

[Burtis, William A.]

WILLIAM A. BURTIS

William A. Burtis, President of the Empire City Fire Insurance Company, of this city, died at his residence, No. 104 East Fifty-eighth-street, yesterday, of erysipelas, after an illness of less than a week. He leaves a widow, three sons and two daughters. Mr. Burtis was in the fifty-ninth year of his age, and had been President of the Empire Company for 13 years. He was born in this city, and began his career as a clerk in the publication office of *Hunt's Magazine*. From this position he retired, when quite young, to accept a clerkship in the old Contributorship Insurance Company. In 1850, when the Empire City Company was formed, Mr. Burtis was engaged as a clerk, and from this position he rose to be first Secretary and then President. He accompanied the Seventh Regiment as a non-commissioned officer during its brief campaign in 1862, and was a member of the Veteran Association of that regiment when he died. Mr. Burtis lived the life of a quiet citizen, and was very popular among his business and social acquaintances, of whom he had hosts. He was a member of the Church of the Divine Paternity [Fourth Universalist Society of the City of New York].

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