

John Bailey Cooke, Was Songwriter

SEA GIRT — John Bailey Cooke, a songwriter and former promotion manager for Colgate-Palmolive, Jersey City, died yesterday at Jersey Shore Medical Center, Neptune.

Mr. Cooke lived at 304 Washington Blvd. He was born in New York City and lived here 34 years. He was formerly of Orange.

He retired 20 years ago from Colgate-Palmolive after 25 years with the company. Mr. Cooke wrote over 250 songs one of which was "Don't Blame It All on the Man in the White House." He sent the song to President Nixon and received a personal letter of thanks. He also wrote a campaign song used during the last gubernatorial election by Gov. William T. Cahill.

Mr. Cooke was a direct descendant of John Bailey who wrought the silver handle of George Washington's sword which is now on display at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington.

He was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, both the New Jersey chapter and the national society.

Surviving are his wife, Cecelia Cortisoz Cooke; two sons, John B. Jr., here, and the Rev. Peter S. Cooke, assistant pastor of the Church of St. Uriel the Archangel, here; a brother, Paul Revere Cooke, Florida; three sisters, Mrs. Dora C. Lock, Mrs. Beatrice Carson, and Mrs. Beulah Stanley, New York City, and seven grandchildren.

The Robert C. Neary Funeral Home, Manasquan, is in charge of arrangements.