

Glendora Remembers ...

MORRIS LESTOURGEON JOHNSTON, M.D.

A noted physician of Sawtelle, California, Morris LeStourgeon Johnston, M.D., most recently was radiologist at the Veterans Administration Hospital there, having specialized in radiology since the end of World War II in which he served. He was also in partnership with his father in the raising of citrus fruits and avocados.

Morris LeStourgeon Johnston was born at Glendora, California, July 17, 1922, son of Charles Morris and Eda (Schoe'nleber) Johnston. His father, who was born in 1889, was in the insurance field and a citrus grower and investor. His mother was a retired school teacher and principal. His parents donated eleven acres in Glendora as the site of the FOOTHILL PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL-Morris L. Johnston Memorial, a non-profit, community hospital.

On the paternal line, the family was related to the distinguished surgeons. Charles LeStourgeon, the elder, and his son, who maintained a famous clinic at Cambridge, England. Their descendants migrated to America about 1850.

After graduating from the Glendora Grammar School and Citrus Union High School, Dr. Johnston attended Citrus Junior College before entering Occidental College from where he obtained his Bachelor of Science degree in



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1942. In 1946 he obtained his Doctor of Medicine degree at the University of Southern California School of Medicine.

After completing his medical studies, he served in the United States Army Medical Corps from 1946 to 1948 with the rank of captain and was stationed at several Western Army camps, receiving his honorable discharge at Fort Worden, Washington.

During 1948-1949 he was resident surgeon with the Santa Fe Coast Lines Hospital at Los Angeles and the Orange County General Hospital. He then became a resident in radiology at the Veterans Administration Hospital at Sawtelle, California. His previous work in surgery made him an excellent diagnostician. He became a staff radiologist at Sawtelle, and continued to serve in that capacity until the close of his life.

He also served as clinical instructor in Radiology at the University of California at Los Angeles. Since 1953 he was in partnership with his father in the raising of citrus and avocados and in various real estate investments.

He was a diplomat of the American Board of Radiology and a member of the American College of Radiology, the Radiological Society of North America, the California and Los Angeles Radiology Societies, and the American Medical Association. He also belonged to the Calavo Avocado and Sunkist Grower Marketing Associations and the Upland Citrus Association. He was a member of the Glendora Country Club and of the American Legion. His fraternities were Phi Beta Kappa, Alpha Kappa Kappa and Alpha Chi Phi. For recreation he enjoyed archery, golf and travel.

Dr. Johnston left life income to his parents, but the residue of his estate was left to the University of Southern California College of Medicine.

Dr. Johnston, who never married, died at Sawtelle, California, April 27, 1965.

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