

Christ Episcopal Church Cemetery Inventory

State and Water Streets, Dover DE 19903

Lot Number: 90 Space: C 1

Find A Grave # 11937708

Name: **Terry, Nathan Maxson**

Birth date: February 15, 1904 Death date: September 12, 1979 Burial Date: Sept. 15, 1979 Age: 75

Spouse: Rebecca Dashiell *Wolcott* Terry (1916-1999) m. October 3, 1939 by Rev. Benjamin F. Thompson

Children: (Judge) Nathan Maxson Terry Jr. (1940-1998); Harry Kendall Fooks Terry; Mary Terry Mason Carroll

Parents: Charles Laymen Terry Sr. and Eizabeth "Lizzie" L. Maxson Terry

Siblings: Charles Laymen Terry Jr. (1900-1970)

Residence: Dover, DE

Cause of death/Burial/Obituary: see next page

Service/occupation information: Lawyer, first DE Highway Commissioner and many other public positions

Officiate: Rev. Paul A. Kellogg

Lot Owner: N. Maxson Terry, A – H, Perpetual care, Oct. 27, 1966

Marker shared with wife

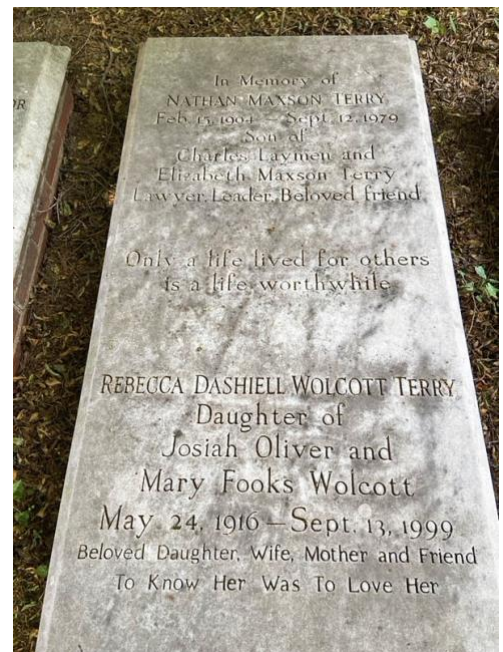
Inscription:

In Memory of
Nathan Maxson Terry
Feb. 15, 1904 - Sept. 12, 1979
Son of
Charles Laymen and
Elizabeth Maxson Terry
Lawyer, Leader, Beloved friend
Only a life lived for others
Is a life worthwhile.

DIMENSIONS: H 79" x W 33" x D 11"

STYLE: ledger

Repairs needed: cleaning



Inventory date: March 22, 2020 Recorder: Ted George

Terry, Nathan Maxson

STATE OF DELAWARE.

Certificate of a Birth.

In the 2nd of Camden Kent County.

If stillborn, state the fact.

Full name of Child Nathan Maxson Terry
 Sex Boy Color White
 Date of Birth Feb. 15 1929
Here give the name of street and number, name of town, village or hundred.
 Place of Birth Camden Delaware
 Father's name Charles L. Terry
 Age 41 Occupation Farmer
 Nativity Delaware
 Maiden name of Mother Lygia B. Maxson
 Age of Mother 29
 Nativity Delaware
 Child's number in this family 2
 Child's number by this mother 2
 Name of Midwife upon whose information this birth is reported.....

I hereby certify, having been present at the birth, (or, having attended the case of the mother during lying-in period, or, on the information of the midwife above named) that the foregoing statements are true, according to the best of my knowledge.

Witness my hand this 25 day of Feb. 1939

Signature E. W. Chapman D.
 Residence Camden
 To the Recorder of Deeds of Kent County. Del

Miss Wolcott Will Become Bride Oct. 3

To Wed Nathan Max- son Terry in Dover P. E. Church

Miss Rebecca Dashiell Wolcott, daughter of Mrs. Josiah O. Wolcott and the late Chancellor Wolcott, Dover, has chosen Tuesday, Oct. 3, as the date for her marriage to Mr. Nathan Maxson Terry, son of Mrs. Charles L. Terry, Sr., Camden, and the late Mr. Terry. The ceremony will be performed in Christ P. E. Church, Dover, and will be followed by a reception at the home of the bride's mother.

Invitations will be issued for the wedding next week. Several parties have been given recently in honor of the couple and others are planned this month.

Miss Wolcott is a graduate of the Westover Preparatory School, Middlebury, Conn., and of Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Mr. Terry is a graduate of Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va., and is a Dover attorney. Morning News, Sat. Sept. 2, 1939

1938

STATE OF DELAWARE
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS
CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE

1 DATE AND PLACE OF MARRIAGE
October 3rd 1939 A.M.
(Month) (Day) (Year) (Hour) (P.M.)
Dover 8th Kent Del.
City, Town, Hundred County State

<p>2 FULL NAME GROOM <u>Nathan Maxson Terry</u></p> <p>3 PRESENT RESIDENCE <u>Camden Kent Del</u> <small>City, Town, Hundred County State</small></p> <p>4 AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY <u>35</u> <small>Year</small></p> <p>5 COLOR OR RACE <u>White American</u></p> <p>6 OCCUPATION <u>Lawyer</u></p> <p>7 NATIVITY (State or Country) <u>Camden Delaware</u></p> <p>8 SINGLE WIDOWER DIVORCED <u>Single</u></p> <p>9 GROOM'S FATHER <u>Charles L. Terry</u> NATIVITY (State or Country) <u>Maryland Del</u></p> <p>10 GROOM'S MOTHER <u>Elizabeth Maxson</u> NATIVITY (State or Country) <u>Fredonia Del Terry</u></p> <p>11 NUMBER OF GROOM'S MARRIAGE <u>first</u></p>	<p>12 FULL NAME BRIDE <u>Rebecca Dashiell Wolcott</u></p> <p>13 PRESENT RESIDENCE <u>Dover Kent Del</u> <small>City, Town, Hundred County State</small></p> <p>14 AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY <u>23</u> <small>Year</small></p> <p>15 COLOR OR RACE <u>White American</u></p> <p>16 NATIVITY (State or Country) <u>Wilmington Delaware</u></p> <p>17 SINGLE WIDOWER DIVORCED <u>Single</u></p> <p>18 BRIDE'S MAIDEN NAME IF WIDOWED OR DIVORCED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>19 BRIDE'S FATHER <u>Josiah O. Wolcott</u> NATIVITY (State or Country) <u>Dover Delaware</u></p> <p>20 BRIDE'S MOTHER <u>Mary Hooks Wolcott</u> NATIVITY (State or Country) <u>Lakewood Delaware</u></p> <p>21 NUMBER OF BRIDE'S MARRIAGE <u>first</u></p>
--	--

22 STATE BOARD OF HEALTH Debra Ann L. Thompson 24 Rector
Debra Ann L. Thompson (Person performing ceremony) (Title)
 oct 5 1939 23 Residence Dover Kent Delaware
City, Town or Hundred County State

25 WITNESSES (more than three)
 Name Charles L. Terry Jr. Residence Wilmington Del.
Robert J. Terry Kent Del.

Filed DEC 19 1939 10 Delaware Dist. No. 2 Kent Co.

MARGIN RESERVED FOR BINDING. THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD. EXACT REPRODUCTIONS MUST BE MADE. SEE LISTING OF LAW BOOKS OF CERTIFICATES.

Maxson Terry, lawyer, civic leader, dies

By WILLIAM P. FRANK

DOVER — N. Maxson Terry Sr., a veteran Delaware lawyer who had served on about a dozen public commissions in his native state, died yesterday in the Kent General Hospital after a lingering illness.

He was 75 years old.

Mr. Terry, known to thousands as "Max Terry," was the brother of the late Gov.-Chief Justice Charles L. Terry Jr., and the son-in-law of the late U.S. Sen.-Chancellor Josiah O. Wolcott Sr.

Mr. Terry, a prominent Kent County Democrat, spent many years as the legal adviser to the

Kent County Levy Court, a job now held by his son, N. Maxson Jr. But most of Mr. Terry's years of public service were devoted to agencies that gave its members only "thanks" and resolutions of gratitude.

Perhaps his outstanding service began in 1961 when then-Gov. Elbert N. Carvel named him to chair the revised State Highway Commission.

He was the first chairman of the highway commission to have served at the pleasure of the governor. That effectively gave the governor of Delaware direct control of the

all-important highway commission for the first time.

At that time, an Evening Journal editorial hailed Mr. Terry's appointment as a fortunate one. The same editorial praised Mr. Terry as "an amiable, vigorous minded man of integrity and civic zeal."

Mr. Terry's chief function then was to guide the highway commission out of a morass of criticism back into a channel of credibility.

Among his accomplishments on the highway commission was the adoption of its first code of ethics, outlawing any conflict of interests by a commission member in any

contract approved by the commission.

Among his chief delights as chairman of the highway commission was his participation in the dedication of the Delaware-Maryland turnpike along with President John F. Kennedy on Nov. 14, 1963; Delaware's Gov. Carvel, and the late Maryland Gov. Millard F. Tawes.

However, the pleasure of that occasion was dashed eight days later when President Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas, Texas.

Mr. Terry resigned from the highway commission in 1964 when his



N. Maxson Terry Sr.

See MAXSON — Page 3, Col. 1

Maxson Terry, lawyer, civic leader, dies

Continued from Page One

brother was elected governor.

Before his service on the highway commission, Mr. Terry had been chairman of the State Board of Education at the time of its first huge school construction program after World War II. When he left the Board of Education in 1953, Mr. Terry was credited as having "helped guarantee a good tax-dollar's worth in that era of sudden great expenditure for school construction" by the late Alexander J. Taylor, executive director of the privately endowed Delaware School Auxiliary.

Mr. Terry served on the State Parks Commission for almost 20 years. He also was a member of the State Board of Bar Examiners from

1955 to 1974; the Governor's State Goals Commission from 1961 to 1965, and the Board of Trustees of the University of Delaware from 1964 to 1974.

Mr. Terry was also a vice chairman of the Delaware Aeronautics Commission, and was twice elected president of the Delaware Bar Association.

Earlier this year, the bar association included him among five Delaware lawyers as recipients of honors for having practiced law in Delaware for 50 years.

At one time, Mr. Terry was president of the Milford Broadcasting Station that operated WKSB.

Admitted to the Delaware Bar in 1929, Mr. Terry began his public life in 1933 when he was named attorney for the Kent County Levy Court, serving until 1940 and again from 1949 to 1967.

He was also chief counsel for the Public Service Commission from 1951 to 1955.

In 1963, President Kennedy named him to the National Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law.

A native of Camden, Mr. Terry was devoted to Kent County and its history and traditions. He was the first president of the Friends of Old Dover and was an active supporter of the Society for the Preservation of Antiquities.

The Terry home at 36 The Green, Dover, has always been one of the show places of old Dover. Among Mr. Terry's delights was to take "furriners from northern Delaware" on personal tours of the out-of-the-way sites in Kent County and regale them with the stories and legends of the places.

Mr. Terry was educated at Princeton Preparatory School and later at Washington and Lee University from which he was graduated with a law degree in 1927.

In his business career, he was a director of the Baltimore Trust Co., now part of the Wilmington Trust

Co., and at the time of his death was a member of the Kent County advisory committee of the trust company. He was also a director of the Farm Mutual Insurance Co., and a director of Delaware Park and formerly a member of the Delaware Steeplechase Race Association. He was a member of Christ Episcopal Church in Dover, having once been affiliated with its vestry.

Among his other affiliations were the Society of Colonial Wars, the American Judicature Society, the

Phi Kappa Sigma and Phi Delta Phi fraternities.

Mr. Terry is survived by his wife, Rebecca Wolcott Terry; two sons, Harry K.F. of near Harrington, and N. Maxson Jr. of Camden; one daughter, Mrs. Randolph D. Mason of Washington, and four grandchildren.

There will be no viewing but memorial services will be held in the Christ Episcopal Church, Dover, Saturday morning at 11. The family asks that no flowers be sent.

Morning News, Thurs. Sept 13, 1979