

J. Wade Hampton Dies; Ex-G.O.P. City Chairman

J. Wade Hampton, political and business figure here in the Twenties and later an investor in Florida real estate, was buried yesterday.

Funeral services were conducted in West Palm Beach, where the former Yonkers Republican city chairman died in a hospital Wednesday. He had been ill a short time.

Mr. Hampton at one time was an optician on N. Broadway, but gave up the business when he entered the real estate field. He served as Republican city chairman about eight years succeeding the late Leslie Sutherland.

Early in 1925, there were rumors of his being ousted and of his resigning from the post because of differences of opinion on party policy between him and William L. Ward, then Republican county leader. But "Doc" Hampton, as he was known, filled out his term.

In 1935 he was a partner in the Vanton Corp. which developed a three-story building in Hollywood, Fla., occupied for a time by the First Hollywood Bank, the Post Office and the Peoples Gas Co.

For years before that, Mr. Hampton had been associated in various business enterprises with the late Louis A. Van Dyk, who once was a special deputy public safety commissioner here.

Mr. Hampton later sued his erstwhile partner and others in the corporation to re-establish his half-interest in the Hollywood building. He had charged that he had been induced to turn over one of his 50 shares of stock, thus becoming a minority stock holder.

Mr. Hampton was an officer of the old Yonkers Funding Corp.,



J. WADE HAMPTON as he appeared before leaving Yonkers to live in Florida.

which handled real estate and mortgages. He moved from Yonkers over 20 years ago, lived for a time in Hollywood and later at Lantana, near West Palm Beach. He had been engaged in real estate since moving to Florida.

He was born in Virginia about 68 years ago and was a descendant of Gen. Wade Hampton of Civil War fame.

He is survived by his wife, the former Gertrude Lowe; a daughter, Mrs. Dane (Margaret) Reed of Croydon, England, and three grandchildren.