

Christ Episcopal Church Cemetery Inventory

State and Water Streets, Dover DE 19903

Lot Number: 65 Space: E1

Find A Grave # 11905269

Name: **Downes, Edwin Hall**

Birth date: October 15, 1897 Death date: August 3, 1976 Burial Date: August 6, 1976 Age: 78

b. Dover DE

Spouses: Catherine "Kitty" Phelps (1897-1930) m. Nov. 4, 1922 in Manhattan NY (ancestry.com); Marion Elizabeth Weaver Downes (Dec, 18, 1899-April 9, 1930) (buried in Wildwood Cemetery, Williamsport PA, (Find A Grave #163398538) and Hazel Isabel Klein Downes (1902-1986), m. 1932, Brooke, West Virginia; possible marriage to Catherine "Kitty" Phelps (1897-1962)

Children: Dr. E. Hall Downes Jr., b. abt. 1934

Parents: Samuel E. Downes (1864-) and Mary Elizabeth Perry Downes (1863-)

Siblings: Oliver E. Downes (or Lee O. in 1900 census (1889-);

Residence: Dover, DE

Cause of death/Burial/Obituary:

Service/occupation information; Navy, June 7 1916, graduated from US naval Academy 1919; WW I; Navy Ensign WWII, USS Kansas; see next page

Officiate: Rev. Paul A Kellogg

Lot Owner: E. Hall Downs, purchased Aug. 30, 1950/ Perpetual Care \$125 received Aug. 28, 1950

Marker shared with third spouse

Inscription:

Edwin Hall Downes
1897 - 1976
Educator
Hazel Kline Downes
1902 - 1986

DIMENSIONS: H 3" x W 74" x D 33"

STYLE: ledger

Repairs: cleaned summer 2021



Inventory date: March 2, 2020 Recorder: Ellen Richardson

STATE OF DELAWARE
CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH
(UNDER PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 100, ACTS OF 1929)

44:28

1. PLACE OF BIRTH—
County Kent State of Delaware
Hundred _____ or Village Dover
City _____ No. _____ St. _____ Ward _____

2. Full name of child Edwin Hall Downes

3. Sex male 4. Twin, triplet, or other _____ 5. Legitimacy yes 6. Date of birth Oct. 10, 1942
(Month, day, year)

7. Full name of father Samuel Edwin Downes 8. Full name of mother Mary Elizabeth Perry

9. Residence (usual place of abode) Dover 10. Color or race white 11. Age when child was born 35 (years)
12. Birthplace (city or place) Centerville 13. Birthplace (city or place) Centerville
(State or country) (State or country)

14. Occupation _____ 15. Occupation Physician

16. Number of children of this mother (at time of this birth and including this child) _____ Born alive and living when this birth occurred (including this child) _____
Born alive but died when this birth occurred _____

CERTIFICATES

I hereby certify this child was born on the date above stated. I do at the birth of this child, and this certificate is based upon my knowledge of the facts.

Signature

I countersign this certificate, being aware of the correctness of the statements above made.

Signature

The above signatures were made in my presence, after oath.

Notary Public

State Registrar

FILED June 28-1942

Edwin H. Downes, 78, an educator in Delaware who was also the commander of the U.S. Naval Training Station in Hampton, Va., in World War II; in Dover, Del. Training was provided to black naval officers at that station.

Evening Journal, Wilmington, Del., Thursday, August 5, 1976

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E. Hall Downes, Was First DelTech Board Chairman

DOVER — E. Hall Downes of Dover, founding board chairman of Delaware Technical and Community College, died Tuesday in Kent General Hospital. He was 78.

Mr. Downes had been an educator in Delaware and in the military for more than 50 years.



Downes

1930s, and served as principal of

Selbyville School and as superintendent of Dover schools.

He returned to the Navy in 1941, and became commanding officer of the Naval Training section in Hampton, Va., where the first black naval officers were trained. He also served with the Navy in Peru, and in 1946 joined a subsidiary of Standard Oil Co. in that country. In 1956, he formed his own consulting company, Downes Associates Inc., which provided management advice to companies in South America.

He returned to Delaware in the mid-1960s as administrative assistant to the state superintendent of public instruction. For two years, he taught a fourth grade reading class in the Caesar Rodney district.

Former Gov. Charles L. Terry Jr. named Downes to be the first board chairman of DelTech in 1966. He also served on the Delaware Educational Television Board, the Delaware Higher Educational Aid Advisory Committee and the Delaware Commission for the Aging.

He is survived by his wife, Hazel, 216 N. State St., Dover, and a son, Dr. E. Hall Downes Jr. of Portland, Ore.

A memorial service will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 at the Christ Episcopal Church, Dover. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the church.

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August 5, 1976

Edwin Hall Downes, an educator in Delaware who also was a commander of the United States Naval Training Station in Hampton, Va., in World War II, where training was provided for black naval officers, died Tuesday in Dover, Del. He was 78 years old.

Mr. Downes graduated in 1919 from the Naval Academy. He was a teacher and principal and superintendent of schools in Selbyville and Dover.

After World War II he served as dean of faculty of the Peruvian Naval Academy. After retiring as a Navy commander, Mr. Downes joined the International Petroleum Company, an affiliate of the Standard Oil Company, New Jersey, in charge of its training department in Peru. He also handled similar jobs in Central America and the Caribbean.

He later operated his own consulting group, Downes Associates Inc. Mr. Downes, an expert bridge player, was the author of a series of books on contract bridge. During the Depression, he gave bridge lessons in Pittsburgh department stores.

He was the first chairman of the board of trustees of Delaware Technical and Community College and helped to found the institution in Dover.

He is survived by his wife, the former Hazel Kline; a son, Dr. Edwin Hall Downes Jr., and a granddaughter.

Obituary of Hall Downes, son of Edwin and Hazel, 2017

Hall Downes Obituary

Downes, Hall 83 July 27, 1933 Jan. 08, 2017 Hall Downes, a medical educator and researcher, died Sunday in Portland. He was 83 years old. Downes was the only son of Edwin Hall Downes, a Navy commander and oil executive, and Hazel Kline Downes, an accomplished athlete and hostess. Born in Pittsburgh in 1933, Downes attended St. Andrews preparatory school in Delaware and received his undergraduate and medical degrees from Harvard University. At Harvard, he met Nancy Lighter at a Harvard-Wellesley freshman mixer; they wed in 1955 in Boston and remained married until her death in 2003. Downes' ROTC enrollment was followed by 10 years as a major in the U.S. Army. Downes served as an anesthesiologist at Tripler Army Medical Center in Honolulu, San Francisco's Presidio, Fort Sam Houston and Fort Knox. His unit was mobilized for the Bay of Pigs and he helped to set up hospital units in Thailand in preparation for the Vietnam War. At the conclusion of his military service, Downes returned to graduate school, completing a PhD in pharmacology at the University of Utah. He joined the faculty of Oregon Health Sciences University as a professor and researcher in physiology and pharmacology in 1970; he focused on the study of smooth lung tissue related to treatment of asthma. In the classroom, his high

standards, generosity and resonant baritone voice were beloved of a generation of OHSU students. After a phased retirement from OHSU early in this century, Downes devoted himself to diverse interests, including the study of Egyptian hieroglyphics and maritime history, leading school groups on tours of Portland's urban history, collecting toy soldiers and breeding frogs (long a subject of his scientific research). Downes is survived by his daughter and her husband; and three grandchildren. Remembrances may be made in his name to the Hoyt Arboretum Friends.

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