

*Christ Episcopal Church Cemetery Inventory*

State and Water Streets, Dover DE 19903

Lot Number: 2 Space: B1  
Extra burial in this grave (see GPR survey)\*

Find A Grave # 11909930

Name: : **Harbordt, Dr.Cecil deJoline**

Birth date: December 3, 1885 Death date: Nov., 1933 Burial Date: Nov. 9, 1933 Age: 47

Spouse: Mollie Hirons Harbordt; married August 28, 1918

Children:

Parents: Emile Charles Harbordt and Clara A. Harbordt

Siblings:

Residence: Dover, DE

Cause of death/Burial/Obituary:

Service/occupation information: Coroner, gynecologist; served as physician at Philadelphia Naval Hospital during WWII; known for his singing voice, especially as a child in Brooklyn, NY, where he was born. He was part of the founding of Kent General Hospital. Previous to the building of the hospital his home at 19 King St., Dover, across from the Richardson Hotel, was used as a temporary hospital. See next pages

Officiate: Rev. Benjamin F. Thompson

Lot Owner: Mollie *Hirons* Harbordt; perpetual care purchased July 26, 1943

Inscription/Epitaph:

Cecil de J. M.D.



1885 – 1933

DIMENSIONS: H 10" x W 20" x D 4"

STYLE: headstone

Symbols - caduceus

No repairs needed, could be cleaned



Inventory date: August 31, 2019 Recorder: Ted George

Wednesday, February 9, 1910

The Morning News, Wilmington, DE

the property was restored to her.

**To Open Dover Dispensary.**  
 Special to "The Morning News."  
 DOVER, Del., Dec. 28.—Dover's new free tuberculosis dispensary, to be operated for the benefit of those who cannot pay for sanitarium treatment in private institutions, will be opened by Dr. Cecil D. Harbordt at the instance of the Kent County Medical Society every Tuesday and Friday afternoons from 2 to 4 o'clock in the Dr. Stevens building. Physicians and nurses will be in attendance to diagnose and treat the cases.

The Evening Journal, Wilmington, DE  
Thursday October 19, 1911

Morning News, Thurs. Oct. 19, 1911

**OTHER STATE NEWS**

**Kent Levy Court Busy Considering Bridges and Roads—Numerous Charters Granted by State Department.**

Special to "The Morning News."  
 DOVER, Del., Oct. 18.—Chief Justice Pennewill administered a vigorous lecture to Dr. Edward F. O'Day, one of the Delaware's most prominent physicians, for issuing a prescription for whiskey in this prohibition territory. The defendant was fined \$200. Two indictments were found against Dr. Cecil deJ. Harbordt. "No excuses will be taken again from a doctor," said the court, which can prescribe imprisonment.

The only witness of record against Dr. E. F. O'Day was the state bacteriologist, Dr. Herbert J. Watson. His liquor sales book, required by the last Legislature, which passed the stringent doctors' and druggists' law after a fight in both houses, would have been used against him on the stand. In this book entry should have been made of the full name of the person to whom he issued the prescription, the age, malady and other treatment and the English name of the liquor written plainly.

The prescription on which the physician was first indicted called for gentian and whiskey—but the state bacteriologist who went before the grand jury showed that of whiskey there were thirty ounces while of gentian there were but two ounces.

Attorneys for Dr. O'Day, after a long consultation with the physician entered court with him at noon and he gave himself up and stated that he did not propose to combat nor put up any long defence to the charge. He had issued the prescription mentioned, but believed he did so within the law and the relation of doctor and patient. "The defendant agrees," said A. M. Daly of counsel, "that he acted outside of the law and that he will not under any circumstances do so again."

Morning News, WEd. Feb. 9, 1910

**COMMITTEES AT WORK.**

**Dover Board of Trade and New-Century Club to Co-operate.**  
 Special to "The Morning News."  
 DOVER, Del., Feb. 8.—Practically all the committees appointed at the joint meeting of the Board of Trade and the Century Club to go to work on beautifying and cleaning up Dover are at work.

The committee for the prevention of the spread of the white plague and for a new hospital sent a petition to Council which has been referred to the street committee for action after some favorable words from Mr. Martin of Council. The committee's communication to Council was as follows:

"Gentlemen: At a public meeting of the Board of Trade and Century Club of Dover, it was decided to aid the battle against the white plague in the town of Dover and as a committee duly appointed we humbly present the following resolutions to the consideration of your honorable body.

"Whereas, Spitting in the streets, parks and public buildings is a menace to the general health of the community.

"We petition that the Town Council pass an ordinance against promiscuous spitting on the streets and public places and that notice to this effect be properly placed about the town.

"Whereas, The tubercular germs are lurking in untold numbers in the dust of our streets, we petition that before the streets are swept the said streets be sprinkled with carbolic acid solution or some other antiseptic solution in order to keep the dust down, kill the germs and avoid danger of infection in the dust of such germs.

(Signed) "Committee for the Prevention of the Spread of the White Plague.

"Cecil deJ. Harbordt, M. D.,  
 "Chairman,"

# TROUBLES MULTIPLY FOR DOVER FAMILY

Morning News, Wilmington DE, Sat. Aug. 31, 1918

**Dr. Harbordt's Mother Injured. Thieves in Hirons Home. State Capital Notes.**

DOVER, Aug. 30.—The troubles of Dr. and Mrs. Cecil De J. Harbordt, who were married here on Wednesday, seem to multiply. Late last evening, the mother of Dr. Harbordt fell at the home of her son, and cut an artery in her neck, requiring the attendance of a physician for several hours to stop the flow of blood.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Hirons, parents of Mrs. de Harbordt, shortly after midnight, an attempt was made by burglars to enter the house, supposedly to steal the wedding presents. Mr. Hirons, who was awakened by footsteps on the porch, fired several shots at the intruders, who hastily fled.

Later apparently the same parties tried to gain entrance at the back of the house. Chief of Police Long was called by telephone, and remained at the Hirons home until daybreak.

The claim is made that the midnight intruders were in an automobile, as tire tracks were plainly seen in front of the Hirons home this morning.

The Morning News, Wilmington, DE  
Saturday, August 31, 1918  
Wednesday, November 11, 1933

## DOVER PHYSICIAN DIES IN HOSPITAL

Morn. News, Wed.

11-8-1933

Funeral Services For Dr. Cecil deJ. Harbordt Will Be Held Tomorrow

Former Resident of Wilmington Was Graduate of University of Maryland

Special to The Morning News  
DOVER, Nov. 7.—Funeral services will be held here on Thursday afternoon in the Christ Protestant Episcopal church for Dr. Cecil deJ. Harbordt, 47 years old, who died yesterday in the Delaware Hospital, Wilmington, from complications of the liver. Interment will be made in the cemetery adjoining the church.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mollie M. Harbordt, a clerk in the office of Judge Earl D. Wiley, of the Kent County Court of Common Pleas who was at his bedside when he died.

Dr. Harbordt was born December 3, 1885 in Brooklyn, N. Y., the son of Emile Charles and Clara A. Harbordt. Attending the public schools of that city, he finished his academic education by graduating from New York University in 1901 with the degree of bachelor of arts. He graduated from the Medical School of the University of Maryland, Baltimore, in 1905, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine.

Following some hospital work in Baltimore where he was on the staff of the Franklin Square Hospital, he located in Wilmington, where for six months he maintained offices. In 1906 he moved to Dover where for eighteen months, he was assistant to Dr. J. H. Wilson. He then began specializing in gynecology and surgery. Later he opened up an office of his own in Dover.

Prior to the World War, Dr. Harbordt held the office of examiner of drugs and chemicals for the Customs District of Philadelphia, an office which was abolished after he had held it for four years. During the war he served in the Naval Hospital in that city. Following his war service, he returned to Dover and resumed his practice. In 1918 he married Miss Mollie M. Hirons. They have no children.

Dr. Harbordt was staff surgeon for the Kent General Hospital at Dover. He was visiting gynecologist at Wilmington General Hospital; lecturer to student nurses at the latter institution; visiting gynecologist at St. Joseph's Hospital, Philadelphia; lecturer to the student nurses of the Milford Hospital and visiting gynecologist at Franklin Square Hospital, Baltimore.

Dr. Harbordt was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Patriotic Sons of America, Ancient Order of United Workmen, Mapleclade Country Club, Theta Kappa Psi Fraternity and the State County and American Medical Associations. He was also a fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, Canadian Branch, of Great Britain.

News Journal, Wilmington, DE Wed. July 6, 1949

## Dover Police to Move Into New Building

DOVER, July 6—(Special).—The Dover police department will move into its new headquarters in the former Harbordt home, 19 King Street, tomorrow morning. Police Chief James J. Turner announced today.

The police will occupy the first floor with plans under way to install cells for overnight prisoners in the basement.

In the past, the prisoners were quartered overnight in the Kent County jail, and the Dover police department was located in the basement of the City Hall.

City Council, in its final meeting, approved the proposal for the new quarters, which were endorsed by Mayor William J. Storey, as head of the police department, in the interests of efficiency and adequate facilities.

The new police building is being leased by the city from M. Hayes Wilson, Sr.

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Evening Journal, Thur. Oct. 19, 1911

## DOCTOR ENTERS NOT GUILTY PLEA

### Kent Physician Will Take Chances Before Jury in Prescription Case

Special to THE EVENING JOURNAL.  
DOVER, Del, Oct. 19 —John Brown was tried before a jury in county court yesterday afternoon on a charge of attempting to commit larceny by trying to pick a man's pocket at the circus. Brown made a fight for freedom, but the jury convicted him and he was sent up for six months.

The second physician indicted in the liquor prescription cases, Dr. Cecil de J. Harbordt, pleaded not guilty and through his counsel, James M Satterfield, elected to stand jury trial next Tuesday.

Mary Rias stood trial before a jury on a charge of selling liquor up an alley to an agent of the Law and Order Society, Victor Owens. Defendant swore that the agent chased her up the alley, but the jury did not believe her and sent the woman to Greenbank for six months.

William Legates and Earl Legates, principals in the Harrington case of assaulting a policeman, furnished \$1,-200 bail and got a continuance until February because the beaten policeman cannot appear.