

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

GEORGE H. HOUCK (1902 – 1977)

George H. Houck, M.D., died of a heart attack at Stanford Hospital, following surgery, on Tuesday, July 5, 1977.

He was born June 30, 1902, in Roseburg, Oregon. He attended the University of Oregon, graduating in 1923 and going to Harvard School of Medicine, where he received his M.D. degree in 1927. His wife, Flora, also attended the University of Oregon, where she received her B.A. and M.D. degrees.

Dr. Houck interned in Peter Bent Brigham Hospital in Boston from 1927-29. Earlier, in the summer of 1926, he had worked with Dr. Paul Dudley White, noted heart specialist and later presidential physician.

From 1929-30 Dr. Houck held a residency in medicine under the famed Dr. Arthur Bloomfield, at Stanford Hospital in San Francisco, and he also worked under prestigious U.C. physician, Dr. William Kerr, at the U.C. medical outpatient clinic on Parnassus Hill in San Francisco.

In the fall of 1931 he entered the practice of medicine in Los Angeles. He was there until 1942 when he entered the Army Air Corps, serving at Santa Ana and rising to the rank of Colonel. He was in the Air Corps from 1942 to 1946 and remained active as a reservist for many years, undertaking tours of duty in Washington, D.C. and at Hamilton Air Force Base in San Rafael.

Dr. Houck came to Stanford in March of 1946 with Dr. John F. Eckert, now a retired local physician, to establish the Stanford Student Health Service. A brainchild of Dr. Russell V. Lee, the Student Health Service made Palo Alto Medical Clinic physicians available to Stanford students on a contract basis, and was considered a revolutionary medical development at the time of its founding, when Dr. Donald B. Tresidder, himself a Stanford medical graduate, was the President of Stanford University.

Dr. Houck retired in 1967. During his active career locally he was a member of the Palo Alto Medical Clinic staff as well as a Stanford Professor of Medicine. In retirement he held the titles of Director Emeritus of the Stanford Health Service and Professor Emeritus of Medicine.

His medical affiliations included the Santa Clara County, California, and American Medical Societies; the American College Health Association; the American College of Physicians; the Los Angeles Academy of Medicine; and the California Academy of Medicine. He was also a member of Alpha Omega Alpha, the Pacific Interurban Clinical Club, the Palo Alto Club, and the Palo Alto Rotary Club.

Besides his widow, Dr. Houck is survived by two children, his daughter, Mrs. John (Janet) Boretta, Stanford '51, of Orinda, and son, George, Stanford '59, of Olympia, Washington, and five grandchildren.

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