

[Abeel, Edward Marshall]

CAPT. EDWARD ABEEL DIES IN 94TH YEAR
Forty Years a Sailing Master and Then Served Forty Years as Dock Master

Captain Edward Marshall Abeel, a former Dockmaster of New York, died early this morning in his 94th year, at his residence, 1006 Bergen street. The funeral services will be held Monday afternoon, the Rev. T. [Thomas] E. Potterton of the Universalist Church of Our Father officiating. The interment will be at Skaneateles, N.Y.

Captain Marshall was born at Easton, N.Y., and followed the sea for forty years. He was captain of a ship of the old Black Ball line that plied between New York and Liverpool, and when sailing vessels gave way to steamers he retired from sea duty to take an appointment as Dockmaster in New York City, where he remained for forty years, retiring when he was 89 years old. He was the oldest member of the New York Marine Society. He is survived by four daughters and three grandchildren.

Captain Abeel was the oldest living pensioner in New York City. In 1916 he and his wife celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary. They lived at the Bergen street address for thirty years. He was a constant reader of The Eagle. His home is filled with oil paintings depicting sea life, and one which he treasured highly was a painting of the ship he had commanded, the James Foster Jr., the fastest ship in the Black Ball service.

The modern ocean liner held no attractions for Captain Abeel. When he was recently asked if he would like to go to sea again and captain a fast steamer he gave an emphatic "No."

The liners nowadays," he said, "are much on the order of ferryboats; there is hardly a bit of sea life to them and [they] are more on the order of floating hotels. I am fond of the old square riggers. They were boats.

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