



CORONER WHITMAN.

STEPHEN E. WHITMAN, M. D.

DR. STEPHEN E. WHITMAN, younger son of Stephen Whitman, of Port Richmond, was born in New York city in 1855. The family moved to Port Richmond in 1862, into the house on the corner of Broadway and Bennett street, where they still reside.

In 1876, Mr. Whitman began the study of medicine with Dr. W. C. Walser. After being graduated, in 1881, from the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Dr. Whitman spent two or three years in Bellevue, St. Vincent and Chambers street hospitals, and then practiced with his former tutor, remaining for a long time as his assistant. He next moved to Brooklyn, where he practiced for five years. At the end of that period, he returned to the Island and opened an office in Port Richmond, where he has built up a large practice.

In the election of 1891, Dr. Whitman was elected coroner on the Democratic ticket in opposition to Dr. J. Walter Wood. He has had many important cases during his official term, the last of which was the killing of Adam Frelich by Officer Wells of the Richmond county police, the officer being exonerated by the jury.

The Whitman family came from England prior to 1680 and settled in Weymouth, Mass., and from the coat of arms of the family, it is evident that they belonged to the aristocracy and nobility.

Dr. Whitman's father, Capt. Stephen Whitman, commanded several famous Liverpool packets and the vessels of the old New York Mail S. S. Co., and later of the Cromwell line to New Orleans.

During the war of the rebellion Capt. Whitman was chased by the famous privateer Alabama, but, fortunately escaped. He has been a member of the Produce Exchange for the past fifteen years, and is a member of the Marine Society. He was trustee of the village of Port Richmond for seventeen years, and since 1873 has been inspector of storage under the name of Whitman & Fisher.

Dr. Whitman's mother was Miss Maria Robertson Dean, of Deansville, Conn., of one of the oldest and most prominent families in that part of the state.

The doctor, who is still unmarried, lives and has his office in the family residence at Port Richmond, where he is esteemed a skillful physician, a faithful and competent county official and a popular member of society.