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Death of Harry M. Land, 84, Dean of Scrap Metal Dealers

Harry M. Land, 84, died Thursday afternoon at his home, 44 Mott Ave., Neptune Park, New London, after a lengthy illness.

He was the father of Dr. Edwin H. [illegible] of Cambridge, Mass., president of Polaroid Corp. and world renowned scientist and inventor of the Polaroid camera.

Born in Russia on April 6, 1880, son of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Land, he came to this country at an early age and spent most of his life in Norwich.

He was a pioneer in the scrap metal and waste business first as treasurer of Max Gordon and Sons Corp., where his partners were Aaron Gordon, Samuel Goldberg and Michael Levin.

After World War I, when the partnership was dissolved, Mr. Land took on the busines. under the name of the H. M. Land Waste Co. and occupied the large structure on West Main St. at Washington Sq.

Subsequently he purchased additional yard facilities at Falls Ave.

Mr. Land was in business for over 50 years and was considered the dean of dealers in scrap metals and waste in this area.

He handled all scrap metal at Electric Boat yard for over 25 years until his retirement from active affairs in 1961, when the business was sold to The Marcus Co. of New Haven and the main building was purchased by the Redevelopment Agency to be torn down.

At one time, Mr. Land was one of the largest property owners of downtown business property in the city. He purchased the Stead building in 1927 and later owned a number of other structures including the Wauregan Hotel building, all of which he later disposed.

Mr. Land was first married to Matie F. Goldfaden of this city, and following her death he was married to Mary F. Elgart on Aug. 18, 1950.

Surviving him in addition to his widow and his son are four grandchildren, Jennifer and Valerie Land and Richard and Robert Sigal.

A daughter, Helen Sigal, died many years ago.

Also there are a brother, Benjamin Land of Brooklyn, N.Y. and a sister, Mrs. Charles Abramovitz of New Haven.

Mr. Land made his home here until 1950 when he took up residence at his summer home at Neptune Pk.

He was a member of Beth El Synagogue in New London; Beth Jacob Synagogue; Elks lodge of Norwich and had been a member of B'nai B'rith and other organizations in this city.

Funeral services will be held this Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock at Beth El Synagogue New London and burial will follow in the First Hebrew Society cemetery in Preston.

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