WAGUESPACK, Lionel O., M. D.

St. James Parish, Louisiana

Submitted by Mike Miller

Waguespack, Lionel O., M. D., successful physician and sugar planter, St. James parish, La., was born in St. James parish, Aug. 9, 1879; son of Leonard and Alice (Monier) Waguespack, the former of whom has followed the lifelong vocations of a planter and a merchant, which his father, Florian Waguespack born in 1838, also followed.  The last-named died Feb. 3, 1906, of lagrippe and pneumonia.  His wife, whose maiden name was Frozelie Simon born Sept. 3, 1841, is living at this time.  The paternal great-grandfather, Joseph Waguespack, attained the age of 92 years.  He was one of 3 brothers who came from Germany and located in St. Charles parish at an early time. Both parents of the subject of this sketch are living at this time.  Ten children have been born to their union, in the following order:  Lionel O., the subject of this sketch; Prudent, deceased; Henry J., a planter, of St. John the Baptist parish; Elodie, Isabella, wife of Wiltz Hymel, of New Mexico; Eva, wife of Stephen Burch, of St. John the Baptist parish; Rita, deceased; Julia, Leonard, Jr., and Francis, the fourth and eighth being now at the parental home.

Lionel O. Waguespack attended the school of Perpetual Adoration, Convent, La., following which he entered St. Stanislaus college, Bay St. Louis, Miss., from which he graduated with the class of 1897.  He then matriculated in the medical department of Tulane university, from which he graduated with the degree of M. D. in the class of 1900.  Since shortly after the last-mentioned date he has been engaged in medical practice in St. James parish.  The doctor is a member of the St. James parish and the Louisiana State Medical societies, being secretary and treasurer of the former.  He also is a member of the Catholic church, and is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus and Knights of the Maccabees.

Sept. 1, 1900, Dr. Waguespack was married to Miss Lilia J. Babin, a daughter of Leon B. and Amenthe (Rome) Babin, of St. James parish, where both the parents were born.  Mr. Babin has followed the vocation of a planter from early life.  Both he and his wife are living at this time.  To Dr. and Mrs. Waguespack 8 children have been born, namely:  Beatrice Pauline, John Berchmans, Claude Joseph, Wilhelmina Marie, Roland Simeon, Fabiola Anna, Lionel O., Jr., and  Maisy Elizabeth.  All of the children are now at the parental home.  In addition to his medical practice, Dr. Waguespack has some sugar plantation interests.

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