

**Christ Episcopal Church Cemetery Inventory**

State and Water Streets, Dover DE 19903

Lot Number: : 115 Space: A (old G-156)

Find A Grave # 46205462

Name: **Hamilton, William Chandler Sr.**

Birth date: September 26, 1926 Death date: December 17, 2009 Burial Date: January 16, 2010 Age: 83  
b. Scranton, PA

Spouse: Jane Ellison *Lynch* Hamilton (1929-2012), m. December 28, 1950 by Rev. Paul Kellogg

Children: Katharine *Hamilton* Maxwell (1951-2006); Christopher Ellison Hamilton (1963- ); Chandler Hamilton

Parents: William Leon Hamilton (1896-1931) and Sara P. *Chandler* Hamilton (1894-1993)

Siblings: Russell Duncan Hamilton (1928-1994)

Residence: Dover, DE; last residence Lovettsville, VA

Cause of death/Burial/Obituary: Cremains; see next page

Service/occupation information: Radioman, US Navy, WW II

Officiate: Celeste O. Cox

Lot Owner: William Hamilton; A, B, C & E, F, G, H (tree in D)

Marker: shared with spouse

Inscription:

HAMILTON

Jane Lynch  
Nov. 8, 1929  
May 31, 2012

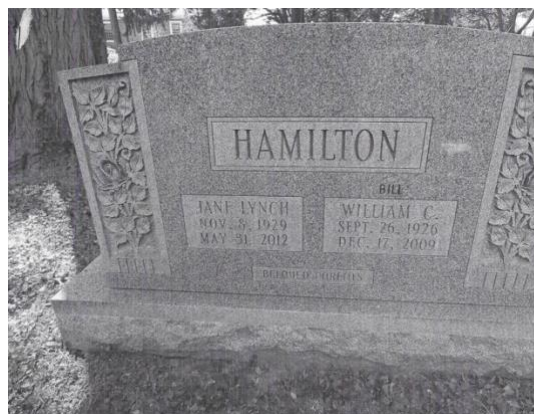
Bill  
William C.  
Sept. 26, 1926  
Dec. 17, 2009

Beloved Parents

DIMENSIONS: H 36" x W 60" x D 13"

STYLE: headstone with roses on sides

No repairs needed



Inventory date: August 12, 2020 Recorder: Ted George

Obituary retrieved from findagrave.com on February 4, 2021:

Son of William C., Sr. and Sara Hamilton.

Husband of Jane Hamilton.

Father of Kathy Hamilton Maxwell (predeceased).

He spent much of his youth in Rehoboth Beach, where he became one of the Beach Patrols youngest life guards.

He was also a Sea Scout there and was awarded the Honor Medal for saving life for the ocean rescue of a downed air pilot.

After graduating from high school he enlisted in the Navy where he served as a radioman during World War II.

He was a graduate of the University of Delaware.

He lived most of his life in Dover, De. where most notably he was a 25 year member of the Robins Hose Co. and served a term as president.

2009 obituary retrieved from ancestry.com on February 4, 2021

### **William C. Hamilton Sr., 83**

DOVER — William C. Hamilton Sr., age 83, of Dover, died peacefully Thursday, Dec. 17, 2009, while convalescing in a Virginia nursing home.

Bill was born on Sept. 26, 1926, in Scranton, Pa., to the late William and Sara Hamilton. He spent much of his youth in Rehoboth Beach, where he became one of the Beach Patrols youngest life guards. He was also a Sea Scout where and was awarded the Honor Medal for saving life for the ocean rescue of a downed air pilot. After graduating from high school he enlisted in the Navy where he served as a radioman during World War II. He was a graduate of the University of Delaware. He lived most of his life in Dover where most notably he was a 25 year member of the Robins Hose Co. and served a term as president.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Jane; son-in-law, Edward Maxwell; and sons, Chandler and Christopher, their wives Shannon and Lisa; and eight grandchildren. He was predeceased by his daughter, Kathy Maxwell.

Services will be noon, Saturday, Jan. 16, at Christ Church, Dover.

**CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE** FILE NO. 2545  
STATE OF DELAWARE  
BOARD OF HEALTH

REGISTERED NO. \_\_\_\_\_

1. PLACE OF MARRIAGE: (A) COUNTY Kent (B) CITY OR TOWN Dover

2. DATE OF MARRIAGE 28 December 1950 (A) HOURS 2:00 (B) MINUTES \_\_\_\_\_ (C) HUNDRED E. Dover

**GROOM** **BRIDE**

3. FULL NAME William Chandler Hamilton 17. MAIDEN NAME Jane Ellison Lynch

4. RESIDENCE: Delaware COUNTY Sussex 18. RESIDENCE: Delaware COUNTY Kent

CITY OR TOWN Rehoboth CITY OR TOWN Dover

5. COLOR OR RACE White 19. COLOR OR RACE White

6. AGE LAST BIRTHDAY 21 7. BIRTH DATE 9-26-26 20. AGE LAST BIRTHDAY 21 21. BIRTH DATE 1-8-29  
(Years) (Years)

8. PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS Single 22. PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS Single  
(Single, widowed, or divorced) (Single, widowed, or divorced)

9. NUMBER OF THIS MARRIAGE First 23. NUMBER OF THIS MARRIAGE First  
(1st, 2d, 3d, etc.) (1st, 2d, 3d, etc.)

10. BIRTHPLACE Scranton, Pennsylvania 24. BIRTHPLACE Dover, Delaware  
(State or country) (State or country)

11. USUAL OCCUPATION Student 25. USUAL OCCUPATION (Merchandising)

12. INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS Univ. of Delaware 26. INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS \_\_\_\_\_

13. NAME William Leon Hamilton 27. NAME Howard Eldridge Lynch, Jr.  
(14. NATIVITY New York State (State or country) (15. NATIVITY Delaware (State or country)

13. NAME Sara Chandler 27. NAME Katherine Ellison Pennowill  
(14. NATIVITY Milton, Delaware (State or country) (15. NATIVITY Dover, Delaware (State or country)

16. I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE ANSWERS WERE GIVEN TO ME PERSONALLY, AND ARE TRUE TO MY BEST KNOWLEDGE.

James H. [Signature] (Pastor performing ceremony) M. Clayman (Minister)

JAN 27 1951  
16. WITNESSES OR WITNESSES, NOT MORE THAN THREE  
NAME Russell Junean Hamilton RESIDENCE Rehoboth, Del.  
Betty Lorraine Griffith Dover, Del.

FILED December 28 1950 Edna C. Taylor Local Registrar DIST. NO. 2 Kent

MARGIN RESERVED FOR BINDING  
Write Plainly with Unfading Ink—This is a Permanent Record  
N. B.—Every item of information must be carefully supplied. Exact statements must be given.  
THIS PART TO BE DEPOSITED WITHIN FIVE DAYS FOLLOWING CEREMONY WITH LOCAL REGISTRAR OF DISTRICT IN WHICH MARRIAGE TAKES PLACE (Chap. 69, 799 Sec. 56, Laws of Del. Vol. 44, 1943)

The News Journal, Wilmington, DE  
Saturday, December 2, 1950

News J. Sat., 12.2.1950

## Wedding Party Is Announced By Bride-to-Be

### Jane Lynch to Marry William C. Hamilton On Dec. 28

Miss Jane Lynch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard E. Lynch, Jr., Dover, will become the bride of Mr. William C. Hamilton, son of Mrs. William L. Hamilton of Rehoboth Beach, on Thursday, Dec. 28, at 2 p. m. in Christ Episcopal Church, Dover. The Rev. Paul A. Kellogg, rector, will officiate. A reception will follow at the Maple Dale Country Club.

Mr. Lynch will give his daughter in marriage and her attendants will be Miss Betty Lou Griffith, Dover, maid of honor, and Miss Alva Umann, Manhasset, L. I.; Mrs. Herschel Quillen, Jr., Dagsboro; Mrs. Edward Wilson, Jr., Leipsic, and Miss Ann Magee, Dover, bridesmaids.

Mr. Russell Hamilton of Rehoboth will serve as best man for his brother. Ushers will be Mr. Frank B. Small and Mr. William S. Cook, Jr., both of Rehoboth; Mr. Strickland B. Tewelow of this city, and Mr. Howard E. Lynch III, Dover, brother of the bride-to-be.

Mrs. Howard W. Huntley will entertain at tea today from 4 to 6 o'clock at her home on Lake Drive, Rehoboth Beach, in honor of Miss Lynch.

Mrs. Hamilton and Mrs. Lynch will pour, and others who will assist Mrs. Huntley in receiving are her sister, Mrs. Henry Guyon Kiggons of Elizabeth, N. J.; Mrs. Ella Jetmore of New York City, and Miss Nancy Huntley, who will be house guests of the Huntley's over the week-end.

Jane Lynch and William Hamilton, September 10, 1950



## Four Rehoboth Boys Save Two Fliers in Surf

### Civil Air Patrol Crew Plunged Into Ocean While on Test Mission

REHOBOTH BEACH, Dec. 29— (Special).— Fighting their way through a heavy ground swell and the breakers in icy water four Rehoboth Beach boys ran and swam to the rescue of two Civil Air Patrol officers who plunged into the ocean 100 yards off-shore yesterday when their plane crashed at Rehoboth Beach.

With the assistance of the boys, Lieut. John W. Chew, Jr., 35 of Chester, Pa., pilot of the plane, and Lieut. Howard T. Carter, 35, Wilmington, observer, reached shore through the heavy swell with only minor bruises and cuts.

The boys are William Massey, 17; William Hamilton, 18; Keith Coddington, 16, and Frank Small, 15.

"They did a swell job," Maj. Hugh Sharp, Jr., Wilmington and Rehoboth Beach, base commander, Civil Air Patrol, Coast Patrol No. 2, said today. "When they came upon a group of spectators who had seen the plane crash into the water, saw the men struggling out of the plane, these boys did not hesitate.

"They ran for the water, shedding their clothes as they went, fought on into the heavy swell and cold water, and fought their way through the breakers and helped the two officers in. We are very proud of those boys and their quick rescue work."

Lieutenants Chew and Carter were taken to the Beebe Hospital at Lewes. Neither is seriously injured. The four boys, all members of a Rehoboth Beach Boy Scout troop, were taken to the home of Mrs. Howard Sullivan, Maryland Avenue and put to bed. Later they were removed to Beebe Hospital for examination. All except Small were discharged after examination. He is resting comfortably at the hospital.

At the time of the crash, which occurred off Olive Avenue, the plane was on a special flight testing a certain type of water flare, Major Sharp said. Several of the flares had been dropped and the fliers were observing the results when it crashed into the water.

The men disentangled themselves from the wreckage and were aided by the boys in reaching shore. The plane was later salvaged.

Chew's back had been wrenched in the crash, and he had difficulty swimming and walking, and the boys got him to shore quickly.

## TWO FLIERS RESCUED AFTER CRASH AT SEA

### 4 Boys Swim in Icy Waters to their Aid at Rehoboth Beach

Rehoboth Beach, Del., Dec. 29.— Two Civil Air Patrol fliers were rescued from the icy ocean waters here yesterday after their plane crashed about 100 yards offshore while they were testing a new type of flare.

Lieutenant John W. Chew, Jr., 35, of Chester, and his observer, Lieutenant Howard T. Carter, 35, of Wilmington, extricated themselves from the wreckage and were aided ashore by four boys who witnessed the accident, removed their outer clothing and swam to the rescue.

The fliers were treated for cuts and bruises of the face at Beebe Hospital, Lewes. Treated there for exposure were William Massey, 17; William Hamilton, 16; Keith Coddington, 16, and Frank Small, 15, all of Rehoboth Beach.

No cause for the crash has been revealed by Army authorities. The fliers had dropped a number of flares and were observing the result when the plane fell suddenly.

boys were treated for exposure and the aviators for cuts and bruises.

The News Journal, Wilmington, DE  
Friday, March 24, 1944

## Scouts' Gold Lifesaving Medal Due 4 Boys Who Rescued Fliers

REHOBOTH BEACH, Del., March 24— (Special).— Boy Scout officials at a court of honor will bestow the gold lifesaving medal upon four Rehoboth Beach Sea Scouts, who on Dec. 28, 1942, rescued from drowning two Civil Air Patrol pilots whose plane had crashed off Rehoboth Beach.

Word to this effect was received today by Leslie Stout, chairman of the Rehoboth Beach Boy Scout committee.

The boys, two of whom are now in the armed forces, are William C. Hamilton and Keith Coddington, who were each 18 at the time, William F. Massey, who was 17, and Frank B. Small, Jr., who was 15 when the rescue occurred.

While walking on the beach that cold day the boys saw the plane dive into the ocean. Lieut. W. Chew of Chester, Pa., the pilot, and Lieut.

Howard T. Carter, observer, of Wilmington, Del., were testing certain types of apparatus, and the pilot had lost control of the plane.

The Sea Scouts dove into the pounding surf and swam to the men, who by that time had disappeared. They succeeded in bringing them ashore, all handicapped in swimming by their heavy clothing. Lieutenant Crew had sustained a broken back and Lieutenant Carter severe head injuries.

The following spring Major H. Rodney Sharp, commander of the Rehoboth Beach CAP base, honored the boys at a special ceremony at the Rehoboth Airport.

One of the boys, Coddington, has since enlisted in the Navy, and Massey is following his father's footsteps in the Coast Guard service. Small is working in a Chester shipyard.