

John Fountain (- 16 Aug 1834)

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On Thursday, 14th inst. (at the residence of Clement T. Coote, his brother-in-law) after a very protracted affliction, John Fountain, aged 37 years.

Mr. Fountain was a native of England, and, recently resided at Hoddesdon, near London; he, with his family, arrived at New York the latter part of June, and in this city on the first of July last; for several years he was a member of the Baptist denomination, and rejoicing in, and confidently resting upon, the perfect obedience of his Redeemer, to the requirements of the Divine law, for his justification until eternal life,

" breathed his soul into its rest,
The bosom of his God."

Placid resignation, united with the firm energy of his mind, were, to the last, remarkable. Having taken a friendly, affectionate, and final leave of his attending physician, Doctor May, and which, in the course of the day, was extended, at intervals, to his dearest connection, and friends, (for he had a presentiment of the hour of his removal, which he mentioned, and which was realized,) he recollected that he had omitted to request that a post mortem examination should be made; he sent for the Doctor again to his room, and made an especial request to that effect. His desire was that the peculiar character of his disease might be distinctly ascertained; particularly, as some very eminent physicians in England, owing to some peculiar and unusual symptoms, did entertain different opinions of his case; particularly Doctor James Johnson, of London, and Doctor John Leigh, of St. Ives, Huntingdonshire.

The examination requisite was made by Doctors May and Hall, of this city, and, from the known professional skill and judgment of these gentlemen, there can be no doubt but the process and result of the investigation will be so used by them as to extend the benefits of medical science.

Will of John Fountain, of City of Washington, D.C. (dtd. July 19, 1834, probated Sept. 2, 1834; Book 4, pp. 237-240; O.S. 1753; Box 12)

To wife Margaret Fountain, all household furniture, personal and family, linen, clothing, books, plate, china and glass; interests on monies toward her maintenance and education of children; after her death, money to be invested to son William Fountain, under age 11 years, daughter Margaret Fountain, under age 4 years, and daughter Mary Ann Fountain, under age 2 years, to be equally divided among them.

On Nov. 14, 1827, an insurance was effected in County Life Insurance Office, in London, , number 6,299, for L350 (pounds), payable in 3 months from death; direct Exr. And Exrx. To enable brother Abraham Fountain, in London, and friend William Allen of Standstead Mills, Hertfordshire, England, to receive insurance amount; also to brother and William Allen, an amount in office of Messrs. Barings Bros. and Co. in London.

Exrx.: Margaret Fountain, wife; friends Clement T. Coote and William Speiden

Wits.: John Fill; William Edwards; Charlotte Cole

Original record contains an unsigned codicil