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Obituaries

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Well known Chicago artist, illustrator and art teacher, died early Monday morning at Evanston hospital.

A resident of Evanston since 1913, Mr. Babcock was a member of St. Luke’s church. His illustrations had appeared in magazines, on posters and in the Encyclopedia Britannica and the World Book Encyclopedia. In recent years he had been on the faculty of the American Academy of Art.

Mr. Babcock was born in Denmark, Ia., June 4. 1887, the son of William Henry and Mary Fayerweather Babcock. He studied at the John Heron Art institute, received a degree in lithography from Winona Technical institute, Indianapolis, and was graduated from the Chicago Art institute. Mr. Babcock also studied in the Weinhold and Eisengraber School of Painting and at Statdlsche Gewerbe Schule in Munich, and privately with Ludwig Hohlwein.

He edited the educational department for Poster magazine, and exhibited in a one man show and other exhibitions at the Chicago Art institute. He was one of the founders of the Chicago Business Men’s Symphony orchestra and a member of the National Association of Amateur Chamber Music Players.

Mr. Babcock was a charter member and past president of the Artists’ Guild of Chicago, and was a member of the Hoosier Salon, the American Artists group, Delta Beta Rho (the Daubers’ society), the Cliff Dwellers and Campfire club of Chicago.

Surviving are his wife, Anita Biggs Babcock; two sons, William F. Babcock of Wilmette and Richard F. Babcock, Jr., of Northbrook; five grandchildren, and two brothers, Henry A. Babcock of Glendale, Cal., and Frederick M. Babcock of Chevy Chase, Md., both former Evanstonians.

A memorial service yesterday morning at St. Luke’s church was followed by interment at Memorial Park.