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DR. WEBSTER, NOTED OCULIST, DIES

Senior Surgeon of Manhattan Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital Was 81 Years Old  
KIN OF DANIEL WEBSTER

Ex-President of New York County Medical Society Had Held Many Important Posts

Dr. David Webster, internationally known oculist and eye surgeon, died yesterday after a long illness at his home, 147 West Fifty-fifth Street. He was 81 years old, and had not been active recently in his profession. Throughout his long career he held many important posts, including the surgical directorship of the largest eye, ear and nose hospitals in New York and at various times held important posts in medical associations.

Dr. Webster was a native of Cambridge, Nova Scotia, where his body will be taken for burial. He was descended from John Webster, a Colonial governor of Connecticut, and on his mother's side from Sir Charles Pepper, a Prime Minister of Canada. He numbered among his relatives Daniel Webster, statesman, to whom the doctor bore a striking resemblance.

Dr. Webster came to New York as a young man to attend Bellevue Hospital Medical College, graduating in 1868. After practicing in Nova Scotia for a few months he returned to New York and was made the first house surgeon of the Brooklyn Eye and Ear Hospital. He was next appointed house surgeon of the Manhattan Eye and Ear Hospital and for fifteen years maintained his connection with this institution. During this time, he was closely associated with Dr. Cornelius Agnew, one of the leading oculists of the period.

Dr. Webster was Professor of Ophthalmology at Dartmouth and of the New York Polyclinic Medical School and Hospital. He was a former President of the New York County Medical Society and a member of the New York and American Ophthalmological Society. While he was chief surgeon of the Manhattan Eye and Ear Hospital he laid the cornerstone of the present building. He was also consulting surgeon of the New York Hospital for the Ruptured and Crippled, and the New York Skin and Cancer Hospital.

Funeral services will be conducted at the Church of the Divine Paternity [Fourth Universalist] at Seventy-sixth Street and Central Park West at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Dr. Webster is survived by a nephew, Dr. David Webster of 24 East Forty-eighth Street; a niece, Mrs. Willaim [sic] Dana of New York, and a brother and a sister who live in Nova Scotia.

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