

## Harry Reid Hummer

(27 Jan 1879 – 28 Aug 1957)

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**Hummer, Dr. Harry Reid.** On Wednesday, August 28, 1957 a.m., Sioux Falls, S. Dakota, Dr. Harry Reid Hummer, husband of Norena Guest Hummer, father of Dr. Francis L. Hummer and Radm. Harry R. Hummer, jr., U.S. Navy (retired); brother of Mrs. Georgie H. Lepper and John B. Hummer. He is also survived by four grandchildren. Services will be held at Gawler's Chapel, 1756 Pennsylvania avenue northwest on Sunday, September 1 at 3 p.m. Interment private.

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### **Dr. H.R. Hummer, Formerly On Staff at St. Elizabeths**

Dr. Harry R. Hummer, 78, a former staff member of St. Elizabeths Hospital, died Wednesday in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., after a brief illness.

Dr. Hummer was born in Washington and attended public schools here. He received his medical degree from Georgetown University.

A medical intern at St. Elizabeths in 1899, when only 20 years old, Dr. Hummer became an assistant physician and in charge of one of the buildings.

He left St. Elizabeths in 1908 and became superintendent of the Indian Insane Asylum at Canton, S. Dak., a position he held until his retirement in the early 1930s.

Dr. Hummer came out of retirement in 1947, serving five years as a member of the staff of consultants in the Veterans Hospital in Sioux Falls.

Dr. Hummer was a member of the South Dakota and Sioux Valley medical Associations and the Memorial A.M. Psychiatric Association of America. He was a Mason and a member of the Sioux Falls Consistory and of the El Riad Temple of the Shrine. He sang with a singing group, the Chanters, for 20 years.

He was a past president of the Crusade Commandery of Canton and in 1933 and 1934 was grand commander of the Scottish Rite of South Dakota.

Surviving are his wife, the former Norena Guest of Sioux Falls; two sons, Dr. Francis L. Hummer of Madison, Wis., and Rear Admiral Harry R. Hummer, USN, retired of San Diego, Calif.; a sister, Mrs. Henry A. Lepper of 9303 Harvey road, Silver Spring, and a brother, John B. Hummer of 1 Franklin avenue, Silver Spring. Four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren also survive.

A service will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday at Gawler's funeral home, 1756 Pennsylvania avenue N.W. Burial will be private.

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### **Soon Goes to South Dakota**

#### **Dr. Hummer Superintendent of Hospital for Insane**

#### **Native of Washington and Member of Staff of Government Institution Here**

Dr. Harry R. Hummer, an assistant physician on the staff of the Government Hospital for the Insane, has been appointed superintendent of the Canton Insane Asylum at Canton, S.D., and will take charge about October 1. He will leave the government hospital with his family the latter part of the present month for his new post.

The appointment to the position of superintendent of the Canton Insane Asylum has been under consideration for a number of weeks. The Canton institution is under the control of the commissioner

of Indian affairs, to whom the superintendent will be directly responsible for the conduct of the asylum. The institution is conducted by the government and was opened several years ago for the care and treatment of the insane Indians.

Dr. Hummer is a native of Washington and his friends here who have become aware of his promotion have congratulated him on his success. He was born in the southeastern part of the District January 27, 1879. He attended the public schools in that section, later going to the Eastern High School, where he graduated in 1895, being awarded a scholarship in the medical department of Georgetown University. The possession of this scholarship induced him to pursue the study of medicine and he graduated from the medical department of Georgetown University in May, 1899. He immediately entered upon the practice of his profession in the Columbia Hospital in this city, serving three months, and leaving as assistant resident physician to accept a position as interne at the Government Hospital for the Insane. He entered upon his duties in that hospital September 2, 1899, and has served there continuously since.

Subsequently Dr. Hummer took a civil service examination for an appointment as junior assistant physician in the hospital and was appointed October 4, 1899. He served several years in this capacity and then was promoted to his present position on the medical staff, that of senior assistant physician, and was placed in charge of the medical service at the institution, comprising the detached buildings. Here he has had under his care approximately 700 patients.

Dr. Hummer holds membership in the District Medical Society, the Medical Association of the District, is an associate member of the American Medico-Psychological Association and is a member of the Georgetown Alumni Association. Dr. Hummer is also a member of Naval Lodge, F.A.A.M. and of Naval Chapter, R.A.M. Dr. Hummer and Miss Norena Guest were married June 5, 1901. His family consists of his wife and two boys, the latter aged, respectively, four and two years.

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#### **Anacostia and Vicinity**

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Dr. Harry R. Hummer, who has been appointed from the staff of assistant physicians at the Government Hospital for the Insane to the position of superintendent of the Government Asylum for Insane Indians at Canton, S.D., left the local institution yesterday. It is his intention to take charge of the Canton institution October 1. Dr. Hummer received many expressions of esteem and good wishes for his success as head of the Canton asylum. Dr. Hummer has served at the Government Hospital for the Insane since September 2, 1899.