

Christ Episcopal Church Cemetery Inventory

State and Water Streets, Dover DE 19903

Lot Number: 7 Space: J

Find A Grave # 11937716

Name: **Thompson, Rev. Benjamin Fish**

Birth date: May 1, 1857 Death date: November 5, 1950 Burial Date: November 8, 1950 Age: 93
b. Bordentown, NJ

Spouse: Edith Chapman Stockett Thompson (1865-1950), m. October 21, 1886

Children: Bertric Ayleworth Thompson (1887-1948); John Stockett Thompson (1889-1977); William Heyl Thompson (1892-1974); Dorothy Stockett Thompson (1893-1914);

Parents: Samuel Thompson and Mary Thompson Grandmother? Martha H. Thompson (b.abt.1800)

Siblings: William H. Thompson (b. abt. 1844); Edwin or Edward E. Thompson (b. abt. 1850); Howard E. Thompson (b. ab.t 1950)

Residence: 6 Elm Terrace, Dover DE (designed by son William Heyl Thompson)

Cause of death/Burial/Obituary:

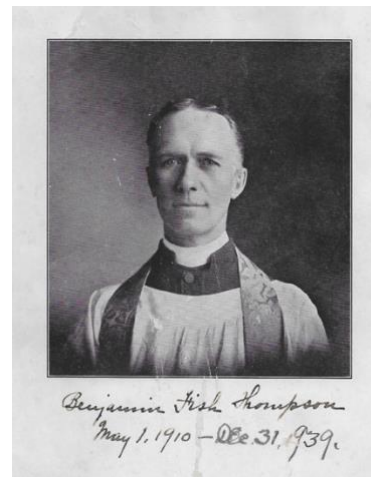
Service/occupation information: Rector of Christ Church 1910 – 1939

Officiate: (Bishop) Rt. Rev. Arthur R. McKinstry & Rev. Joseph S. Hinks (Christ Church Milford) , Rev. Paul A. Kellogg, Dean J. B. Mosley

Lot Owner: Rev. Benjamin Fish Thompson

Inscription:

Benjamin Fish Thompson
1857 – 1950
Rector of this Church
1910 - 1939



DIMENSIONS: H 5" x W 24" x D 12"

STYLE: headstone

Repairs needed: Cleaning



Inventory date: May 22, 2019 Recorder: Ellen Richardson

**REV. B. F. THOMPSON
SERVICES TOMORROW**

DOVER, Nov. 5 — (Special). — Funeral services for the Rev. Benjamin Fish Thompson, 93, rector of Christ Episcopal Church here for 30 years prior to his retirement in 1939, will be held Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock in Christ Church with burial following in the family plot in Christ churchyard.

Officiating will be Bishop Arthur R. McKinstry, Wilmington, assisted by the Rev. Paul A. Kellogg, rector of Christ Church here, and the Rev. Joseph S. Hinks, rector of Christ Church, Milford.

Following his retirement the clergyman was made an honorary canon of the Cathedral Church of St. John, Wilmington.

The News Journal, Wilmington, DE
Monday, November 11, 1950

News J. Mon, 11.6.1950

Retired Dover Rector Dies

Rites for Rev. Benjamin Thompson Scheduled For 1 P. M. Wednesday

Special to the Journal-Every Evening

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The family requests that flowers be omitted. Memorial contributions may be sent to Mr. Kellogg.

The Rev. Thompson, who lived at 6 Elm Terrace, died last night after a long illness. He retired in 1939 after serving as rector of Christ Church for 30 years. Following his retirement he was made an honorary canon of the Cathedral Church of St. John, Wilmington.

He is survived by two sons, John Stockett Thompson and William Heyl Thompson of Philadelphia. His wife died earlier this year.

Born in Jersey

Born at Bordentown, N. J., on May 1, 1857, he was the son of the late Samuel and Mary Heyl Thompson. Educated in the collegiate schools of Bordentown and Trenton he afterward entered the General Theological Seminary, New York City, from where he was graduated in 1884.

Ordained that year in his home parish by Bishop Scarborough, he served six months at Keyport and Matawan until elected curate of St. Mark's Church at Mauch Chunk, Pa., being ordained by Bishop Nelson S. Rulison in 1885. On Oct. 21, 1886 he was married to Edith Chapman Stockett of Mauch Chunk.

He was rector of St. John's Church at Ashland, Pa., in 1887 and in 1891 accepted the restorship of St. Michael's Church, Birdsboro, Pa., which he resigned after 16 years to become general missionary of the Diocese of Bethlehem. He also had been archdeacon of Reading.

Delaware Archdeacon

After three years under Bishop Talbot, he resigned and on May 1, 1910 became rector of Christ Church, Dover, serving 30 years until his retirement on Dec. 31, 1939.

During that period he was elected archdeacon of Delaware; served as a member of the diocesan standing committee and as president several years; member of the executive council for many years and deputy to six general conventions.

1860 U.S. Census

1860	1870	Name	Age	Sex	Occupation
		Mary F. Thompson	60	F	
		William H. "	14	M	
		Edward "	10	M	
		Kenneth "	10	M	
		Benjamin F. "	5	M	
		Burgess C. "	55	M	Delaware
		Polite W. "	60	M	
		Anna M. "	20	F	

US Census 1860

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