

Christ Episcopal Church Cemetery Inventory

State and Water Streets, Dover DE 19903

Lot Number: 2 Space: E

Find A Grave # 11910012

Name: **Hirons, Bessie F. Dorsey**

Birth date: October 12, 1868 (in obituary) or 1869 (on marker) Death date: January 5, 1951

Burial Date: January 8, 1951 Age: 82

b. Wilmington, DE

Spouse: James A. Hirons, m. 1907, buried in Lakeside Cemetery, Dover, DE

Children: Step-daughters: Mollie *Hirons* Harbordt (1891-1963); Mrs. L. W. Martin; Mrs. R. C. Moore

Parents: George Washington Dorsey and Anna Mary *McKee* Dorsey

Siblings: Anna Dorsey

Residence: Dover, DE

Cause of death/Burial/Obituary: see next page

In the burial book she was listed in Lot 1 F, then crossed out. She was then listed in Lot 2 A, the lot in which her step-daughter Mollie Hirons Harbordt is interred. Bessie's marker, however, is in Lot 2 E. The GPR survey of 2021 does not show a burial in E. We have left the marker in E.

Service/occupation information: Educator and secretary

Officiate: Rev. Paul A. Kellogg

Lot Owner: Mrs. Helen Wine, Nov. 17, 1965; Donated back to church Sept. 3, 1976

Inscription:

Bessie Hirons
1869-1951

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

STYLE: headstone

Repairs needed: cleaning



Inventory date: August 31, 2019 Recorder: Ted George

Mrs. Bessie D. Hiron

DOVER, Jan. 7—(Special).— Funeral services for Mrs. Bessie Dorsey Hiron, 82, a native of Wilmington but a resident of Dover since 1907, will be held in Christ Church at 2 p. m. tomorrow with the Rev. Paul A. Kellogg, rector, officiating. Interment will be in Christ Churchyard.

Mrs. Hiron died Friday night after an illness that started last Sept. 27. She was the widow of James A. Hiron, Dover builder and contractor, former postmaster here, a former state representative, and prominent in Republican political circles, who died Jan. 26, 1933.

After receiving her early education in private schools in Wilmington, the old Harkness Academy, Wilmington, and the Philadelphia Business College, Mrs. Hiron taught in several business schools and colleges. After coming to Dover following her marriage in 1907, she taught typewriting and shorthand in the Georgetown High School. Later, and for most of her life, she instructed private students.

Mrs. Hiron, who lived at 104 South New Street in recent years, was secretary to the directors of the Palmer Home, a home for aged persons here, for 28 years, holding that post until her death. She was active as a member of Christ Church and the Dover Century Club and was interested in civic affairs.

Daughter of the late George W. and Anna Mary McKee Dorsey, Wilmington, Mrs. Hiron is survived by one sister, Miss Anna Dorsey, Wilmington; several nieces and nephews; three stepdaughters, Mrs. Mollie Harbordt, Dover; Mrs. L. W. Martin, Wyoming, and Mrs. R. C. Moore, Little Rock, Ark. She was born Oct. 12, 1868.

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