

## William S. Irving

( - 28 Jul 1854)

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**Irving.** On the 28th July, William Irving, Esq. in the 41st year of his age, formerly a citizen of New York but for the last 3 or 4 years a resident of this city.

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### **Death From an Overdose of Morphine**

Yesterday morning, Mr. William Irving, a nephew of Washington Irving, formerly chief clerk of the Census Bureau, but at the time of his death a clerk in the office of the Fourth Auditor, took an overdose of morphine, and died about 8 o'clock last night at his boarding house in this city. His design in taking the morphine was evidently to quiet his nerves. About two o'clock p.m., he was discovered to be asleep from it; and being aroused, he went up to his room and laid upon his bed, from which he did not afterwards rise--dying in about six hours, despite the efforts made by Drs. Richards and Holmead to relieve him. He was a gentleman of remarkably fine requirements, and much beloved by his friends. He leaves a distressed wife and three children, one of whom is now with his uncle, Washington Irving.