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DEPUTY CHIEF CHARLES H. W. POPE,
Of the Boston Fire Department.

Deputy Chief Charles H. W. Pope of the Boston Fire Department died at 1:30 this morning at his home in the Hotel Dartmouth, 53 Warren st, Roxbury, after a brief illness. His death is ascribed to a complication of diseases. He was taken ill last Thursday, just as he started on his annual vacation.

Deputy Chief Pope was one of the veteran members of the department, and one of the most widely known, highly efficient and best liked. He was born Dec 25, 1847, in Charlestown, with which district he had been associated most of his life. In his younger days he entered the catering business, and

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In 1869 he joined the volunteer fire department.

In 1872, when the Charlestown Department was reorganized, he was made assistant foreman of Massachusetts Hook and Ladder 1, and the next April became its foreman, in which post he continued after the annexation of Charlestown, the company then becoming Ladder 9.

He was promoted permanent captain Dec 20, 1884, and chief of the district May 2, 1890. His career as chief of the Charlestown District, one of the most difficult and dangerous in the city, lasted for 24 years, in which time he distinguished himself repeatedly and had numerous close calls, notably at the "Chipman" fire in 1891.

March 14, 1914, when the department was reorganized, he was made junior deputy chief, with immediate charge of the Roxbury district.

He is survived by his wife and three sons, Charles W. Pope, formerly driver for his father and now a letter carrier, George and Lester Pope.