

Henderson Blake Gregory

(- 18 Apr 1965)

Gregory, Henderson Blake. On Sunday, April 18, 1965 at the Washington Hospital Center, Henderson Blake Gregory of the Cosmos Club, uncle of George F. and Charles N. Gregory of West Hartford, Conn. Mrs. Thomas G. Early and Mrs. Louis deGeofroy of Old Greenwich, Conn. Miss Anne Dudley Flanner of Washington, D.C., and Mrs. Dudley S. Gregory of Alexandria, Va. Friends may call at Joseph Gawler's Sons, Wisconsin ave., at Harrison st. nw. (parking on premises), Tuesday, April 20, 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Services will be held at St. John's Episcopal Church, Lafayette Square on Wednesday, April 21, at 2 p.m. Interment Congressional Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to St. John's Episcopal Church, Lafayette Square.

The Evening Star, April 19, 1965, p. B4

H.B. Gregory, 89, Dies, Ex-Engineer for Navy

Henderson B. Gregory, 89, retired head marine engineer in the Navy Department's Bureau of Steam Engineering, died yesterday at Washington Hospital Center after a long illness. He lived at the Cosmos Club, 2121 Massachusetts Ave. NW

Gregory was born in New York City and attended schools there and in Paris and Switzerland. He moved to Washington in 1891 and was graduated from Friends' Select School (now Sidwell Friends) four years later.

He went to work for the Navy's Office of the Inspector of Machinery in Newport News, Va., and continued there until 1908, taking correspondence courses in mechanical engineering and night classes in applied mechanics

He returned here to take a post with the steam engineering bureau. Until his retirement in 1945, he worked on designs for cruisers, battleships, destroyers and submarines.

The same year he retired, Gregory was presented a Distinguished Civilian Service Award for his work during World War II. In 1959 he was honored at a dinner meeting of the Washington Society of Engineers, of which he was a life member.

He was also a member of the American Society of Marine Engineers, Navy league and Society of Naval Architects and Engineers, as well as the Cosmos Club, Chevy Chase Club and Sulgrave Club.

A former vestryman of St. John's Church, Gregory leaves several nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday n St. John's Church, Lafayette Square with burial in Congressional Cemetery.

The Washington Post, April 20, 1965, p. C3

H.B. Gregory Dies, Marine Engineer

Henderson B. Gregory, marine engineer who headed the Navy Department's Bureau of Steam Engineering during World War II, died Sunday after a long illness at the Washington Hospital Center.

He was 89 and he lived at the Cosmos Club, 2121 Massachusetts ave. nw.

During World War II and throughout his 37-year career at the Bureau, Mr. Gregory worked on designs for battleships, cruisers, destroyers and submarines.

In 1945, the year he retired, he received a Distinguished Civilian Service Award for his work during the War.

A native of New York, Mr. Gregory attended schools there and in Paris and Switzerland. He came to Washington in 1891 and studied here at the Friends' Select School, the forerunner of Sidewell Friends School.

While employed in the Navy's Office of the Inspector of Machinery in Newport News, he continued his education with correspondence courses in mechanical engineering and attending night classes in applied mechanics.

He returned to Washington in 1908 to join the steam engineering bureau, and had lived here since.

He was a life member of the Washington Society of Engineers, which honored him at a dinner in 1959. His other memberships included the American Society of Marine Engineers, Navy League, Society of Naval Architects and Engineers, Cosmos Club, Chevy Chase Club and Sulgrave Club.

He was a former vestryman of St. John's Episcopal Church at Lafayette Square.

There are no immediate survivors.