

CHARLES L. HOUSE OF ORIENT, NOTED EDUCATOR, DIES VERY SUDDENLY

Mr. House was awarded many degrees for his outstanding work at the American Farm School in Greece. Funeral services at Orient on Sunday.

Charles Lucius House died suddenly at the home of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Henry L. Smith, in Suffern, N Y., on October 13th, 1961. Just the week before he, his wife and two older sisters had returned from nine months in Greece where he had built, or rebuilt, a number of buildings at the American Farm School in Thessalonica.

In 1903, his father, the late Dr. John Henry House, started the school as a Christian institution founded on the principal of learning and applying that knowledge to make the soil of Greece produce a living. Before his father's death, Charles House became the director of the school until he retired in 1955 and came to make his home in Orient. He was also president of the Oysterponds Historical Society.

Charles L. House was born in Samakov, Bulgaria, October 23rd, 1887, the sixth child of John Henry and Susan Adeline Beers House, American Missionaries. He received his education in this country at Blair Academy and Princeton University, from which he was graduated in 1909 as a civil engineer. In 1936 he received from Princeton an honorary degree of Master of Arts; and in 1955 an honorary degree of Doctor of Agricultural Science from the University of Thessalonica. He was also awarded by the the Greek government the Silver Cross of the Order of Phoenix, the Gold Cross of the Order of the Saviour, twice awarded the Scout Eagle medal by His Majesty King Paul and also at the time of his retirement,

the decoration of the Knight Commander of the Order of King George I of Greece. His final honor was the Woodrow Wilson Award from Princeton University, "In recognition of distinguished achievement in the Nation's Service." Following his graduation from Princeton, he worked on various engineering projects, among them the Queens County Water Company of Far Rockaway. In 1917 he went to the American Farm School in Greece to assist his father. With his knowledge of some seven or more languages, all of which he could speak fluently, and a mind that mastered all he touched, he taught the boys a number of trades and how to keep everything in working order. A piece of scrap material or wood became a useful item or an object of beauty.

In 1922 he met Anna Mary Kellogg of Brooklyn while on a leave of absence and the following year, on December 2nd, they were married at the American Farm School in Thessalonica.

Charles House was a most humble and outstanding Christian. His every act was dictated by the principles laid down in the Bible, and all with whom he came in contact realized this. He was a member of Peconic Lodge No. 349, Free and Accepted Masons and Sithra Chapter No. 216, Royal Arch Masons. He attended both the Congregational and Methodist Churches in Orient.

The funeral service was held at the Congregational Church last Sunday afternoon. The Rev. Frederick Lowry was assisted by the Rev. Harold G. Sabin and the Rev. Canon Edward H. Williams IV, a nephew of Dr. House. Judge Harold Medina, a Princeton classmate, spoke beautifully about "Turk" House to a large number of his friends and classmates. Burial was in the Orient Central Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife; his sisters, the Misses Grace B. and Ruth E. House and Mrs. Edward H. Williams III; and many nephews, nieces and their children.