

Former Civic Leader



Dr. George M. Holden

Dr. G. M. Holden, 76, Dies At Home

Retired Dentist Was Active
In Professional Groups,
Patriotic Societies

Services were held at the First Presbyterian Church Tuesday morning for Dr. George M. Holden, retired dentist, who died Friday afternoon, March 28, 1947, at his home, 311 Moore Street, in his 77th year.

Active in the community during the 36 years he practiced here, Dr. Holden also was prominent in professional and patriotic societies and was vice president of the Little Falls Paper Company of Newburg, N. Y.

The Rev. Andrew M. Sebbert con-

ducted the funeral and burial followed in Hackettstown Union Cemetery.

Native Of Vermont

George Meads Holden was born July 19, 1870, at Mount Holly, Vermont, a son of James F. and Betsy Ann Meads Holden of Chelmsford, Mass. He was educated in the public schools of Lowell, Mass., and at Harvard University. He was graduated from the Harvard Dental School with the D.M.D. degree in 1891 and continued there for post-graduate work until March of 1892, when he came to Hackettstown and started his practice. He maintained his dental office in the old Kluppelberg Building on Main Street which later became Cooke's Department Store and was destroyed in the fire of 1942.

In professional circles Dr. Holden was organizer and first president of the Tri-County² Dental Society of New Jersey, served on the State Board of Registration and Examination in Dentistry, and was a member of the New Jersey State Dental Society, the National Dental Association and the Harvard Dental Alumni Association.

Since January 4, 1920, Dr. Holden had been an elder of the First Presbyterian Church and formerly served on the Board of Trustees. For several years he was a member of the local Board of Education and had been president of that body.

Organized Clubs

Dr. Holden was one of the organizers of the Hackettstown Club and the Musconetcong Country Club, serving on the first Board of Governors of each. He was the second president of the Hackettstown Club and was a charter member of the local Kiwanis Club. He was serving on the Board of Trustees of Union Cemetery Association.

For 49 years Dr. Holden had been a member of Independence Lodge No. 42, F. and A. M., and was a past master of that lodge. He was a member of Temple Chapter No. 12, R. A. M.; Washington Council No. 7, R. and S. M.; DeMolay Commandery, Knights Templar, of Washington, N. J.; and a member of the Shrine in Salaam Temple, Newark.

His other affiliations included memberships in the Harvard Clubs of New York City and New Jersey; Sons of the American Revolution, Founders and Patriots of America, Society of Colonial Wars, Society

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of the War of 1812, and Go and Company of Massachusetts in New England. He had been president of the Society of the War of 1812 in New Jersey and president of the General Society of the War of 1812.

Raised War Funds

During the period of the World War Dr. Holden was chairman of the Hackett Chapter, American Red Cross, treasurer of the Y. M. C. A. Fund and treasurer of the U. S. War Work Campaign.

On August 21, 1895, he married Miss Nellie Emma VanTasse of Hackettstown, who died on March 4, 1921. He leaves two sons, the Edwin Roy Holden, pastor of Congregational Church of Milbury, Vermont, and James F. Holden of Flushing, N. Y. Also surviving are four grandchildren, Herman Joels of Brooklyn, Constance Holden of Hartt

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