

Samuel Boyce Pole, Jr.

(23 Dec 1886 – 24 Sep 1925)

Pole. Thursday, September 24, 1925, Dr. Samuel Boyce Pole, beloved husband of Sarah L. Pole and son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Boyce Pole. Remains resting at his late residence, 1836 16th st. n.w. Funeral services at St. James' Episcopal Church, 8th st. between B and C n.e., Saturday, September 26, at 2 p.m. Interment at Congressional Cemetery.



DR. SAMUEL B. POLE

Pole. Special communication of Naval Lodge, No. 4, F.A.A.M., at 1:30 p.m., Saturday, September 26, 1925, for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late brother, S. Boyce Pole. By order of the worshipful master.

Roland M. Brown, Secretary

The Evening Star, September 25, 1925, pt. 4, p. 4

Dr. Samuel B. Pole Dies of Infection

Prominent Specialist Expires After Two Operations Fail to Save Life

Dr. Samuel Boyce Pole, 38 years old, prominent ear, eye and throat specialist of this city, died of septicemia in George Washington University Hospital yesterday afternoon. He contracted the infection while operating on a patient about three months ago.

All available medical and surgical skill had been employed in an effort to cure Dr. Pole. He underwent two operations, one for the removal of the gall bladder, and had a leg amputated in another. The patient from whom Dr. Pole received the infection is said to have recovered.

Dr. Pole was a specialist on the staff of the Episcopal Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital, and was also a member of the staff of George Washington University Hospital. He was vice president of the board of directors of the Professional Medical Building, at Eighteenth and I streets.

He was also prominent in Masonic circles, being a past master of Naval Lodge, No. 4, F.A.A.M., and Orient Commandery, Knights Templar.

Dr. Pole was a native Washingtonian and was graduated from the medical school of George Washington University.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Sarah Pole; a son, Samuel Boyce Pole, 3d, and a daughter, Patricia Pole; by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Boyce Pole of 216 Eighth street northeast; a brother, Russell Pole of Philadelphia, and a sister, Mrs. John McKinney of Hoboken, N.J.

Funeral services will be conducted at St. James' Episcopal Church, Eighth street northeast between B and C streets, tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment will be in Congressional Cemetery. Masonic services will be conducted both at the church and at the grave.

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Dr. Samuel B. Pole Dies of Septicemia Caught in His Work

Widely Known Specialist Contracted Fatal Infection While Operating Here

Patient Causing It Has Since Recovered

Amputation Failed to Save Martyr to Profession After 11-Week Fight

Dr. Samuel Boyce Pole, well-known eye, ear and throat specialist, died yesterday afternoon of septicemia, which he contracted while operating on a patient three months ago. He was 38 years old and lived at 1836 Sixteenth street northwest.

The patient from whom Dr. Pole contracted blood infection has since fully recovered.

A gallant fight was waged against the disease, both by Dr. Pole and the surgeons who were attending him. For eleven weeks they fought to halt the spread of infection, but without success. Two operations were performed, one to remove the gall bladder and the other amputation of a leg.

The latter operation was performed at George Washington University hospital yesterday as a last resort. Not long afterward Dr. Pole died.

Martyr to Science

Dr. Pole, although comparatively young, stood high in the local medical world. His illness attracted the attention of virtually all physicians and surgeons here, who look upon him as being truly a martyr to his profession.

Dr. Pole was a specialist on the staff of the Episcopal Eye, Ear and Throat hospital, and also was a member of the staff of George Washington University hospital. He was a native of this city and a graduate of the medical school of George Washington University.

He is survived by his wife and two children, Samuel Boyce Pole, 3d., and Patricia Pole; by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Boyce Pole, 316 Eighth street northeast; a brother, Russell Pole of Philadelphia, and a sister Mrs. John McKinney of Hoboken, N.J.

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Rites For Dr. S.B. Pole

Physician Died of Infection Received From Patient

The funeral of Dr. Samuel Boyce Pole, who died Thursday from infection received from a patient was held yesterday afternoon from St. James Episcopal Church, where he received his early religious training and served as choir boy.

Interment was at Congressional Cemetery, where the Naval Masonic Lodge, of which he was past master, officiated at services.

He is survived by a widow, Sarah LeSturgeon Pole, two small children, Samuel Boyce and Patricia LeSturgeon; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Boyce Pole; a brother, Russell Pole, and sister, Mrs. John S. McKinney.

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Rites For Dr. S.B. Pole

Services at St. James' Church and Burial in Congressional Cemetery

The funeral of Dr. Samuel Boyce Pole, eye, ear, nose and throat specialist, took place yesterday afternoon from St. James' Episcopal church. Burial was in Congressional cemetery. Brief services were held at the grave by the Naval Masonic lodge, of which Dr. Pole was past master.

Dr. Pole was born in Washington and attended Eastern High school, later taking a medical course at George Washington university. At the time of his death he was a member of the staffs of George Washington and the Episcopal Eye, Ear and Throat hospitals.

History of the Naval Lodge, No. 4, F.A.A.M.

Samuel Boyce Pole, Master in 1918, was born in Washington, D.C., December 23, 1886; educated in the public schools, George Washington University Medical School, and did post graduate work in New York Eye and Ear Hospital. Following his internship in the District of Columbia hospitals he practiced general medicine for several years, later specializing in eye, ear, nose and throat ailments. He gave generously of his time and ability to the charitable institutions of Washington and was recognized as one of the outstanding younger physicians in the city. As a young man he was active in organizing and promoting activities for advancement of the youth of the city and accomplished much during his short span of years, dying at the age of 39. He was married to Miss Sarah LeSturgeon of Washington, March 15, 1919, and of this union there was a son, Samuel Boyce Pole III, and a daughter, Patricia L. Pole. Brother Pole was raised in Naval Lodge September 21, 1911; exalted in Washington Naval Chapter, No. 6, R.A.M., April 7, 1914; knighted in Orient Commandery, No. 5, K.T., November 2, 1914. He was a member of Martha Chapter, No. 4, O.E.S., American Medical Association, District of Columbia Medical Society, University Club, Charter member of Congressional Country Club and an active member of St. James Episcopal Church. He died September 24, 1925 and his remains were interred with Masonic honors in Congressional Cemetery.