

Obituary of Alexander Balmanno (1832-1902)

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Alexander Balmanno

Alexander Balmanno, one of the best known antiquarians in Brooklyn, died yesterday at his late home, 184 Fourteenth street, in the seventy-second year of his age. He was born in Geneva, this state, but spent the greater part of his life in Brooklyn and being a builder and contractor was largely instrumental in developing the section of South Brooklyn which he always made his home. He was of distinguished Scottish descent, his father, **Robert Balmanno**, being a noted Scottish historian and the friend of **Lamb** and **Hood**, while his mother, **Mary Balmanno**, was a gifted Scottish writer, the author of "Shakespeare's Heroines" and "Evenings With Lamb and Hood." **Mr. Balmanno** was one of the founders and long an honorary member of the American Numismatic and Archaeological Society and it is said that his collection of Greek and Roman coins was the most valuable ever gotten together in this country. It was purchased by the British Museum. He was also a studious collector of Long Island Indian relics and curiosities and his opinions in the general field of numismatics and archaeology were regarded as of the highest authority.

At the outbreak of the Civil War **Mr. Balmanno** enlisted in the Seventy-first Regiment and served with distinguished bravery. He was also in his younger days assistant foreman of Engine No. 22 in the Volunteer Fire Department. His social affiliations were mainly with his Scottish compatriots and he was chief of the Caledonian Club and a member of the Clan MacDonald of the Scottish clans. **Mr. Balmanno** was a remarkably well preserved man and up to recently was very fond of outdoor sports, having just completed a fine yacht. He leaves a widow and seven grown children, four sons and three daughters. The funeral will be private.

Alexander Balmanno was the son of **Robert Balmanno** and **Mary Hudson**. [View genealogy...](#)