

Samuel Louis Hilton

(- 30 Jan 1944)

Hilton, Samuel L. On Sunday, January 30, 1944, at his residence, 2152 L st. nw., Samuel L. Hilton, beloved father of Mrs. Helen Lee Poerstel, Mrs. W.H. O'Brien of Miami, Fla., and Charles L. Williams.

Remains resting at Hysong's funeral home, 1300 N st. nw., where services will be held on Wednesday, February 2, at 2 p.m. Relatives and friends invited to attend. Interment Congressional Cemetery. Please omit flowers.



Dr. Samuel Hilton.

Hilton, Samuel L. Members of the Association of Oldest Inhabitants are requested to attend the funeral of our late associate, Dr. Samuel L. Hilton. Services at Hysong's funeral home, 1300 N st. n.w., on Wednesday, February 2, 1944, at 2 p.m.

Theodore W. Noyes, President

John B. Dickman, Sr., Secretary

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Dr. Samuel L. Hilton, Pharmacist Here for 54 Years, Dies

Dr. Samuel Louis Hilton 78, one of the pharmaceutical profession's most outstanding men, who had operated a pharmacy here for 54 years, died yesterday in the apartment above his store, 2152 L street N.W., after an illness of three months.

Dr. Hilton's business was devoted exclusively to prescriptions and sic room supplies. His store, with its ornately carved cabinets, had an air of a Dickens apothecary shop. It was a far cry from the glass-enclosed showcases of the modern drugstore.

Born and reared in Washington, Dr. Hilton was educated in the public schools, graduating from high school in 1884. He attended the old National College Pharmacy, from which he was graduated as valedictorian o his class in 1888.

The following year he opened his pharmacy at Twenty-second and L streets. He was awarded the Remington Honor Medal, the highest honor conferred by the druggist profession in the United States, in 1935.

A member of one of the country's oldest families -- his grandfather, Samuel Hilton, was reputed to have been a pallbearer at George Washington's funeral -- Dr. Hilton had long served some of the District's most distinguished families. Famous personages of the stage were also included among his customers as well as many Presidents.

Was Noted Lecturer

For five years after graduating from the National College of Pharmacy he was assistant professor of analytical chemistry in that institution, and in recent years he served as lecturer on professional pharmacy in the college, which merged with George Washington University in 1914.

Dr. Hilton served on the Board of Trustees of his alma mater from 1889 to 1914 and was its president from 1897 to 1898. He was a member of the advisory committee to the president of George Washington University and in 1941 received the alumni achievement award from the university.

He was past president of the District of Columbia Retail Druggists Association, life member and past president of the American Pharmaceutical Association, also a member of its council and the chairman for the past 10 years.

Held Distinguished Offices

Since 1900 he had been a member of the United States Pharmacopoeial Convention and was three times elected its treasurer and had been a member of the National Formulary Committee since 1890. He was an associate member of the Medical Society of the District and a fellow of the American Medical Association. Dr. Hilton was a charter member of the Reciprocity Club and served as its treasurer for many years. He was also a trustee of the Cleveland Park Congregational Church.

It was he who first inaugurated the movement to establish the American Institute of Pharmacy, which was dedicated in 1935. The institute is located at Twenty-second street and Constitution avenue and is headquarters of the American Pharmaceutical Association.

Surviving are two stepdaughters, Mrs. Maxwell Poerstel of Bethesda and Mrs. William H. O'Brien of Miami, Fla., and a stepson, Charles L. Williams of Washington. His wife, Mrs. Virginia L. Hilton, died last November.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Hysongs funeral home, 1300 N street N.W., with the Rev. Edward Gabler, rector of Christ Episcopal Church, officiating. Burial will be in Congressional Cemetery.

Active pallbearers will include members of the Reciprocity Club. They are Robert B. Doning, Jeff A. McKeever, Sterling A. Parks, Arthur Clarendon Smith, Dr. Walter F. Sullivan and W.C. Woodward.

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Dr. Samuel L. Hilton To Be Buried Tomorrow

Funeral services for Dr. Samuel Louis Hilton, 78, who operated a pharmacy here for 54 years, will be held at 2 p.m. tomorrow at Hysong's funeral home, 1300 N street N.W., with the Rev. Edward Gabler, rector of Christ Episcopal Church, officiating. Burial will be in Congressional Cemetery.

Active and honorary pallbearers will be fellow members of the Reciprocity Club and the American Pharmaceutical Association and other prominent residents.

Active bearers will be Robert B. Doning, Jeff A. McKeever, Sterling A. Parks, Arthur Clarendon Smith, Dr. Walter F. Sullivan and W.C. Woodward.

Honorary Bearers will be A.C. Taylor, R.L. Quigley, L.F. Bradley, Dr. Floyd Heck Marvin, J. French Simpson, Dr. H.A. Fowler, Dr. George C. Ruhland, Dr. Fred R. Sanderson, P.G. Affleck, W. Paul Briggs, H.M. Bradbury, Orlando G. Hall, I.A. Pennyson and Dr. E.F. Kelly.