

[Beaumont, Hartford]

BEAUMONT HARTFORD DEAD AT 90;
LAWYER IN U.S. AND PHILIPPINES

Hartford Beaumont, a retired lawyer who spent his early career in the Philippine Islands, died Friday at his home, 24 West Seventy-sixth Street, while writing his memoirs. He was 90 years old.

From 1928 until his retirement about five years ago, Mr. Beaumont was with the firm of Shearman & Sterling, 20 Exchange Place, and did international legal work for the First National City Bank. In 1932 and 1936 he visited Moscow.

Born in New York, Mr. Beaumont spent his boyhood in Augusta, Me., and in 1899 graduated magna cum laude from the Boston University Law School. He financed his education by working as a railway mail clerk. He was admitted to the bar in Massachusetts, and the next years, after going to Seattle, to the Washington bar.

In 1902 he went to Manila as a Civil Service employe [sic] and held various posts in the Insular Government's Bureau of Customs.

Mr. Beaumont was admitted to the bar in the Philippines in 1908 and later entered private practice and taught commercial law in Manila. Returning to the United States in 1922, he joined the claim department of the National Surety Company. He then became editor in chief of a corporation state tax service issued by Prentice-Hall, New York publishers. Later he worked for collection agencies.

In 1947 Mr. Beaumont was elected chairman of the board of trustees of the Universalist Church of the Divine Paternity, Central Park West and Seventy-sixth Street. He became chairman emeritus in 1958. On his ninetieth birthday in August he presented to the United States Customs Service a 2,000 page manuscript, "The American Tariff System," which he had worked on for fifty years.

Mr. Beaumont served with a Massachusetts artillery regiment in the Spanish-American War and World War I was a captain in the Philippine infantry.

He was a member of the Hiram Lodge of the Masonic Temple, Arlington, Mass., for sixty-five years and also held membership in the Philippine Club of New York.

His widow, Mrs. Alice E. Beaumont survives.

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