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JAMES A. HAMILTON.

James A. Hamilton, son of Alexander Hamilton, Secretary of the Treasury under Washington, died on Tuesday last at "Nevis," the old Hamilton mansion on the Hudson, near Irvington, at the advanced age of 91 years. James A. Hamilton was born in the year 1788, while his father was engaged in the Constitutional Convention, and was 16 years of age at the date of the famous rencounter with Aaron Burr. Two years previous his elder brother, a young man of 20, had lost his life in a duel. The second son, John C. Hamilton, wrote the life of his father in two volumes. The name of the deceased, James A., is familiar in the literary world, also, as the author of a work, published in 1870, entitled *Hamilton's Conduct as Secretary of the Treasury Vindicated*, in which considerable documentary evidence of importance is adduced in defense of his father's financial policy. He married a grand-daughter of Robert Morris, of Revolutionary fame, and retired from active life after the Administration of Andrew Jackson, of whom he had preserved many striking reminiscences. Nearly 50 years ago he built the mansion on the Hudson, a mile from the busy village of Irvington. It is a strikingly simple Greek structure, such as was considered exactly the thing in those days, having five weather-beaten Doric columns on either front, the one colonnade overlooking the Hudson, the other facing a shaded country road embowered in forest trees. The house was originally brown, but, not having been painted for years, has something grim and stern about it. At the rear a noisy little brook purls through a deep, wooded ravine, winding through the grass like a strain of music. The Hamilton mansion was famous in New-York society 40 years ago, and has been the scene of many a distinguished gathering. It is now occupied by a son of the deceased, a gentleman having the strong, thick-set physique of the Morrises, rather than the tall, slender form of the Hamiltons, with the Greek nose, dashed with Gallic nervousness and decision, and the sensitive mouth of that historic family. Mr. Hamilton retained the use of his intellectual faculties until within the last four or five years. His death was consequently not an unexpected stroke; but those who knew him will miss an old man's picturesque and rambling reminiscences of society and politics in old times. He remembered Jackson, and all about the great Mrs. Eaton scandal, and the ins and outs and windings of Martin Van Buren's political career. He had seen President Washington, and knew all the mythology of the heroes of the Revolution by heart. He was familiar with the inner events of New-York society as it was 60 years ago. During the last half a century he had lived the life of a retired gentleman, with scarcely an event of importance to disturb the recollections of his youth.

The funeral is announced to take place to-morrow, and carriages will be in waiting at the depot to receive friends and relatives and take them to Nevis, so named after the island where his father was born.

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