley Place, Brooklyn. He was 80 years old.

Born in Birmingham, England, Mr. Aubrey came to this country with his parents when a boy and settled in Meriden, Conn. After being graduated from St. Lawrence University he attended in 1880 the Universalist Theological School and for several years served as a minister in Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut and New York before ill health forced his retirement. While a pastor in Vermont Mr. Aubrey was called on to perform the marriage ceremony for former United States Attorney General John G. Sargent and his wife, the former Miss Mary Gordon.

Mr. Aubrey was postmaster at Fulton, N.Y., during the Cleveland administration and after going to Brooklyn became secretary of the Brooklyn League and later secretary to the late William C. Redfield, then Commissioner of Public Works of Brooklyn, who was Secretary of Commerce in the Wilson Cabinet. Mr. Aubrey subsequently entered the newspaper field as a reporter on The Eagle and later was in charge of the "Questions and Answers" department of that paper. He retired in 1927.

Surviving are his widow, the former Amelia Cousins of Norwalk, Conn., with whom he celebrated their golden wedding anniversary last year; two daughters, Mrs. Edna Lewis Neiman of Brooklyn and Mrs. Florence C. Yochum of Hinsdale, Ill., and two granddaughters, Mrs. Frederick G. Saint and Miss Florence A. Yochum.

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