

DANIEL BEARD DIES; BOY SCOUT PIONEER

One of Founders of Movement,
Known to Millions as 'Uncle
Dan,' Stricken at 90

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Active in Aid for Youths Since
1878—President Will Be an
Honorary Pallbearer

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SUFFERN, N. Y., June 11—Daniel Carter Beard, who was known affectionately to millions of American Boy Scouts as "Uncle Dan" because of his pioneering efforts in building up the movement in this country, died here this morning at his home, Brooklands, after an illness of two months. He would have been 91 years old on June 21.

Born while Zachary Taylor occupied the White House, Mr. Beard distinctly remembered the gaunt figure of Abraham Lincoln when he was President-elect. He achieved a national reputation as an illustrator more than half a century ago, when he made the original drawings for Mark Twain's "A Connecticut Yankee at King Arthur's Court" and "Tom Sawyer Abroad."

But it was his life-long interest in outdoor life for boys—an interest he had actively sought to promote as early as 1878—that made Mr. Beard known and loved by millions of boys. He was one of the founders of the Boy Scouts of America, of which for many years he had been National Scout Commissioner and honorary vice president, as well as chairman of the National Court of Honor.

Contributed to Boys' Life

Virtually to the close of his long life he kept up his activity in behalf of the Boy Scouts. It was his practice to contribute an article each month to Boys' Life, the official publication of the Boy Scouts, and to illustrate it with a drawing of his own. On April 20 he completed an article and finished the outlines of a drawing for the August issue of the magazine. He intended to color the drawing, but did not get around to doing so.

He was stricken with a cold, which gradually grew worse. According to his physician, Dr. C. P. Hussey, the coughing spells aggravated a heart condition from which he also suffered and the combination brought about his death.

His only daughter, Mrs. Barbara Price, who made her home with him, was present when he died. Mr. Beard's only son, Daniel Bartlett Beard, was on his way East from his home in Omaha, where he is associated with the National Park Service. Surviving also are two grandchildren, Daniel Carter Beard 2d and Albert Beard.

Funeral to Be Held Sunday

The funeral will be held at his home on Sunday. He was a Quaker, and arrangements have been made for a service that will be partly under the guidance of E. Urner Goodman of the Friends Meeting Society of Flushing, L. I., and partly conducted by the Rev. Leon Cartmell, rector of St. Mary's Episcopal Church of Tuxedo Park, N. Y.

President Roosevelt, an old friend of Mr. Beard's, accepted by telephone today an invitation to be one of the honorary pallbearers, although it was not known here whether he would be able to attend the funeral. Charles Dana Gibson, who was best man at the marriage of Miss Beatrice Alice Jackson to Mr. Beard in 1894, will also be an honorary pallbearer. Mrs. Beard died six months ago.

The other pallbearers will be Edmund Seymour, James L. Clark, Frederick K. Vreeland, Augustus Post, Marshall McLean, John W. Hessian, William B. Greeley, James E. West, Chief Scout Executive; Walter W. Head, president of the Boy Scouts of America; Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, Dr. G. J. Fisher and John Schiff.

Pioneer in Movement

Mr. Beard achieved in America what the late General Baden-Powell achieved in Britain. Whether he was the originator of the international Boy Scout movement was a mildly controversial point, but it is an indisputable fact that he became actively interested in work for boys in 1878, when he visited New York. He saw rows of flats with signs, "No dogs or children wanted." This led him to exclaim: "These fools have built an immense city without any place for the young people at all."

Himself a boy at heart, even in old age, he agitated for the well-being of the younger generation. In 1905, three years before the official founding of Boy Scouts, he established "The Boy Pioneers, Sons of Daniel Boone." In all parts of the country clubs were organized as "forts," and each of these consisted of three "stockades" with eight boys to a "stockade."

That was in 1905, when Mr. Beard was editor of Recreation. The paper was full of the new idea, and before long thousands of boys had joined the movement. Twenty-five years after the "forts" and the "stockades" were inaugurated there were almost one million Boy Scouts in North America and more than two million all over the world.

Long before any concerted movement had been established, however, Mr. Beard had written "American Boys' Handy Book." It was published in 1882 and has had an enormous sale with edition after edition.

Mr. Beard was born at Cincinnati on June 21, 1850, the son of James Henry and Mary Caroline Carter Beard. He was educated at Covington, Ky., whither the family had moved. His father was a portrait painter, and from him the youth inherited his ability to paint and draw.

He studied at the Art Students League in New York from 1880 to 1884 and later he illustrated several books and magazine articles. In 1882 he wrote and illustrated "How to Camp Without a Tent," which was published in St. Nicholas Magazine.

For several years he lived in Flushing, and he was a member of the Flushing Board of Education and of Queens Borough Library. With the rapid growth of the Boy Scout movement, he was appointed



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Had Taught at Culver

For some time Mr. Beard was Chief Scout of the Department of Woodcraft at Culver Military Academy in Indiana.

Smoking and drinking were not for "Uncle Dan." His great enthusiasm was open-air exercise—hiking, woodcraft, sport.

When he was 81 he walked for miles and miles while the temperature was 105 in the shade at Frankfort, Ky., at the head of a procession and laid a wreath on the monument of Daniel Boone. Some years ago he established the school of woodcraft known as Dan Beard Outdoor School for Boys, in Pike County, Pa.

Mr. Beard attended the great Boy Scout jamboree that was held near Liverpool in England in 1929. He saw 50,000 Scouts parade. They came from forty-two nations, including Japan, Siam and Iraq.

Shortly before his eighty-second birthday, in 1932, he received the first award of what was to be the Daniel Carter Beard Medal for the Boys of Kentucky, which was endowed by H. D. Pratt, Standard Oil executive, for 100 years.

90th Birthday Marked at Fair

One of the biggest birthday parties ever held marked the ninetieth anniversary of Mr. Beard's birth. On June 22, 1940, 50,000 Boy Scouts from eight Eastern Seaboard States gathered in the Court of Peace of the New York World's Fair to sing "Happy Birthday to Uncle Dan" and to shout their greetings to the scouting pioneer.

Mr. Beard wrote "Moonlight and Six Feet of Romance," "Outdoor Handy Book," "Jack of All Trades," "Boy Pioneers and Sons of Daniel Boone," "The Buckskin Book and Buckskin Calendar," "Boat Building and Boating," "Shelters, Shacks and Shanties," "Bugs, Butterflies and Beetles," "Signs, Signals and Symbols," "The American Boys' Book of Wild Animals," "Field and Forest Handy Book," "American Boys' Book of Camp Lore and Woodcraft," "The Black Wolf Pack," "Do It Yourself," and "Wisdom of the Woods." His autobiography, "Hardly a Man Is Now Alive," was published in 1939.