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## EX-ALDERMAN LEECH DEAD.

He Was One of the Oldest Inhabitants  
of Brooklyn.

Ex-Alderman John Leech died at his residence, No. 354 Livingston street, this morning of heart disease. Mr. Leech has been failing since last September.

John Leech was born in Scotland 83 years ago. He came to this country in 1813 and became a ropemaker. He afterward went into the granite and marble business and was a large contractor.

He lived for many years at No. 105 Gold street, in the Fifth Ward. He was candidate for the office of Alderman in the Democratic ward thirteen times. He was finally elected in 1850.

From 1828 to 1853 he was a member of the old Volunteer Fire Department. He was a foreman for several years. He was president of the old Mechanics Exchange, and was prominent in public affairs. He was one of the city commissioners who had charge of opening Third street.

At the time of his death, Mr. Leech was a member of Fortitude Lodge, A. F. and A. M., the Volunteer Firemen's Association and St. Peter's Episcopal Church.

He has long been an authority on matters pertaining to the history of Brooklyn, and was one of the oldest inhabitants.

The funeral services will be held in St. Peter's Episcopal Church on State street, the Rev. Lindsey Parker officiating. Richard Leech, son of the deceased, was recently Alderman of the Third Ward.