

[Eakins, John Samuel]

JOHN SAMUEL EAKINS, COLOR MAKER, DIES  
Well-Known Manufacturer Long a Resident of the Eastern District  
HAD BEEN ILL MORE THAN A YEAR  
Member of Prospect Park South Association and Once Its Secretary

John Samuel Eakins, well known as a manufacturer of colors in the Eastern District, died yesterday afternoon, at his home at 1306 Albemarle road. Death was caused by a complication of diseases from which he had been suffering for more than a year. He was in his 60th year.

Arrangements have been made to hold the funeral services at the Albemarle road home tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock. The Rev. Cephas B. Lynn, at one time of All Souls Universalist Church and now of Jamaica, L.I., will officiate. The interment will be in Greenwood, on Thursday morning.

Mr. Eakins is survived by his wife, Amelia A. Eakins; a daughter, Mrs. F. J. Van Vranken, and a son, John Barkey Eakins.

Mr. Eakins was born March 3, 1856, in the old City of New York. His father, John Eakins, had him educated in the public schools across the river, and when a young man John Samuel Eakins moved to Brooklyn.

His business career was started with the old paint firm of Jessup & Childs. Beginning as an office boy, he gradually worked his way up the ladder by his own industry until he became a salesman. Finally, in 1885, he went into partnership with his brother, William, organizing the J. S. & W. R. Eakins Company, with which he had been associated ever since.

This firm, which has since been incorporated, manufactured colors for paints and wallpaper. Its plant was built at 2-24 Wallabout street, where it is still located. The Eakins brothers made their first big success when they figured out the German method of manufacturing paints, being the pioneers in its use in this country. Their business rapidly expanded until it is now one of the best known in the country. William R. Eakins died about two years ago. The business will be continued as it was when the two brothers were alive.

The Eakins family home was established on South Ninth street during their long residence in the Eastern District. In 1898, Mr. Eakins moved to Hancock street, and then, eight years ago, built the Albemarle road house.

Mr. Eakins' whole life was wrapped up in his family and his business, and he was never active in social or political circles. He was a member of the Prospect Park South Association and was at one time its secretary.

Up till about a year ago, he remained actively in charge of his business. Since then his health had been broken. He was under the care of Dr. Thomas H. Hull during his protracted illness.

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