

Death of an Ex-Secretary of State.

Mr. Nathaniel Cox who was at one time Secretary of State and held other responsible offices died on Monday night last at the residence of his son-in-law, Mr. Z. Porter Lusby, at Cecilton, in the 74th year of his age.

He was only confined to bed five weeks but had been in failing health for several years his death being attributed to a general breaking down of the vital powers.

Mr. Cox was a native of Ireland where he was born in July, 1816. He came to Baltimore with his parents when but five years old. After attending school several years he became an apprentice to Hess and Austen, cabinet makers. He afterward read law in the offices of Wm. P. Preston and Reverdy Johnson. He practiced his profession in Baltimore with marked success. For two terms he represented Baltimore in the House of Delegates when the City had but four members in that body instead of eighteen as at present. He was secretary of State under Governor Ligon, resigning the office in 1857 to form a law partnership with ex-Governor Philip Frank Thomas in St. Louis Mo., He remained there until the outbreak of the civil war, on account of expressions of sympathy for the cause he was twice imprisoned in Missouri. On his return to Maryland he made his home in Sassafras Neck with Gen, Andrew J. Pennington until 1867, when he removed to New York City and resumed the practice of his profession, being a partner of Judge Clark. After several years growing deafness compelled him to give up the practice of law. He went to Cecilton to reside with his daughter Mrs Z. Porter Lusby. On his death a number of years ago he continued to reside with Mrs. Lusby. He was more or less an invalid from the time his daughter died until his death. Two granddaughters are his only survivors. He was a brother of John Cox, printer, of Baltimore. His funeral took place on Wednesday from St-Stephens Protestant Episcopal Church.