

Henry Burton DeGroot (Jr.)

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Henry B. DeGroot

Patent Examiner

Henry Burton DeGroot, 92, who was a patent examiner with the Patent Office for 21 years before retiring in 1948, died of prostate cancer Dec. 29 at the Charles County nursing home in La Plata. He lived in Nanjemoy.

Mr. DeGroot, who was born in Washington, was a 1931 graduate of American University law school.

He began his government career in the early 1920s as a scientific aide at the National Bureau of Standards. After his years with the Patent Office, he returned to government service in 1952 for three years. He was an engineering aide at the Naval Ordnance Laboratory.

His marriage to Ruby DeGroot ended in divorce.

Survivors include a sister, Cynthia Chase of California.