

Christ Episcopal Church Cemetery Inventory

State and Water Streets, Dover DE 19903

Walking Tour #17

Lot Number: 33 Space: H

Find A Grave #7367723

Name: **Denney, Gov. William DuHamel**

Birth date: March 31, 1873 Death date: November 21, 1953 Burial Date: November 24, 1953
Age: 80

Spouse: Alice Godwin Denney (1888-1980) m. Oct. 27, 1917 in New Jersey

Children: Anna Denney Goodnow (1918-2010); Alice Godwin Denney Strait (1919-); **June Wilson?** In Obit: Mrs. Henry Frank Goodnow (Anna) and Mrs. Stephen N. Strait (Alice)

Parents: William Denney (1839-1922) and Anna DuHamel Denney (1845-1925)

Siblings: Roscoe Nash Denney (1869-1885); Lizzie Eugenia Denney (1874-1947); James Moulton Denney (1886-1887)

Residence: Elsmere, New Castle County, DE

Service/occupation information: Governor of DE 1921-1925 and other offices: see next page
Christ Church Jr. Warden 1940; Sr. Warden 1940-1953; Vestry member 1905-1953
First Lt, U.S. Army, WW I

Officiate: Rev. Paul Kellogg

Lot Owner: William Denney / Sale completed and consideration \$20 paid Aug. 19, 1887

MARKER: Family monument and headstone

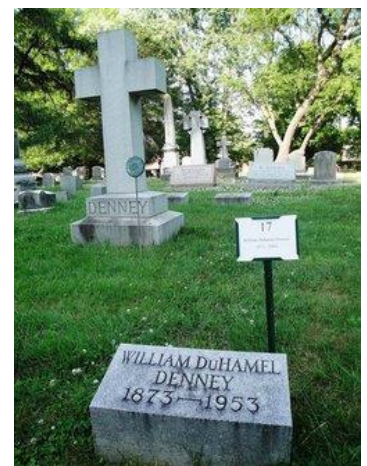
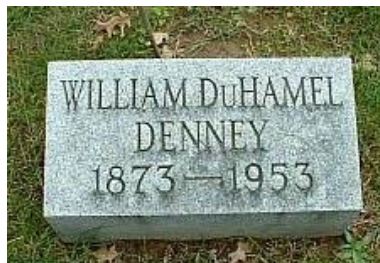
Inscription:

William DuHamel
Denney
1873 - 1953

DIMENSIONS: H 10" x W 19" x D 8"

STYLE: headstone and family monument

Repairs needed: cleaned summer 2022



Inventory date: February, 2020 Recorder: Ted George

Delaware Governor. He began his career in the insurance business, becoming the General Agent of the Hartford Insurance Company in 1908 and was a partner in the W. Charles Boyer's Dover Insurance Agency. He entered politics as a member of the Delaware House of Representatives, (1905-07) and served as secretary to U.S. Senator Harry A. Richardson, (1907-13). During World War I, he served as a First Lieutenant in the US Army. After the war, he was elected as a Republican Delaware's 48th Governor, serving (1921-25). During his tenure, the State Department of Health and the State Highway Department were restructured, plus a State Child Welfare Commission and State Health and Welfare Commission were founded. After his term he was acting Secretary of State of Delaware in 1931, commissioner of the State Motor Vehicle Commission in 1940 and was the Delaware State Librarian Chairman, (1941-48).

Bio by: [John "J-Cat" Griffith](#)

Office
7/15/49

CERTIFICATE OF DELAYED BIRTH REGISTRATION
STATE OF DELAWARE
BOARD OF HEALTH

A-13287

1. PLACE OF BIRTH
COUNTY Kent STATE OF DELAWARE
HUNDRED _____ OR VILLAGE _____
CITY Dover NO. _____ ST. _____ WARD _____

2. FULL NAME OF CHILD William P. Denney

3. SEX male **IF PLURAL BIRTHS** 1 **NUMBER, IN ORDER OF BIRTH** _____

4. FULL NAME FATHER William Denney

5. PLACE OF RESIDENCE AT TIME OF THIS BIRTH Dover, Del.

15. COLOR OR RACE white **11. AGE WHEN CHILD WAS BORN** 26 (YEARS)

16. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR PLACE) (STATE OR COUNTRY) Delaware

18. OCCUPATION insurance business

20. NUMBER OF CHILDREN OF THIS MOTHER (AT TIME OF THIS BIRTH AND INCLUDING THIS CHILD) _____

6. WAS MOTHER MARRIED TO FATHER OF THIS CHILD? yes

7. DATE OF BIRTH April 21 1913
(Month, day, year)

14. FULL MAIDEN NAME MOTHER Anna Emanuel

15. PLACE OF RESIDENCE AT TIME OF THIS BIRTH Dover, Del.

16. COLOR OR RACE white **17. AGE WHEN CHILD WAS BORN** 26 (YEARS)

18. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR PLACE) (STATE OR COUNTRY) Delaware

19. OCCUPATION housewife

21. NUMBER OF OTHER CHILDREN LIVING WHEN THIS BIRTH OCCURRED 1

22. NUMBER OF CHILDREN DEAD WHEN THIS BIRTH OCCURRED 0

CERTIFICATE

I, William S. Denney, BEING FIRST DULY SWORN ON OATH, TESTIFY THAT THE FACTS CONCERNING MY own SET FORTH ABOVE ARE TRUE AND CORRECT.

(Full name)* (State relationship)

SIGNATURE* William S. Denney
must agree exactly with that above

I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE PERSON APPEARED BEFORE ME AND TESTIFIED AS SET FORTH ABOVE AND AFFIXED his SIGNATURE THERETO AND IN MY PRESENCE, THIS 15th DAY OF July 1949 (Day or day)

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 7/6/50 Richard R. Spencer NOTARY PUBLIC
(Address of Notary Public) Dover - Del SEAL HERE

ABSTRACT OF EVIDENCE
(Do not write in this space)

Family Bible records which appears to be of sufficient age to be authentic and unchanged was submitted to substantiate birthdate, place and parentage. Home Life Ins. policy #89282 issued 8/28/20 giving birthdate and place. Bureau of Vital Statistics
per W. P. Denney

FILED July 15 1949 Henry B. Nicholson, M.D.
State Registrar

VS-85 Rev. 3M-6-49 SP

Dies at 80



William D. Denney

News Journal 11-23-1953

Denney Rites Will Be Held At State Capital

Former Governor Will Be Buried With Services At Church There Tomorrow

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p. m. tomorrow in Christ Episcopal Church at Dover for William duHamel Denney, 80, who was governor of Delaware from 1921 to 1925.

The former Republican governor died shortly after midnight Saturday at the Veterans Administration Hospital at Brack-Ex. His death leaves Delaware with four living ex-governors. They are John G. Townsend, Jr., Walter W. Bacon, C. Douglass Buck, and Elbert N. Carvel.

Mr. Denney, who lived at 201 Williams Street, Dover, began his political career when he was elected to the House of Representatives where he was speaker during the 1905 and 1907 sessions. Following that he became secretary to U. S. Senator H. A. Richardson, and in succeeding years served as delegate to the national convention, presi-

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Denney

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dential elector, and vice president and chairman of the GOP state committee.

During World War I, Mr. Denney enlisted as a private and rose to the rank of colonel in the reserve. He was the first commander of the Walter L. Fox Post No. 2 American Legion, in Dover.

Mr. Denney was elected governor on the Republican ticket in the 1920 elections. He defeated Andrew J. Lynch.

Regime Made Changes

During his administration the state made several advances toward more modern government. It discarded the old school code for an up-to-date law, consolidated several commissions into the Board of Health, and reorganized the State Highway Department. The present state tax department was also established as were the present auditing and budget laws.

After his term as governor, Mr. Denney was acting secretary of state in 1931 and custodian of the state house for several years. He also served as motor vehicle commissioner, and was named state librarian in 1941, a post which he held until 1949.

Mr. Denney was born in Dover March 31, 1873, the son of William and Anna duHamel Denney. He attended Dover public schools and the Wesley Collegiate Institute.

Was Insurance Man

He entered the insurance business in 1890 as a clerk in the office of the Kent County Mutual Company of which his father was secretary for 50 years. In 1908 he became general agent for the Hartford Fire Insurance Company for Delaware and Maryland.

In his younger days, Mr. Denney was a leader in the Boy Scouts and was Dover's first scoutmaster. He was one of the charter members of the Young Men's Republican Club of Wilmington and belonged to the Kent Club of Dover. He also was a member of Union Lodge, No. 7, A.F. and A.M., Dover; Hope Chapter, RAM, Georgetown, Wilmington Consistory, the Philodemic Lodge, IOOF, Dover, and an honorary member of the Maple Dell Country Club, Dover.

Bank Director

At the time of his death he was a director of the Farmers' Bank of Dover with which he had been prominently associated for years.

In 1917, Mr. Denney married the former Miss Alice Godwin, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. William F. Godwin of Reistertown, Md., who survives. He also leaves two daughters, Mrs. Henry F. Goodnow, Chestnut Hill, Pa., and Mrs. Stephen N. Strait, Canandaigua, N. Y., and two grandchildren, David Henry Goodnow, and Cynthia Godwin Strait.

The Rev. Paul Kellogg, pastor of Christ Episcopal Church will officiate at the services. Burial will be in the family plot in the church yard.

It is requested that flowers be omitted, but, if so desired, an offering may be made to Christ Episcopal Church, Dover.

William Denney's SAR application 1921 listing ancestry of Denney family, retrieved from ancestry.com, July 21, 2022

National Number 210215 State Number 774

Applications are to be made in duplicate and sent to the Secretary of the State Society, who will forward one copy, when approved, to the Registrar General of the National Society.

THE DELAWARE SOCIETY
OF THE
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

WILLIAM DUBAMEL DENNEY
DESCENDANT OF
JAMES HAYMOND

Application examined and approved
May 7th, 1921. *C. A. Rowland*
Accepted by the State Board of Management
May 7th, 1921. *C. A. Rowland*

DATES

Application filed with State Secretary May 6th, 1921.

Notification of election

Fees paid

Duplicate sent to Registrar General May 7th, 1921.

Approved and registered by Registrar General *May 9, 1921*

Certificate of Membership delivered

Badge delivered

Kept

Returned

Deceased

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

National Number _____ State Number _____

ISSUED BY AUTHORITY OF THE NATIONAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

TO THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF
THE DELAWARE SOCIETY
OF THE
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

I, **WILLIAM DUBAMEL DENNEY** being of the age of twenty-one years and upwards, to wit, of the age of forty-eight hereby apply for membership in this Society by right of blood descent in the following line from **JAMES HAYMOND** who was born in Kent County, Delaware on the _____ day of _____ 1730 and died in Kent County, Delaware on the _____ day of _____ 1810 and who assisted in establishing American Independence.

I was born in DOVER County of Kent State of Delaware on the 31st day of March 1873

(1) I am the son of William Denney born _____ died _____ and his wife Anna (Dubamel) Denney born _____ died _____ married _____

(2) grandson of Captain William Denney born _____ died _____ and his wife Rachel (Raymond) Denney born _____ died _____ married _____

(3) great-grandson of John Raymond born _____ died _____ and his wife Elizabeth (Camma) Raymond born _____ died _____ married _____

(4) great-great-grandson of James Raymond born 1730 died 1810, and his wife Rachel (Pennington) Raymond born _____ died _____ married _____

(5) great-great-great-grandson of _____ born _____ died _____ and his wife _____ born _____ died _____ married _____

(6) great-great-great-great-grandson of _____ born _____ died _____ and his wife _____ born _____ died _____ married _____

and he, the said JAMES HAYMOND (No. 4.) is the ancestor who assisted in establishing American Independence, while acting in the capacity of a member of the Privy Council in 1779 under Cesar Rodney, President.

Witnessed and recommended by the authorized members of the Society:
C. A. Rowland
Wm. J. ...
C. A. Rowland

Signature of applicant, (Name in full)
Wm. Denney
James H. ...
C. A. Rowland
Governor of the State

ANCESTOR'S SERVICE.

SECTION 1. Any man shall be eligible to membership in the Society who, being of the age of twenty-one years or over, and a citizen of good repute in the community, is the blood descendant of an ancestor who was at all times unflinching in his loyalty to, and rendered active service in, the cause of American Independence, either as an officer, soldier, seaman, militia man, or volunteer, in the armed forces of the Continental Congress, or as any one of the several Colonies or States, or as a signer of the Declaration of Independence; or as a member of a Committee of Safety or Correspondence; or as a member of any Continental, Provincial, or Colonial Congress or Legislature; or as a recognized patriot who performed actual service by overt acts of resistance to the authority of Great Britain."—Constitution of National Society U. S. A., Article III, Section 1, adopted June 2, 1907.

Membership is based upon one original claim; when the applicant derives eligibility by descent from more than one ancestor, and it is desired to take advantage thereof, separate applications, to be marked "Supplemental Applications," should be made in each case and filed with the original.

State fully such documentary or traditional authority as you found the following record upon, and also the residence of ancestor, with date of birth and death, if known.

By order of the Board of Trustees, May 1, 1911, the recipient of a certificate granted on this application agrees to surrender his certificate upon failure to pay his membership fee, unless his membership shall cease by reason of death or actual disability, to be determined by the Society of which he is a member.

My ancestor's services in assisting in the establishment of American Independence during the War of the Revolution were as follows:

James Raymond, 1730-1810, was one of the Privy Council, 1779 under Caesar Rodney, president. He was born and died in Kent County, Delaware.

Full maiden name of applicant's wife: Allie Stella Denney

NAME OF CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN OF APPLICANT.
(Added to this by order of Trustees, July 1911)

Name	Date of Birth	Residence
<u>Anna Denney</u>	<u>September 12, 1918</u>	<u>Dover, Delaware.</u>

The following are references to the authorities for the above statement:
Delaware Archives and Conrad's History of Delaware.

Signature of applicant, (Name in full)
Wm. Denney

(The following form of acknowledgment is required)

State of DELAWARE }
County of KENT } DOVER, Del., April 29th, 1921.

Personally appeared William Dubamel Denney, Governor of Delaware.

Signer of the above and foregoing application and statement, and made oath before me that the contents therein contained are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Official Signature, *F. A. ...*
Notary Public

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