

Gilbert Powers Ritter

(19 Oct 1874 – 5 Oct 1957)

Ritter, Gilbert Powers. On Saturday, October 5, 1957, in Scarsdale, N.Y., Gilbert Powers Ritter, husband of the late Evelyn Knight Ritter of the late Evelyn Knight Ritter and father of Mrs. Winston E. Hobbs and Mrs. William R. Lockhart. Committal services and interment will be held at Congressional Cemetery on Tuesday, October 8, at 2 p.m. It is requested that flowers be omitted.

The Evening Star, October 6, 1957, p. A41

Gilbert Powers Ritter, Once Headed District Law Firm

Gilbert Powers Ritter, a Washington patent attorney for many years before his retirement, died yesterday in Scarsdale, N.Y. Mr. Ritter would have been 83 on October 19.

Born in Pittsburgh, Pa., of parents who were natives of Washington, he grew up in Washington, and lived here all his life before moving to Scarsdale in 1953. He made his home there with his daughter, Mrs. Winston E. Hobbs.

He was the senior partner in the old law firm of Ritter, Mechlin and Muir, retiring six years ago. The firm grew out of one founded by his father, Frederic Ritter.

An engineer as well as an attorney, Mr. Ritter received a degree in civil engineering from Cornell University in 1897, and a master of law degree from George Washington University.

He was a Mason, and a member of All Souls Episcopal Church.

His wife, Mrs. Evelyn Knight Ritter, died in 1935. He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Hobbs, and Mrs. William R. Lockhart, 5507 Lambeth road, Bethesda. Three grandchildren also survive.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Congressional Cemetery.

The Washington Post, October 6, 1957, p. B2

Gilbert P. Ritter

Gilbert Powers Ritter, 82, patent attorney here for nearly half a century, died in Scarsdale, N.Y., yesterday after a long illness.

He had been senior partner of the firm of Ritter, Mechlin and Muir, specializing in patent work on railroad equipment.

Mr. Ritter had been trained both as an engineer and as a lawyer. He was graduated as a civil engineer from Cornell University in 1897, winning the Fuertes Medal. He then came here, took a degree at the National Law School and won a master's degree at the George Washington University Law School.

He retired in 1950, and for the past four years had been living in Scarsdale.

A Mason, he also belonged to the Washington Golf and Country Club.

His wife, Evelyn, died in 1935. He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. William R. Lockhart, 5507 Lambeth rd., Bethesda; and Mrs. Winston E. Hobs, Scarsdale.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday in the Hitchcock Memorial Presbyterian Church, Scarsdale. There will be a graveside service at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Congressional Cemetery here, where Mr. Ritter will be buried.

Ritter Family Genealogy (from unnamed family member)
History of Members of Ritter Family buried in Congressional Cemetery
Range 42, Lots 186-190

In October 1957, Gilbert Powers Ritter, son of Frederick William Ritter, Jr. and Henrietta Florence Cooper Ritter was buried in site 189. He died in Scarsdale, New York at the home of his daughter, Emily Knight Ritter Hobbs, and her husband Winston Ellis Hobbs. Gilbert Ritter was born in Pittsburg, Pa., October 23, 1875. He attended Franklin Grammar school in Washington, D.C. and old Washington High School. He graduated from Cornell University in 1897 with a degree in civil engineering, first in his class, a member of Sigma Xi and winner of the Tuertis medal for scholarship. He graduated from National Law School (now George Washington) with a master's in Patent Law. He practiced patent law for many years with his father, Frederick William Ritter. Their office was in the McGill Bldg., 908 G Street N.W. and later in the Tower Building, 14th and H streets N.W.