

William Moore Guilford

Record #:	Death Date:	Graduating Year:
8810	December 10, 1938	Non P&S

Summary:

Dr. William Moore Guilford, the oldest living non-graduated "alumnus" of the College of P&S, died in Lebanon, Pa. at age 106. He spent the year 1849-1850 in the College of P&S but transferred again and took his M.D. degree at the medical school of the University of Pennsylvania in 1852. Guilford was born in Lebanon November 26, 1832, and began his studies at the Berkshire Medical Institution in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, a summer medical school which has not been in existence in many years and which was turned into a summer resort inn, the Maplewood Hotel. He already had a flourishing medical practice at the outbreak of the Civil War, and during that conflict he served as examining surgeon for a Pennsylvania regiment. He was for many years on the medical staff of the Good Samaritan Hospital in Lebanon, and consulting physician at the Pennsylvania Asylum for the Treatment of the Chronic Insane. He married in 1856 and celebrated his 70th wedding anniversary in 1926, three years before his wife's death. Dr. Guilford was active until 1934 when he suffered a leg injury which prevented him from walking. The catalogue of the College of P&S for P&S1849-50 announces that the course of lectures for the season will be commenced on the 17th of October and will be continued until the second Thursday in March. The matriculation fee was five dollars, the fees for a full course of lectures \$96 ('but students were not required to take out all the tickets during one season'). The graduation fee was twenty-five dollars and board was three dollars per week. Candidates for degrees were required to have attended two full courses of lectures, the last ones in this college, and must have studied medicine three years and attained the age of twenty-one. Each candidate was required to write a thesis and deposit it with the secretary of the faculty. Students were requested, upon their arrival in the city, to call upon the janitor who resided in the college building on Crosby Street, who would direct them to the residences of the faculty and aid them in obtaining boarding places.

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