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HENRY SHREVE MARSTON (1861-19xx) **WEAVER LOPER MARSTON (1896-1936)**

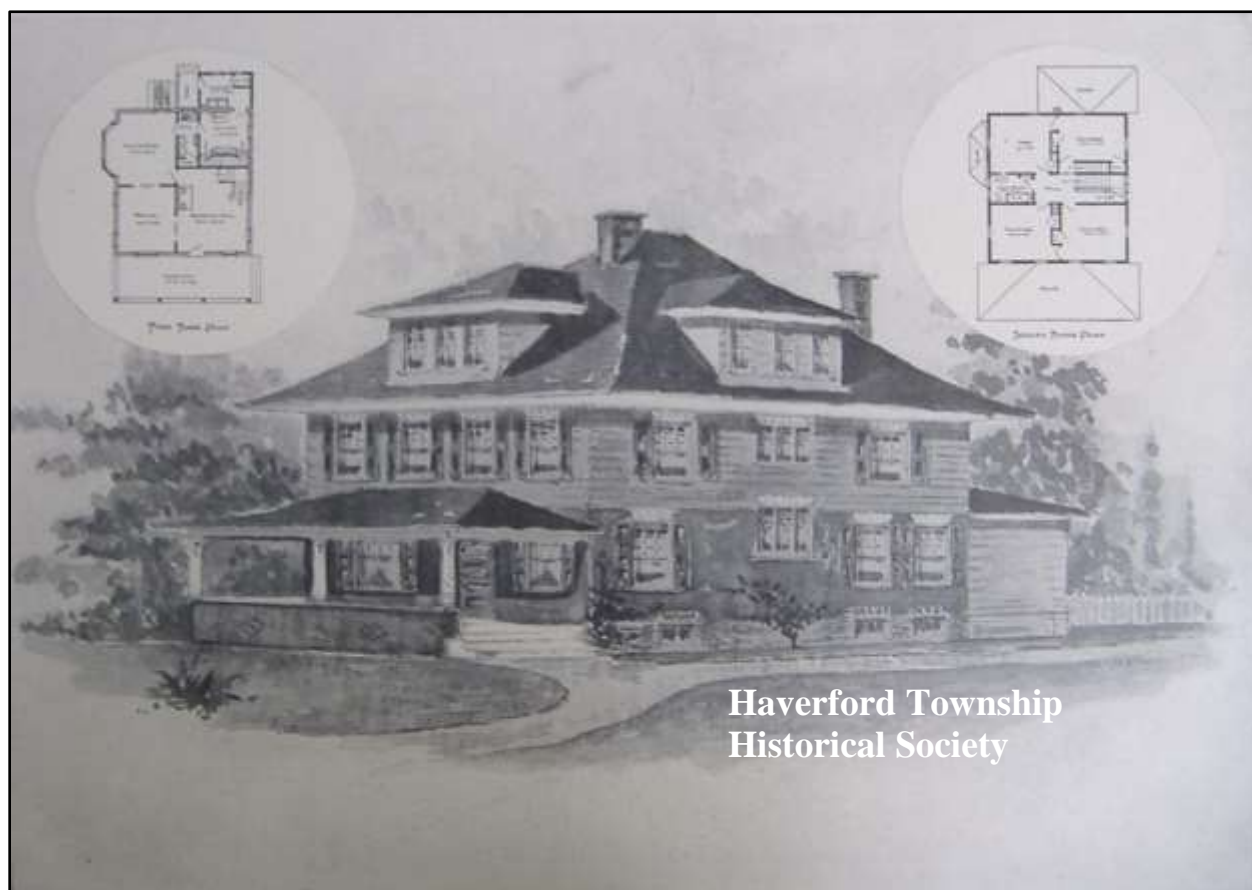
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Harry S. Marston was born in August, 1861 in Oil City, Venango County, Pennsylvania to Joseph H. Marston and Frances Marston. He had an older sister, Emma, born about five years earlier, as listed in the 1870 U. S. Census. In the 1880 U. S. Census for Oil City, Harry is listed as "reading law."

Maria L. Gordon (also called Marie) was born on July 1, 1866 in Philadelphia, the daughter of George Gordon and Maria H. Gordon. The 1880 U. S. Census lists George Gordon (age 58), wife Maria H. Gordon (age 40), daughter Fannie G. Gordon (age 21), son-in-law George Loper (age 24), and daughter Maria L. Gordon (age 13).

The Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Marriage Indexes, 1885-1951, list Harry Shreve Marston marrying Marie Logan Gordon in 1894. A son, Weaver Loper Marston, was born on February 12, 1896 in Philadelphia.

The 1900 U. S. Census shows Harry and Mary G. Marston, with son Weaver L. Marston, living with her mother in the North Ardmore Election District of Lower Merion Township, Montgomery County.



According to the online Delaware County Real Estate Parcels & Tax Records System (Folio #22040012500, Map #22-07_-114-000), a house was built in 1902. Its address today is 702 College Avenue, on the northeast corner of College Ave. and Haverford Rd., across from a corner of the Haverford College campus. The architectural illustration above shows this house and bears the caption "House for Mrs. Marie G. Marston, at Haverford, Penna."

The 1910 U. S. Census lists Harry S. Marston with wife Maria and son Weaver, age 14, living on College Avenue in Haverford Township.

Weaver L. Marston received a Bachelor of Science in electrical engineering from the Towne Scientific School of the University of Pennsylvania in 1918. A published "Roster of Attendants at Federal Military Training Camps, 1913-1916," by the Military Training Camps Association (U.S.), lists him as from Haverford, a private, and a Penn student. He is listed in the World War 1 Draft Registration Cards for Delaware County, 1917-1918. In a book entitled "F.A.C.O.T.S.: The Story of the Field Artillery Central Officers Training School, by Raymond Walters et al., published in 1919 by the Field Artillery Central Officers Training School Association, Camp Zachary Taylor, Kentucky, he is listed, under "Roster of the School", from College Avenue, Haverford.

The 1920 U. S. Census shows Harry S. Marston, railroad auditor, living on College Avenue with Marie and Weaver, age 23, an electrical engineer for a gas company. Weaver Marston's varied early career subsequently took him to many places across America.

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W. L. Marston

SHARPLES SPECIALTY Co., manufacturer of well-known and widely used centrifugal oil separators, announces promotion of three company officials to posi-


tions of increased executive importance. Weaver L. Marston, formerly general manager of the West Coast branches, has been named national sales manager. Marston, who left for home offices at Philadelphia on April 16, joined the firm in 1926 as assistant sales manager, which position he held until transferred to the West. While on the Coast he secured a record number of sales for his organization and proved himself fully qualified to assume his present important position.

James H. Wilcox, for five years Los Angeles branch manager, succeeds Marston as West Coast director. Wilcox joined the company in 1924; he has made many friends in Southern California and has demonstrated his ability both in sales and executive work. Hereafter his offices will be in San Francisco.

Thomas J. Griffin is the new Southern California district manager. Griffin, who will make his headquarters in Los Angeles, formerly was assistant manager of the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, division.

He recently came to Los Angeles after having spent several weeks in San Francisco.

Sharples Specialty Co., recently has in-



J. H. Wilcox

roduced an all-centrifugal fish oil and meal recovery system already used in a number of plants.

Industry news article on Weaver L. Marston, from "The West Coast Fisheries" of May, 1931.

In 1922 the family was involved in the sale of the George Gordon Building at 300 Arch Street in Philadelphia, documented by the Historic American Buildings Survey between 1961 and 1963 (HABS No. PA-1065) as follows: "Original and subsequent owners: On October 13, 1856, George Gordon, merchant, bought from William F. Headman and Edward Headman and Catherine his wife, merchants, for \$17,000 "... All that certain four story Brick messuage or tenement and lot as piece of ground thereunto belonging situate at the southwest corner of Delaware Third Street and Arch Street formerly called Mulberry Street in the said city containing on the said Arch Street fifteen feet nine inches and in length or depth on said Third Street thirty seven feet four inches ..." and including access and rights to a necessary in the rear. On March 1, 1922, the property transferred from G. Weaver Loper and Fannie G., his wife, Harry S. Marston and Marie G., his wife, Weaver L. Marston, and the Girard Trust Bank, trustees for George Gordon deceased, to Arthur L. Fink."

On October 2, 1926, Weaver L. Marston (age 30) married Mary F. McFarland (age 22) in West Chester, Pennsylvania. She was the daughter of George Keim McFarland (1875-1949) and Linda Barber McFarland (1877-1946). The 1930 U. S. Census lists him with wife Mary and a daughter, Ann B. Marston (age 1) living in San Mateo, California. The same census lists his mother Maria as a widowed boarder (age 63), along with many other older women, at the "Wharburton Hotel, Emergency Aid Society" on Sansom Street in Philadelphia.

Weaver's life came to a tragic end on Thanksgiving Day, November 26, 1936 when, returning from a hunting trip, his car struck a tree and he was fatally injured. At the time, he was 39 years old and national sales manager of the Sharples Specialty Company of Philadelphia. He and his widow, Mary McFarland Marston Lohrke Simpler (1903-1997), are both buried at Oaklands Cemetery in West Chester, Pennsylvania.

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