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SIMONS, Dr. Sigmund

OBITUARIES

Dr. Sigmund Simons, 100, dies; Boston physician for 73 years

BLOCK ISLAND — Dr. Sigmund Simons, 100, of Boston, formerly of Block Island and Pawtucket, a physician in private practice in Boston for 73 years, retiring in 1992, died yesterday at home. He was the husband of the late Agnes Mary (Amerault) Simons.

Born in Block Island, a son of the late Jacob and Tillie (Kaatz) Simons, he attended a one-room schoolhouse there. Dr. Simons was a 1917 graduate of Tufts University.

In World War I, he served in the Navy as a doctor aboard the Androscogen. He later served on the staff of University Hospital in Boston. He was a member of the Massachusetts Medical Society and the American College of Surgeons. He was a life member of Moses Michael Hayes Masonic Lodge, AF&AM, of Needham, Mass., and Temple Lodge, AF&AM, Boston.

A feature article in the Providence Sunday Journal of March 5 told the story of his medical career and his having reached his centennial birthday. He had served in Boston's Floating Hospital when it was actually afloat in Boston Harbor.

In his youth he had delivered papers for the Journal-Bulletin when the paper cost just two cents, and he received a half-cent for each delivery. He later earned a quarter a day for the American Tobacco Co. by distributing snuff to workers emerging from the former Slater Mill. "They claimed it would prevent TB — that was baloney!" he said.

A graveside service will be held tomorrow at 10 a.m. at Sleepy Hollow Cemetery, Bedford Street, Route 62, Concord, Mass.