

BEACH, S.W.

Presbyterian clergyman

1940

visited Hungary officially
for Presb. Church after 1st World War

DR. S. W. BEACH DEAD; PASTOR OF WILSON

President Attended Church in
Princeton of Which He Was
Minister, 1905-1923

IN THE CLERGY 60 YEARS

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Two of Wilson's Daughters
in the White House

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LOS ANGELES, Nov. 16—Dr. Sylvester Woodbridge Beach, once the pastor and close personal friend of the late President Woodrow Wilson, died today at the home of a daughter, Miss Cyprian Beach, at Altadena, near Pasadena. His age was 85.

Dr. Beach was pastor emeritus of the First Presbyterian Church of Princeton, N. J., where he was pastor for the Wilson family while serving as active pastor. He was in charge of that church from 1905 to 1923. He officiated at two White House weddings during Wilson's regime.

Before going to Princeton as a pastor he had been at the American Church of Paris, France. He had been an ordained minister for sixty years.

Dr. Beach was secretary-treasurer of his class when graduated from Princeton University in 1876. Two years later he was graduated from the theological seminary. He had lived in California ten years.

Besides his daughter in Altadena, Dr. Beach leaves two other daughters, Mrs. Frederic James Dennis of Princeton and Sylvia Beach, Paris publisher and book seller.

Dr. Beach officiated at the marriages of President Wilson's two daughters, the late Jessie Woodrow Wilson to Francis B. Sayre on Nov. 25, 1913, and of Eleanor Randolph Wilson to former Senator William G. McAdoo on May 7, 1914.

Born at Woodville, Miss., a son of the Rev. Charles Beach, Dr. Beach entered on his first pastorate in Baltimore in 1880, remaining seven years. He was pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Bridgeton, N. J., for thirteen years, from 1887 until 1900, when he went to Paris, and there for five years had charge of the work of his church among American students in the Latin quarter. He then returned to the United States to begin his long association with the First Church in Princeton.

Dr. Beach was a former moderator of the New Jersey Synod, a member of the Society of Descendants of Colonial Wars, Sons of the Revolution, Sons of the American Revolution, Masons, Nassau Club of Princeton, Princeton Club of New York and American Club of Paris. His wife, who was Eleanor Orbison of Bellefonte, Pa., at their marriage in 1882, died in 1927.

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