Charles C. McGovern was born March 6, 1873, in the old Sixth Ward, Pittsburgh. He died at his home, 1022 Grandview Avenue, Mt. Washington, August 29, 1962, in his 89th year. Colonel McGovern's first wife died in 1955. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Rose D. McGovern, a sister, two daughters and two sons.

His life from earliest youth was characterized by colorful activity which lost nothing in narration with his keen observation and Irish wit. Holding strong principles of what was right, he became known for outspoken opposition to graft, dishonesty and pretense, and he was equally fearless when confronted with physical danger.

As son of a detective he served in the same capacity with credit. As soldier he served in all ranks from private to colonel and in retirement was honored as a brigadier general. As a politician and public officer his outstanding accomplishments were on the Board of Commissioners of Allegheny County. Later in life his sense of fairness was attested by his appointment as referee on the Pennsylvania State Unemployment Compensation Board.

He long conducted a radio program every week on some historical subject and when his voice failed, his secretary, Miss Rose Danahey, who later became his wife, continued the presentation. Many Pittsburghers still recall his program and speak of it pleasantly.

He became a member of this society in 1915 and served as trustee from January, 1941. He used his influence, and this after his retirement from the Board of County Commissioners, to secure for this Society an important annual grant from the County.

Robert D. Christie