

Dr. Carl Murchison, Psychologist, Author, Art Collector, Passes Away

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Dr. Carl A. Murchison of 2 Commercial Street, a former professor of psychology and author, editor and publisher of a number of psychological journals and a resident of Provincetown since 1936, died on Saturday at the New England Baptist Hospital in Roxbury, where he had been a patient for several weeks. He was 73 years old.

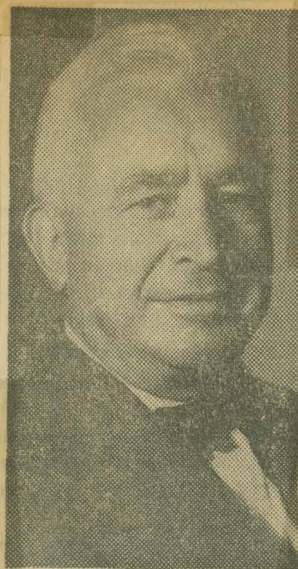
A native of Hickory, N. C., Dr. Murchison was a graduate of Wake Forest College and received his Ph. D. in 1923 from Johns Hopkins University and his Sc. D. in 1935 from Wake Forest. He had also studied at Harvard, Rochester Theological Seminary and at Yale. Dr. Murchison was a professor of psychology at Clark University in Worcester from 1923 to 1936, Chairman of that Department from 1924 to 1936 and director of the Clark University Press from 1926 until 1936, when he came to Provincetown with his family and purchased the house at the West End of Commercial Street, known locally as "The Castle".

In it Dr. Murchison and his wife, the former Dorotea Powell, had an extensive collection of paintings, including one by every well known Provincetown artist, as well as antiques and furnishings acquired on several trips around the world. The house and entire col-

lection as well as a research library and original manuscripts were destroyed in a spectacular fire in 1956, while the Murchisons were touring in South America. In comparison to the semi-Moorish-Spanish Colonial style of architecture of "The Castle," the house built by the Murchisons to replace it, was designed by Walter Gropius. Aside from his personal business as editor of the Journal Press, Dr. Murchison's primary interest in Provincetown was the Art Association, of which he was a member for many years, a trustee since about 1947 and which he headed as President at the time of his death. He was also a member of The Beachcombers, and held memberships in numerous professional organizations including the American Psychological Association.

Private funeral services for Dr. Murchison were held on Tuesday afternoon in Boston and a memorial service will be held at a later date at the Church of the Redeemer, Universalist.

Survivors include his widow; a daughter, Mrs. Marjorie Ellen Monteith of Berkeley, California; a son, Powell, of Provincetown, presently serving as radio operator aboard the SS America; a brother, Dr. C. T. Murchison of Wellfleet and several grandchildren.



DR. CARL A. MURCHISON



Dr. Murchinson's new house on back hill
where the Castle was - Oct.14,1980