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FIRE-FIGHTER DEAD.

Capt Isaac A. Williams, Retired, Passes Away.

Dorchester Man Had Brilliant Record in Department.

Capt Isaac A. Williams of the Boston fire department, retired, died about 4 o'clock this morning at his home 54 Nightingale st, Dorchester He had been ill for some time. The arrangements for the funeral have not been completed, but no doubt he will be buried with all honors due a faithful fire fighter.

Capt Isaac A. Williams had a splendid career in the fire department. He was born in this city Jan 21, 1849 He was a machinist before his appointment to the fire department Beginning

CAPT ISAAC A WILLIAMS

at the bottom of the ladder in 1898 he worked himself up, winning every promotion on merit

His first experience fighting fires was with the Alert hand engine 4 of Dorchester, which was renumbered engine 19, when Dorchester was annexed to Boston Jan 5, 1870, he was made a call hoseman in the company, and April 1, 1871, he was promoted to assistant engineer Jan 5, 1874, he was promoted to engineman and sent to engine 23, Northampton st May 1, 1874, he resigned from the department, but returned Feb 1, 1875, as a member of engine 26, Mason st. May 20, 1880, he was made engineman at engine 15, Dorchester av, South Boston

His record won him advancement to the rank of captain Sept 4, 1885, and he continued to serve at engine 15 until Dec 22, 1893, when he was sent to engine company 18, Harvard st, Dorchester. Since going to Dorchester he served as acting district chief at various times, filling the position creditably.

Dec 28 last year Capt Williams was retired on a pension. He retired with a perfect record. The announcement of his death this morning cast a gloom over the department, especially throughout Dorchester, where Capt Williams had endeared himself to many. Expressions of sympathy were heard from citizens who remembered him.

When first stricken with illness last fall the captain showed amazing grit in returning to duty, but early in December, he suffered a relapse and was again forced to quit

Mr Wells, in retiring Capt Williams, spoke of his brilliant record in the fire department, stating that it was with reluctance that he was parting with the faithful leader. Chief Mullen, under whom Capt Williams served in the South Boston district for many years, also praised his former subordinate.

"Capt Williams was one of the squarest men in the fire department," said Chief Mullen. "He was a disciplinarian, but he was fair, and a fireman every hour of the day." The chief recalled the excellent work performed by Capt Williams while he was in charge of engine 15, and said that the fire department lost a capable executive officer by his retirement.

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