

[Burnett, Garwood]

GARWOOD BURNETT.

Garwood Burnett, who died Wednesday at the Brooklyn Home for the Aged, was one of the oldest hardware merchants of Brooklyn. He was born in Matteawan, N.Y. and was descended from the original owners of the property on which the town is built. He was in his eightieth year at the time of his death, and came to Brooklyn in his fifteenth year. His first employment was in the hardware store of James McKenzie, Fulton street, corner of York, where he remained for some years. He moved to Newport, R.I. for a time, and while there married a lineal descendant of Roger Williams, who subsequently died. Returning to Brooklyn, he established a store at the corner of Franklin and DeKalb avenues, which he conducted for nearly forty years. He was one of the founders of the DeKalb avenue M. E. church, but after the death of his second wife, to whom he was married on his return from Newport, he united with the Universalist church of Our Father, and was a member at the time of his death.

His funeral from the home will be conducted by the Rev. A. J. Canfield, pastor of the church. Mr. Burnett was a member of the Volunteer Fire Department forty years ago, and was a friend of Frank B. Spinola, William E. Sprague and the well known men of that time. He married a third time, his second wife having died, and his third wife survives him. He is also survived by three sons, living respectively in Louisiana, Texas and New Jersey. Mr. Burnett had, in his time, made and lost three fortunes, in business, but had enough to live on comfortably for the past eight years, since which time he had retired from business. For two years constant attention had been needed by him, and at his own suggestion he went to the Home for Aged Men, where he died.

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