

# F. A. TIERNEY DIES; EX-POLICE CAPTAIN

Retired in 1928 After Serving  
32 Years on Force—Once  
Had Rank of Inspector.

## WON EARLY PROMOTIONS

Made a Sergeant Within Twenty  
Months—In Charge of the  
Chinatown District in 1911.

Frank A. Tierney, retired police captain, whose thirty-two years on the force included service in Hell's Kitchen, Chinatown, Harlem and the Tenderloin, died Friday of heart disease at his home, 1,155 East Thirty-ninth Street, Brooklyn. He was 68 years old.

Born at 301 Mulberry Street, opposite old police headquarters, Mr. Tierney as a youth was the "pet" of patrolmen and officers alike. On coming of age, he took a job in the Erie Railroad auditing office. In 1896 he passed his police examination and was appointed to the force by Theodore Roosevelt, then Police Commissioner.

Mr. Tierney found many ways to simplify the clerical work of the department and his ability was recognized. Just twenty months after he donned his first uniform he was made a sergeant and sent to West Thirty-seventh Street, better known as "Hell's Kitchen."

Three years later he was made a lieutenant, serving as a desk man in the central office, as well as in Chinatown, the Tenderloin and the East and West Sides of Manhattan. In 1911 he became a captain, taking charge of Chinatown, which at that time was the scene of many tong disturbances.

The Hip Sing and On Leong tongs were constantly fighting, and gambling houses dotted the quarter in abundance. Mr. Tierney was responsible for the arrest of two notorious characters, Mock Duck and Hip Sing, both of whom were executed.

As an inspector in 1915 he was shifted to districts in Greenpoint and the navy yard. In 1918 Police Commissioner Enright reduced Mr. Tierney and several other inspectors to captaincies. He retired with the rank of captain on Dec. 31, 1928, at which time he was in charge of the Miller Avenue precinct in Brooklyn.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and belonged to the Holy Name Society of St. Gregory's Catholic Church, St. John's Place and Brooklyn Avenue, Brooklyn. He also was active in the Madison Democratic Club of the Eighteenth Assembly District. One of his favorite sports was rowing, and in this he excelled.

Three sons, Frank A. Jr., Raymond A. and John E., and three grandchildren survive. A solemn high mass of requiem will be offered at St. Gregory's Church at 10 A. M. Tuesday. Burial will be in the family plot in St. John's Cemetery, Middle Village, Queens.



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FRANK A. TIERNEY.