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William Henry Austin

William Henry Austin, one the oldest members of the EAGLE'S reportorial staff, died of consumption yesterday afternoon at the residence of his sister, Mrs. [Lydia] Pursell, 52 West Fourteenth street, New York. He was born in New York forty-seven years ago, and when in his seventh year his parents removed to the Eastern District, then the City of Williamsburgh. His father [Henry O. Austin] for many years, was in the furniture business on Grand street under the firm name of Austin & Coleman. William Henry, who was an only son, received a good education and was a bookkeeper in his younger days. He was first married to Miss Mary Jane Gillespie, by whom he had one son, who is now in his twenty-first year. His second wife [Katherine G. Hannum], to whom he was wedded twelve years ago, and who has been dead for nearly two years, was a niece of the late George Ricard, for many years president of the Williamsburgh Savings Bank. These children, boys [Frank] aged 11 and [Grant] 5 years respectively, survive. Mr. Austin entered journalism about eighteen years ago. For a short period he was connected with the *E. D. Times*, after which he secured a position on the EAGLE staff as its representative in the Eastern District, and for more than sixteen years he had held that position. About four years ago he developed symptoms of the disease which caused his death, but he continued at work until seven months ago. Mr. Austin had been an active member of the Volunteer Fire Department of the Eastern District, and was for many years its secretary and a member of Friendship Hose Company, No. 3.

Harry, as he was called by his associates and friends generally, was, on account of his long connection with the EAGLE, one of the best known men in the Eastern District. He was of a very cheerful disposition, quiet and unobtrusive of manner and lasting in his friendships.

The funeral services will take place at his sister's residence to-morrow afternoon at 4 o'clock, and the remains will be taken to Rye, N.Y., Monday morning, and interred alongside of his mother's.

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Funeral of the Late W. H. Austin

Funeral services over the remains of the late William Henry Austin were held yesterday afternoon at the residence of his sister, Mrs. Pursell, No. 52 West Fourteenth street, New York, and were attended by many members of the local and New York press, and other friends of deceased. There were many floral tributes, among which was one from the associates of the deceased on the *Eagle*, and a handsome broken column from the Long Island Press Club. The services were conducted by Rev. Almon Gunnison, pastor of All Souls' Universalist Church [First Universalist Church of Brooklyn], who paid a tribute to the popularity and faithfulness of deceased and spoke in the highest terms of his integrity and nobility of nature. The body was taken to Rye, Westchester County, to-day, for interment.

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