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Duprez (14 March 1833 -- August 31 , 1902) was a popular American minstrel show performer and manager

He is best known as one of the principals of the Duprez & Benedict 's Minstrels , which was a highly popular American minstrel group in the late 1860s a

Duprez was originally from France , according to his naturalization record on 29 July 1887 Lowell , Massachusetts and began performing minstrel shows

By 1858 , this group was known as Duprez and Green 's , until Green retired in 1865

Lew Benedict (who had joined the group in 1861) bought out Green 's share , and the group became known as Duprez & Benedict 's Minstrels , which b

Benedict left the group in 1876 , but Duprez maintained the group until about 1885 , and then purchased the Washington Tavern hotel in Lowell

His effort to revive the hotel 's fortunes were unsuccessful , but he continued to work in different capacities in the area 's hotel business and operating ric

Shortly before he died , he was running the `` boat merry - go - round " at Crescent Park in Providence

Duprez died of heart failure at the Rhode Island Hospital in Providence , Rhode Island on August 31 , 1902

1902 obituary reports stated that he was 65 years old at the time of his death , but Edward Le Roy Rice 's 1911 Monarchs of Minstrelsy reports that Dupr