

THOMAS HEPBURN, A UROLOGIST, 82

Hartford Specialist, Father of Actress, Is Dead

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WEST HARTFORD, Conn., Nov. 20—Dr. Thomas N. Hepburn, specialist in urology and the father of Katharine Hepburn, the actress, died today at his home at the age of 82.

Dr. Hepburn had been head of the surgical staff at Hartford Hospital. He was a founder of the American Social Hygiene Association, and had been president of the Connecticut Social Hygiene Society.

A charter member and former president of the New England section of the American Urological Association, he had also been chairman of the board of trustees of the Hartford County Medical Society.

Dr. Hepburn was a fellow of the American College of Surgeons and a member of the New England Surgical Society, the American Board of Urology and the American Medical Association.

He wrote many articles in medical and scientific journals.

A native of Kent County, Md., Dr. Hepburn joined Hartford Hospital in 1907 and was its first urologist.

His first wife, Mrs. Katharine Houghton Hepburn, who died in 1950, was the mother of the actress. Dr. Hepburn later remarried.

He is survived also by his widow, Mrs. Madeline Santa Croce Hepburn; two other daughters, Mrs. Ellsworth S. Grant of West Hartford and Mrs. Thomas Perry of Canton Center; two sons, Dr. Robert H. Hepburn of West Hartford and Richard H. Hepburn of Fenwick; a sister, Mrs. Selina Hopkins of Virginia, and 14 grandchildren.

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