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Obituaries

Dr. Henry L.C. Weyler, 90, dies, pioneer in electrocardiography

PROVIDENCE — Dr. Henry L.C. Weyler, 90, of 296 Grotto Ave., one of the oldest practicing physicians in the state, died Saturday at Rhode Island Hospital. He was the husband of Adelaide (Schwartz) Weyler.

Born in Waterbury, Conn., a son of the late Charles and Elizabeth (Cohen) Weyler, he lived in Providence for more than 80 years.

Dr. Weyler was a pioneer in electrocardiography and chief of medicine emeritus of the former Providence Lying-In Hospital, now Women and Infants Hospital.

He was a 1916 graduate of Brown University and a 1921 graduate of Harvard Medical School. He was a former captain in the Rhode Island National Guard. From 1939, until recently, his private practice was in offices on Angell Street.

Dr. Weyler was the second physician in the state to own and use an electrocardiogram machine. He was a leader in diagnosing coronary occlusion at a time when its symptons were often believed caused by an upset stomach. He also authored numerous scientific papers.

Senior visiting physician at Rhode Island Hospital, and still a consultant there, Dr. Weyler also was on the staffs of Roger Williams General and Miriam and Butler Hospitals. He was medical director of the Tockwotten Home, East Providence, for many years.

Besides his wife he leaves a daughter, Dr. Victoria (Weyler) Persky of Chicago, and two grandchildren.

A graveside service was held yesterday.