

David LeRoy Yarnell

(- 9 Mar 1937)

Yarnell, David LeRoy. Suddenly on Wednesday, March 10, 1937, at Iowa City, Iowa, David LeRoy Yarnell, the beloved husband of Alice Lee Yarnell (nee Roche). Services at the S.H. Hines Co. funeral home, 2901 14th st. n.w., on Monday, March 15, at 1 p.m. Interment Congressional Cemetery.

Yarnell, David L. A special communication of Hope Lodge, No. 20, F.A.A.M., is hereby called for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late brother, David L. Yarnell, on Monday, March 15, 1937, at 12 m.

Richard L. Merrick, Master
Attest: Paul B. Elcan, Sec.

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David L. Yarnell, Engineer, Buried

Native of Iowa Had Long Service in Department of Agriculture

David LeRoy Yarnell, 52, senior drainage engineer in the Bureau of Agricultural Engineering, who died March 9 at Iowa City, Iowa, was buried today in Congressional Cemetery, following funeral services in Hines' funeral parlors, 2901 Fourteenth street.

Mr. Yarnell joined the Agriculture Department in 1908 and until 1922 conducted special investigations on all kinds of excavating equipment for use in the reclamation of swamp and overflowed lands. Since 1922 he has been engaged in hydraulic research for the Bureau of Agricultural Engineering at the hydraulic laboratory at Iowa City, his work being carried on in cooperation with the University of Iowa.

He was born at Storm Lake, Iowa, on January 13, 1885, and received the degrees of bachelor of civil engineering in 1908 and civil engineer in 1916 from Iowa State College. He received the degree of master of science in hydraulic engineering from the University of Iowa in 1926.

On August 24, 1914, Mr. Yarnell and Miss Alice Le Roche of this city were married. He is survived by his widow, two sisters, Mrs. W.P. Bair of Des Moines, Iowa, and Mrs. Henry Weber, Long Beach, Calif., and two brothers, Admiral Harry E. Yarnell, commander of the Asiatic fleet, and Ross Yarnell of Fergus Falls, Minn.

He was the author of more than 25 papers and bulletins dealing with hydraulic and drainage engineering problems. His studies of the flow of water through drain tile and through culverts, and his investigations of rainfall intensities and of model bridge piers won him an international reputation. In 1933, he received the James R. Croes prize of the American Society of Civil Engineers as co-author of the "Effect of Turbulence on the Registration of Current Meters."

Mr. Yarnell was a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, the American Society of Agricultural Engineers, the Iowa Engineering Society, Tau Beta Pi, honorary engineering society; Sigma Xi, honorary scientific society and other professional and scientific organizations. He was a Mason and a member of the Congregational Church.

The Washington Post, March 16, 1937, p. 5

David Yarnell, U.S. Engineer, Is Buried Here

Drainage Expert, Prominent Mason and Churchman, Died at 52 in Iowa

David Yarnell, 52, senior drainage engineer of the Bureau of Agricultural Engineering and one-time winner of the James R. Cross prize of the American Society of Civil Engineers, who died recently at Iowa City, Iowa, was buried yesterday at the Congressional Cemetery here.

Mr. Yarnell was engaged in drainage engineering work with the Department of Agriculture from 1909 until 1922. Since that time he had done hydraulic research work for the Bureau of Agricultural Engineering and the hydraulic laboratory at Iowa City, his work being carried on in cooperation with the University of Iowa. He was the author of more than 25 professional papers and bulletins.

A Mason and a churchman, he was a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, the American Society of Agricultural Engineers, the Iowa Engineering Society, Tau Beta Pi honorary engineering fraternity, Sigma Xi, honorary scientific society and other professional and scientific organizations.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Alice Lee Roche Yarnell, formerly of Washington; two brothers, Admiral Harry E. Yarnell, U.S.N., commander of the Asiatic fleet, and Ross Yarnell Shearon, of Fergus Falls, Minn., and two sisters, Mrs. Henry Weber, of Pasadena, Calif., and Mrs. W.P. Bair, of Des Moines, Iowa.