

JOHN S. HOYT, 84, WELFARE LEADER

Officer of Y.M.C.A. Who Was
a Founder of Boy Scouts
of America Is Dead

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DARIEN, Conn., March 30—John Sherman Hoyt of Darien, former official of the Boy Scouts of America and the Young Men's Christian Association, died today at the age of 84. He was a retired director of the American Car and Foundry Company.

Mr. Hoyt was born in New York, a son of Alfred Miller Hoyt and Mrs. Rose Reese Hoyt. He was a great-nephew of Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman, Union leader of the Civil War. He was graduated from St. Paul's School, Concord, N. H., and received in 1890 a degree in civil engineering from the Columbia University School of Mines. In 1930 he received an honorary LL. D. from the university.

He was one of the founders of the Boy Scouts of America. In World War I he went overseas as an executive committee member of the Y. M. C. A. and visited troops on the fighting front on two occasions. He reported afterward that the "Y. M." had 700 men and 140 trucks at the front during the Argonne engagement.

Mr. Hoyt served as president of Babies Hospital in New York for many years before 1926, later being chairman of the building committee. He also had been president of the board of Christodora House. He was a former vice president of the Boy Scouts, and had served as a trustee of the United Hospital Fund.

He belonged to the Down Town Association and the Union League Club in New York, and to the Weeburn and Woodway Clubs of Darien.

Surviving are three sons, Dr. Anson P. S. Hoyt, Sherman R. and Graham Hoyt; two daughters, Mrs. Byron Stookey and Mrs. Franklin V. Peale, and a sister, Mrs. G. Beekman Hoppin. His wife, the former Ethel Phelps Stokes, died last year.