

Dr. Wilkerson, Local Surgeon, Dies At The Rex Hospital

Following several days of critical illness with meningitis, developing from a deep cold, Dr. Thaddeus Earl Wilkerson, well known surgeon of Raleigh, died Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock in Rex Hospital.

Funeral services will be held at the First Presbyterian Church Friday at 4 o'clock and interment will be in Oakwood Cemetery. The body will lie in state at the church from 2 to 4 o'clock.

Active pallbearers will be the following doctors: Drs. W. S. Cozart, Ben Lawrence, W. M. Hicks, Carey Jones, Robert P. Noble, Charles Clark, John Wright, and Hubert Hayward.

Honorary pallbearers will be: Dr. E. N. Lawrence, Dr. J. R. Hester, E. B. Crow, Gilbert Stephenson, A. J. Fletcher, Claude Barbee, Mr. Reebles and the members of the Raleigh Academy of Medicine who will attend in a body.

Dr. Wilkerson's nieces will act as flower girls, taking charge of the flowers for the funeral.

The son of the late Thomas E. and Mary Henry Wilkerson, Dr. Wilkerson was born in Person County, December 8, 1885. His early education was received at Trinity Park High School, and he later attended the University of North Carolina, being graduated with the degree of B. S. He entered the University of Pennsylvania for his medical course, graduating in 1914 with the degree of M. D. After serving his internship in a Philadelphia hospital, Dr. Wilkerson came to Raleigh January 4, 1916, as assistant to Dr. Hubert Royster. At the outbreak of the war he enlisted in the medical corps of the United States Army in June, 1917, and was commissioned first lieutenant in July, being sent overseas and attached to the British Army, seeing service in the London and other big British hospitals. He

later was sent to France, seeing service in the base hospital in the war zone. He was commissioned captain while overseas. His main work was in the rehabilitation of injured soldiers, and he received a degree for his proficiency in orthopedics.

At the close of the war Dr. Wilkerson returned to Raleigh in 1919 and limited his practice to surgery, making a distinct success. He was a man of prominence among the surgeons and physicians of the city, serving as president of the Wake County Medical Association the past year. News of his critical illness during the past few days has been the occasion of much concern to the city generally.

Dr. Wilkerson is survived by his widow, who was Miss Jessica Tay-

lor, of Johnston City, Tenn., and by a five year old son, Thaddeus, and a three year old daughter, Jessica. The following brothers and sisters also survive: Dr. C. B. Wilkerson, Raleigh; W. R. Wilkerson, Roxboro; L. H. Wilkerson, Willow Springs; W. T. Wilkerson, and Mrs. H. G. Coleman, of Lyons; also the following half brothers and sisters: Jack, Harvey, Lacy and Thomas Wilkerson, Miss Mary Wilkerson, Mrs. O. W. Sasser, of Wilson, and Mrs. Jack Wilson, of Raleigh.

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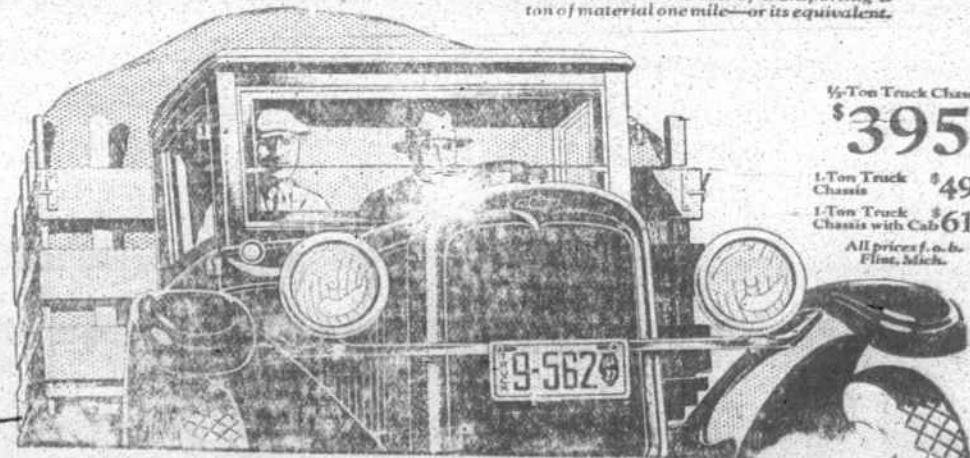
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