

Millard Fillmore Thompson

(- 26 Dec 1937)

Thompson, Dr. Millard F. Suddenly on Sunday, December 26, 1937, at his residence, 8316 Colorado ave. n.w., Millard F. Thompson, M.D., beloved husband of Mrs. Rebecca Jennie Thompson (nee Knight) and father of Dr. R.K. Thompson and Mrs. Jack Thompson. Remains will lie in state at the Sixth Presbyterian Church, 16th and Kennedy sts. n.w., from 12 noon Monday, December 27, until time of services at 2 p.m., Tuesday, December 28. Relatives and friends invited to attend. Interment Congressional Cemetery.

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Dr. M.F. Thompson Dies At Residence

Native of Capital Was One of Washington's Oldest Physicians

Dr. Millard Fillmore Thompson, 80, prominent retired physician, died yesterday of a cerebral hemorrhage at his home, 5316 Colorado avenue NW. He had been ailing since being struck by an automobile near his home over a year ago, but had recovered sufficiently to be up and around.

A native of Southwest Washington, Dr. Thompson was one of Washington's oldest physicians, both in point of age and the length of time he had practiced. He retired last year after practicing here more than 50 years. He was the last surviving child of the late William Thompson and the late Mrs. Amanda Donn Thompson. His father was a well-known builder here and the family is one of Washington's oldest.

Dr. Thompson studied medicine and began practice as a physician after an earlier career as dentist. At the time of his death he was the oldest living graduate of the Baltimore City College of Dentistry, now a part of Maryland University, where he obtained his dental degree in 1879. He practiced dentistry in this city for several years with his brother, the late Dr. Henry Clay Thompson. Subsequently he was graduated in medicine in 1884 from the old Columbian College of Medicine, now George Washington University and had practiced medicine here since.

Once Taught Anatomy

For many years Dr. Thompson's office was on Maryland avenue S.W. where he was born, but some 14 years ago he moved to the Colorado avenue address.

Previously for 14 years Dr. Thompson was professor of anatomy in the old National University Medical School, now a part of George Washington University. He had the distinction of being the third oldest member of the District of Columbia Medical Society and belonged to the American Medical Association.

Dr. Thompson received his early education in the old Jefferson Public School in South Washington and served as captain of a military company at that school, the first public school military outfit here and a forerunner of the present high school cadet corps.

For many years Dr. Thompson had been a member of the Sixth Presbyterian Church and the Masonic fraternity. The church was organized in the home of his parents in 1853 and his father late built the church's first building at Sixth and C streets S.W. The church continued there until the present structure was built at Sixteenth and Kennedy sts. N.W.

Ruling Elder in Church

At the time of his death Dr. Thompson was ruling elder of the church. Previously he was for 25 years president of the church's board of trustees and was for 25 years precentor. Earlier this month the

church tendered Dr. and Mrs. Thompson a reception at the church on their 50th wedding anniversary as the oldest living members of the congregation.

Long a member of the Masonic fraternity, Dr. Thomspon was a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason. He was a member of Dawon Lodge #16, F.A.A.M.; the Albert Pike Consistory and Almas Temple of the Mystic Shrine. The Dawson Lodge recently made him a life member and presented him a gold button in token of 50 years' membership.

Dr. Thompson devoted much of his time to civic affairs. For many years he served as president of the Southwest Citizens' Association. Upon oving to his home on Colorado avenue he joined the Sixteenth Street Highlands Citizen's Association and was made chairman of its Committee on Public Health.

Survived by His Widow

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Virginia Knight Thompson, a son, Dr. Richard K. Thompson, this city, a daughter, Mrs. Jack Thopson, Swarthmore, Pa. and four grandchildren, Mrs. Charles W. Tobey, jr, and Richard K. Thompson, jr., this city; Marian and Debora Thompson Swarthmore.

The body is resting at the Sixth Presbyterian Church. Funeral services will be there at 2 p.m. tomorrow. Rev. J. Herbert Garner, the pastor, will officiate. The Rose Crois service of the Scottish Rite Masons will be conducted by the Rev. Dr. John C. Palmer, grand chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Masons of the District. The body will be placed in the family vault in Congressional Cemetery. Masonic burial rites will be held there by the Dawson Lodge, F.A.A.M.

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Thompson Funeral Being Held Today

Deceased, Prominent Retired Physician, Was One of Oldest in Profession in City

Funeral services for Dr. Millard Fillmore Thompson, 80, prominent retired physician, who died Sunday at his home, 5316 Colorado avenue N.W., are being held this afternoon in the Sixth Presbyterian Church, Sixteenth and Kennedy streets N.W., with the Rev. J. Herbert Garner, the pastor, officiating. The Rose Croix services of the Scottish Rite Mason are being conducted by Rev. Dr. John C. Palmer, grand chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Masons of the District. Burial will be in Congressional Cemetery, with Masonic rites by the Dawson Lodge of Masons.

Dr. Thompson retired last year after practicing over 50 years. He was one of Washington's oldest physicians, both in point of age and the length of time he had practiced. Before studying medicine he was graduated in dentistry and practiced the latter profession for several years.

For many years Dr. Thompson had been a prominent member of the Sixth Presbyterian Church, at the time of his death being ruling elder. He also was active in Masonic organizations and had devoted much of his time to civic welfare. For a long time he served as president of the Southwest Citizens' Associations. On moving to his home on Colorado avenue, he joined the Sixteenth Street Highlands Citizens' Associations. On moving to his home on Colorado avenue, he joined the Sixteenth Street Highlands Citizens' Association and was made chairman of its Committee on Public Health. He was a native Washingtonian.