

Famed Journalist Dies; Was World Lecturer

PLASANT GROVE — Word was received here this week of the death of Ava Hamilton, renowned journalist, travel lecturer and author who had resided in the center of Pleasant Grove for more than 40 years.

She died June 14 at Jacksonville, Fla., where she had been spending the winter. Relatives reported that she suffered a stroke on April 10 and never recovered consciousness.

Gravestone funeral rites were held at the Gould family plot in Mercer Cemetery, Trenton.

The nearest survivor is a sister, Mrs. Leonie S. Eccles of Jacksonville. Born in Bordentown, she was a daughter of the late Ephriam Hamilton Seabrook, descendant of an old family of Charleston, S.C., and Mrs. Ava Sackett Gould Seabrook of Philadelphia. She was once married to an English Army officer, a member of the British diplomatic service in the Orient.

Educated Abroad

Ava Hamilton, who used that name in her lectures and writings, spent her girlhood in this country and then studied abroad, attending schools in Switzerland, Belgium, Italy, Germany and France, earning an M.A. degree. She finished her formal education at the Sorbonne in Paris, with post-graduate work in Spanish at the University of Mexico.

Her first position was on the staff of English language papers in Panama, Peru, Japan, China, the Philippines and Java. In Java, she edited the English paper and the General Motors Ltd. Eastern trade magazine. She had lived in 19 foreign countries and



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traveled extensively in all parts of the world.

Miss Hamilton incorporated her travel experiences into a lecture series which she delivered on leading circuits from coast to coast in the United States, accompanying her talks with her own motion pictures. During World War II she served the Army and Navy Intelligence and the Office of Strategic Services with her pictures and her intimate knowledge of the Southwest Pacific.

Received Awards

One of her expeditions was a four-year safari alone through the interior of Africa from Cape Town to the Mediterranean. For her crossing of the Sahara Desert, she was awarded a decoration by the French Government.

Miss Hamilton was the author of "Footstep to Tibet," "Japan's Two Faces," "The Story of the Nam," "The Story of the Sahara," and another book on African exploration. She contributed articles and pictures to encyclopedias and various text books, and to magazines and newspapers, including "Travel," "Saturday Evening Post," "Life," "The Washington (D.C.) Star," "Philadelphia Inquirer," "New York Times" and "Christian Science Monitor."

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