

EX-FIRE CAPTAIN DIES IN WEST ROXBURY

Thomas M. McLaughlin III Only Two Weeks

Capt Thomas M. McLaughlin, 69, for 34 years a member of the Boston Fire Department and for 22 of those years a captain, died at his home, 7



CAPT THOMAS M. McLAUGHLIN

Dunwell st, West Roxbury, shortly after 4:30 yesterday afternoon. He has been ill for but two weeks.

Capt McLaughlin was known to hundreds of downtown business men and numbered his friends in the Fire Department by the hundreds. He retired from active service in Dec 1920. Since that time he had been living quietly at his home in West Roxbury.

He was first appointed to the Boston Fire Department in July of 1886. Twelve years later he earned appointment to the captaincy, being elevated to that rank by the late Commissioner Henry S. Russell.

When first appointed to the department, he was assigned to Engine 28 in Jamaica Plain, but on Oct 7 of the following year he was transferred to Ladder 1, and on Dec 22, 1893, was made a lieutenant and assigned to Ladder 4. In June of the following year he was again transferred, this time to Ladder 8 at Ft Hill sq, where he served under six different captains. On Dec 2, 1898, he was appointed captain of the company and served there for three years, when in December, 1901, he was assigned to Engine 30, where he continued for the 19 years, until his resignation in 1920.

Capt McLaughlin is survived by two sons, both of whom live in West Roxbury, Bernard A., who is employed in the fire alarm system of the department, and Richard J. McLaughlin, and by two daughters, Mrs Katherine A. Dutton and Mrs Margaret E. Lyons, also both of West Roxbury.