

was bred to mercantile pursuits, in which he was engaged up to August 1881, with the exception of the time spent as a member of Company F, a select body from Richmond which shared the fortunes of the Army of Northern Virginia until the surrender at Appomattox Court House in April 1865. In 1881 he disposed of his mercantile interests that he might give more time to the Virginia Historical Society, of which he had been corresponding secretary and librarian since 1875. Thereafter he continued to be the corresponding secretary of the above-named society until 1893, and his subsequent life was spent in historical studies, chiefly concerning his native State. He edited eleven volumes of *Collections* of his society, was secretary of the Southern Historical Society from 1887 and edited twenty-three volumes of its papers, and was also associate editor of the *Richmond Standard* from 1879 to 1883. He was the author of numerous papers on historical and genealogical subjects, and was a member of nearly seventy learned societies in this country, Canada, and Europe — among them the American Antiquarian Society, to whose library he frequently contributed valuable material. He was registrar, historian, and secretary of the Virginia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

He married first, 29 April 1869, Sarah Kidd, who died 6 February 1887; and secondly Lucy —, who survives him, together with three of his children, Elizabeth Carrington, Anne Beaufort, and Robert Alonzo, Jr.

CHARLES HUDSON BUFFUM of Holbrook, Mass., a resident member since 1909, was born at Blackstone, Mass., 21 November 1846, the son of Col. Moses and Louisa (Pitts) Buffum, and died at Holbrook 10 October 1914. He traced his lineage from Robert¹ Buffum, who was at Salem, Mass., in 1638, through Caleb², Benjamin³, Benjamin⁴, Joshua⁵, and Moses⁶, his father.

He attended the public schools of Oxford, Mass., including the high school, and was for two terms a student at Worcester Academy.

After leaving school he entered, with an older brother, the business of his father, who was a pioneer in the manufacture of woolen goods at Buffumville, in Oxford, Mass., which had been named in his honor. The firm was known as M. Buffum & Sons. He continued in this business for twenty-one years, until the firm closed up its affairs. He then gave his time to study and reading. Although a great sufferer from rheumatism, he bore his infirmity with patience, and succeeded in making a partial record of the Buffum family in book form.

He was a member of the Masonic lodge of Holbrook and of the Temple Guards.

He married, 29 January 1880, Eva Amanda Southwick, daughter of James Comstock and Elizabeth Farnum (Holbrook) Southwick. She died 31 May 1883, with an infant son.

ELLWOOD DAVIS KIMBALL, A.M., of Wichita, Kans., a life member since 1906, was born at Nashua, N. H., 29 September 1859, the son of John Gardner and Betsey Chandler (Spalding) Kimball, and died

at Wichita 27 October 1914. He was descended from Richard¹ and Ursula (Scott) Kimball of Watertown and of Ipswich, Mass., formerly of Rattlesden, co. Suffolk, England, who came to New England in 1634, through Richard², Samuel³, Jonathan⁴, Jonathan⁵, Isaac⁶, Isaac⁷, Isaac⁸, and John Gardner⁹, his father.

He was prepared for college at the high school in Nashua, and was graduated at Dartmouth College in 1881, with the degree of A.B., receiving the degree of A.M. from the same institution in 1884.

After graduation he became instructor in Latin and other branches at Hange Seminary, a Scandinavian Lutheran institution at Red Wing, Minn., until January 1882, when he was appointed instructor in Latin at the Rayen School (a funded free high school) in Youngstown, Ohio, where he remained until 1884. He then entered the loan business in the West, beginning as clerk for the Hon. William C. Little at Wichita. Two years later he formed a partnership with Judge Little under the firm name of Little & Kimball. Three years later he assisted in organizing the Wichita Loan & Trust Company, Judge Little being its president and Mr. Kimball its treasurer, which continued to do business until the general financial crash came in Kansas in the early nineties, when Mr. Kimball entered into the loan business on his own account.

He married, 12 September 1888, Luella Adelia Johnson, daughter of Levi Lincoln and Arvilla Lola (Hayes) Johnson of Rutland, N. Y. She died without issue 9 August 1913.

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NATHAN PARKER SHORTRIDGE of Wynnewood, Pa., elected to resident membership in 1895, was born at Portsmouth, N. H., 28 November 1829, and died at Wynnewood 3 January 1915.

He received his early education in the Dover (N. H.) Academy and attended a private school in Philadelphia for a year. As a boy he entered the cotton and woolen goods commission house of David S. Brown & Company, with whom he spent twelve years. Then he became a member of the firm of George F. Peabody & Company, which was later known as Harris, Shortridge & Company, carrying on a similar business. Later the firm became Shortridge, Borden & Company. Mr. Shortridge continued in the firm until 1877, when he retired to take up larger problems.

He was connected with the Pennsylvania Railroad from its incorporation, having been one of those who made a house-to-house canvass to solicit subscriptions for its stock. He was made a director in 1874 and served continuously on the board until the time of his death, giving much of his time to the affairs of the road. He was also chosen director of many other financial institutions and railroads — among them the Philadelphia National Bank, of which he was for a number of years president, the Delaware Insurance Company, the Western Savings Fund Society, the Merchants' Trust Fund, the Philadelphia, Baltimore & Washington Railroad, the West Jersey Seashore Railroad, and the Northern Central Railway. He was also president of the Philadelphia & Erie Railroad until it was merged with the Pennsylvania.