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JAMES DICEY HAILMAN

Mr. James Dickey Hailman was born on March 12, 1866, in Pittsburgh in the old family mansion, which for many years has been known as the Hotel Kenmawr. His father was the late George W. Hailman, who had succeeded his father, James W. Hailman, who was one of the early manufacturers of steel products in Pittsburgh. Mr. Hailman's mother was the daughter of Mr. Robert Dickey, a well known merchant, belonging to one of the old families of the city.

In his boyhood James D. Hailman attended the public schools of Pittsburgh and later spent some time at Holbrook Military Academy at Ossining, N. Y. Later he studied in Pittsburgh at the Newell Institute, in its day a well known preparatory school. He matriculated at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute at Troy, N. Y., in 1884, graduating with honors in 1887 taking the degree of C.E.

After graduation he did not follow his profession, but found employment in the firm of Robert Dickey and Co. He soon became the Secretary and Treasurer of the newly organized Morris and Bailey Steel Company, of which he was one of the partners.

On October 7, 1896, he married Miss Johanna Knowles Woodwell, the only surviving child of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Woodwell, a well known artist and merchant, who was one of the first Trustees of the Carnegie Institute appointed by Mr. Carnegie.

After spending over a decade in active business pursuits, Mr. Hailman withdrew, disposing of part of his interest in the Morris and Bailey Steel Co. to his partners, who in recent years have surrendered its control to the United States Steel Corporation.

After retiring from business Mr. Hailman gave himself up to promoting various philanthropic causes which appealed to him. He was one of the Trustees of the Western Pennsylvania Hospital, to the planning and erection of the new buildings of which he devoted a great deal of time and attention. He was one of the original members and secretary of the voluntary organization known as the Citizens Committee on City Plan, and later became a member of the City Planning Commission, the official body, which has done much in recent years to bring
about the beautifying of the city and the rearrangement of its thorough-fares. He was for several years President of the Civic Club, an organization which has labored strenuously to bring about better social conditions in various parts of the city through the enactment of legislation and by promoting the establishment of playgrounds, public baths, and similar enterprises. He was one of the Directors of the Pittsburgh Association for the Improvement of the Poor, and did much on behalf of this long established and useful organization, taking especial interest in the construction of the recently completed Washington Street Building, where shelter and employment are given to the needy. He was for many years, up until the time of his death, a member of the Board of Education of the City of Pittsburgh, and was active in promoting the movement which led ultimately to the erection of the present building occupied by the Board at the corner of Forbes and Bellefield Avenues. He took an interest in the work of the organization known as the One Hundred Friends of Pittsburgh Art.

In 1915 Mr. Hailman was elected a member of the Board of Trustees of the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh and ex-officio became a member of the Board of Trustees of the Carnegie Institute. He faithfully served on various committees of the Library and for many years was a member of the committee in charge of the Department of Fine Arts in the Institute.

In all the multifarious activities in which he was engaged he was characterized by promptitude and diligence. He was most punctilious in keeping his engagements, and, whoever else might be absent at the meetings of boards and committees, he was sure, unless prevented by illness or absence from the city, to be in attendance.

Mr. Hailman was not interested, as many are, in athletic sports and recreations. He devoted much of his leisure to reading and was especially interested in books dealing with the progress of scientific research. He was fond of travel. Prior to the World War, accompanied by his wife, he made a number of visits to Europe. In more recent years he generally spent the colder months of the winter in Bermuda, Nassau, and southern Florida. He was of a sunny and cheerful disposition, devoted to his family and friends, given to hospitality, and in his beautiful home was the center of a circle, who always found delight in his company. During the last two years of his life he suffered from illness, but on his return in the spring of the year 1930 he felt that he had entirely regained his customary vigor.
With cheerfulness and alacrity he resumed his round of duties, assuring his friends that he felt better than he had for many years. The end came suddenly. After spending the evening at home, in the company of friends, he retired to his room, but presently called to his wife, telling her that he was in great pain. Almost before a physician could be summoned, he passed away, dying of heart-failure, shortly after midnight on June 7, 1930.

All the best years of his life were given without recompense, save that of a good conscience, to the service of the people of this great city. He set a shining example to men of wealth and leisure as to the way in which they may make their years useful and beautiful.
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(Born March 12, 1866; died June 7, 1930.)

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