

ALDEN SPOONER DOUGLAS

Scarcely had the ink dried upon the paper in writing a few lines upon the demise of one of Sag-Harbor's well and favorably known ladies, before we were called upon to indite still farther reference to one of Sag-Harbor's sons—Alden Spooner Douglas—whose earthly career closed in the Southampton Hospital Monday of this week, after a long illness with rheumatism, rendering him almost helpless, and finally that incurable, insidious Bright's disease.

The name of Alden Douglas is familiar to nearly every one in this community. He was a son of Daniel H. Douglas, a former merchant of this place and a connection of Rev. Daniel Hall, a pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Sag-Harbor from September 1797 to May 1806, entitling him to the standing of one of the time-honored old families. He was also a descendant of Alden J. Spooner, who published The Suffolk County Gazette in this place from 1804 to 1811, from whom he derived his name, Mr. Spooner afterward being a prominent resident of Brooklyn.

Mr. Douglas was born in Sag-Harbor, on January 6th, 1849. After the death of his father in 1867, Alden started out to face life's battles, first securing a position in a drygoods house in Hartford, Conn., where he thoroughly learned the business. In 1872 he became connected with the old drygoods house of Journey & Burnham, in Brooklyn, where his good qualities were soon discovered and he was put at the head of one of the prominent departments. He remained with this firm for twenty years, 1892, and then, tiring of city life and longing for the pure country air and the surroundings of his old Long Island home, he returned to his much loved native place, purchasing the interest of the late John M. Hildreth in the business of Hildreth & Rogers, finally buying out his partner, Mr. Rogers, and conducting the business alone until he retired in 1915 owing to ill health. He was also manager here of the telephone central office for many years.

His funeral services will be held at the Presbyterian Memorial Chapel on Thursday, March 8th, at 2 o'clock.