

[Hillary, Joshua]

Joshua Hillary

Joshua Hillary, who was in the eightieth year of his age, died this morning at the home of his son-in-law, Julius DeLong, 160 Ross street. Death was due to heart disease, the result of an attack of pneumonia about a year ago. Up to that time Mr. Hillary had been in the best of health. He was one of the few aged men in the habit of taking a bicycle ride every clear day. He usually rode about forty miles and was a familiar figure. He attributed much of his good health to this.

Mr. Hillary had been a resident of the Eastern District for something like forty years, and conducted an undertaking business until lately, when he was succeeded by his son. He was born in England and came to this country with his parents at the age of 3 years. He lived many years with them in the old Seventh Ward of New York, and later went West and was in Minnesota at the time of the great Indian massacre. He made another trip to that part of the country and on his return settled down and married [Eliza Le Count, who did in 1894]. He was one of the first to purchase two lots of ground of the old Meserole farm, which are now the site of [the] Masonic Temple at Manhattan and Meserole avenues. He was a widower and is survived by one son [John T. Hillary] and a daughter [Sara, wife of Julius DeLong]. He was a member of Hyatt Lodge, F. and A. M., and of the Amphion Society. Funeral services will be held to-morrow night at the home of his daughter, and the interment will be Sunday morning.

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Memorials Placed in All Souls' Universalist Church, Brooklyn
[excerpt]

There was [sic] unveiled in All Souls' Church, Universalist, South Ninth-st., Brooklyn, yesterday, several memorial windows. Two of these windows were on the lower tier...One of these two last windows...is of the "Ascension," and is in memory of James Bayard Hopkins and Hanna Cozzens Hopkins...The other, which occupies the position next [to] the entrance door, representing the "Angel of the Church Triumphant," is in memory of Joshua Hillary and Eliza Hillary, and was given by Julius DeLong.

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