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Photograph of Hollis Taylor Winston from the 1896 University of North Carolina yearbook.

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^[2]Hollis Taylor Winston, naval officer, was born in Chapel Hill, the son of George Tayloe ^[3] and Caroline Taylor Winston. He attended The University of North Carolina ^[4] between 1893 and 1895 and was graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1900. Winston served on the USS *Columbia* ^[5] in the West Indian campaign, on the USS *Charleston* ^[6] during Secretary of State Elihu Root ^[7]'s diplomatic tour of South America in 1906, and as gunnery officer aboard the *Charleston*, which won the trophy in 1909. He was an instructor at Annapolis in 1910 and took part in the Nicaraguan and Mexican campaigns in 1913–14 aboard the USS *California* ^[8].

He married Marie Eugenia Smith at the home of her parents in Washington, D.C. on September 1, 1917. However, the marriage was apparently not a happy one, as a 1921 court case revealed that his wife left him in 1918, "refusing longer to live with him" and had moved from their home in Brooklyn back to Washington, D. C. She applied for a divorce in 1921, but the court of appeals dismissed it as she had not established the necessary three years' residency in the District of Columbia.

Winston was on engineering duty at the Brooklyn Navy Yard in 1917–19 and in charge of engineering inspection for the Philadelphia district in 1920–22. He retired from active service in 1922 as a lieutenant commander. Funeral services were held in the Fort Meyer Chapel, and he was buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

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