

ALFRED ADDISON THOMAS, A.B., of Dayton, Ohio, a resident member since 1914, was born at Hamilton, Ohio, 4 July 1845, the son of Thomas Ebenezer and Lydia Smith (Fisher) Thomas, and died at Dayton 3 March 1916. His grandfather, Thomas Thomas, was born at Wem, Shropshire, England, in February 1776; and his father, Thomas Ebenezer Thomas, was born at Chelmsford, co. Essex, England, 22 December 1812, and married Lydia Smith Fisher, who was born in Boston, Mass., in 1821, a descendant of Anthony¹ Fisher and a daughter of Nathaniel⁷ Fisher.

His preparation for college was carried on in the schools of Dayton; but after spending three years at the high school he entered the Army in 1863, and served for nearly a year in a cavalry regiment. He then studied for two years at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, going from there to Dartmouth College, where he was graduated in 1867.

After teaching for a year and a half in the Latin department of the Central High School at Dayton, working on the staff of the *Dayton Journal*, and at the same time reading law in the office of J. A. Jordan, he was admitted to the bar in September 1869, and became a partner of Mr. Jordan. When the latter was made a judge, he formed a partnership with Samuel B. Smith.

He was a member of the school board of Dayton for two terms, and was three times elected city solicitor. He was president of the Southern Ohio Coal & Iron Company, 1875-1882, president of the first electric railroad in or near Dayton, and general attorney for what is now the Toledo, St. Louis & Western Railroad. In 1887 he removed to Chicago, Ill., and for about nine years was general solicitor of the Central Union Telephone Company and the Chicago Telephone Company. Returning to Dayton, he was at times general counsel of the National Cash Register Company, and from 1902 to 1906 was secretary of this corporation. At the beginning of 1907 he entered into partnership with Charles D. Bronson for the general practice of law in Dayton, and remained in this firm until his death. He was highly esteemed as a corporation lawyer, and was characterized as "honorable and upright in all his dealings, . . . not only a good lawyer but a fine business man."

He compiled and published two books, viz.: "Correspondence of Thomas Ebenezer Thomas, mainly relating to the Anti-Slavery Conflict in Ohio, especially in the Presbyterian Church," in 1909, and "Letters of Thomas E. Thomas to his Children and Others, mainly about their Education; also Letters received by him," in 1913. He wrote and printed many pamphlets, among them "Limitations on the Power of the Ohio Constitutional Convention," "Interest and Usury," "The Sioux Outbreak in Minnesota in 1862," "The War of Secession as we see it now," "The Great Northwest," "Responsibility of the Confederate Government for the Assassination of Lincoln," "The High School's Place in Education," "Financial Crises and Depressions," "The Unpopularity of Corporations: the Causes and Remedy," "What shall we do with the Canal?", and "Some Family Genealogies, being certain Data of the Forefathers, written for his Son, Thomas Head Thomas: Part I, Fisher Ancestry;

Part II, Head Ancestry." He also compiled for his son a brief genealogy of his Thomas and Fisher ancestors.

He married, 1 January 1880, Jennie Lind Head of Dayton, daughter of Orson Sherman and Mary J. (Treadwell) Head, who survives him, together with three children: Thomas Head Thomas, widely known as an author, whose home is now in Florence, Italy, Gertrude, wife of Henry S. Mead of Dayton, and Felix, a well-known patent lawyer of New York City.

FREDERICK THAYER HUNT, A.B., of East Weymouth, Mass., a resident member since 1906, was born at Scituate, Mass., 11 September 1857, the son of Edmund S. and Annie Maria (Poole) Hunt, and died at East Weymouth 8 March 1916. He traced his descent from Enoch¹ Hunt of Weymouth, Mass., through Ephraim,² Ephraim,³ Ebenezer,⁴ Ebenezer,⁵ Ebenezer,⁶ Maj. Elias,⁷ and Edmund S.,⁸ his father.

He was educated in private schools at Weymouth, in the public high school, and at Adams Academy, Quincy, Mass., and was graduated at Harvard College in 1882. He studied law in the office of Hon. Charles T. Gallagher of Boston and at Boston University, and was admitted to the Suffolk bar in 1885; but in 1889 he gave up the practice of his profession and went into business with his father and brother at Weymouth, under the firm name of Edmund S. Hunt & Sons. The firm was engaged in the manufacture of fireworks, and Mr. Hunt continued in that business until his death.

One of his great pleasures was the collecting of books and prints. He was a member of the University Club of Boston, the Boston Art Club, the Harvard Club of Boston, the Harvard Club of New York, and the Whale Island Club of Weymouth.

He married, 2 February 1907, Bessie Bicknell French, daughter of the late Peter W. French of East Weymouth, who survives him.

WILLIAM PALMER BOLLES, M.D., of Boston, a resident member since 1911, was born at New London, Conn., 14 June 1845, the son of William and Cornelia Congdon (Palmer) Bolles, and died in Boston 18 March 1916. He traced his descent from Joseph¹ Bolles, through Thomas,² John,³ Joshua,⁴ Hezekiah,⁵ and William,⁶ his father.

He was educated in the public schools (including the high school) in New London, by his father, and at the Harvard Medical School, where he was graduated in 1871.

He was house officer in the Boston City Hospital, 1870-71, and practised medicine in Boston from 1872 until the time of his death. He was visiting surgeon at the Boston City Hospital, 1885-1908, and afterwards consulting surgeon there, and at one time was professor of *materia medica* in the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and instructor in *materia medica* in the Harvard Medical School. He was a member of many medical societies in Boston, and was the author of books on surgery.

He married, 12 June 1882, Martha Barrett Sumner of Boston, who survives him, daughter of William Russell and Anna Alleyne (Chickering) Sumner. His son died in boyhood.

JOHN McALLISTER STEVENSON of Pittsfield, Mass., a resident member since 1910, was born at Cambridge, N. Y., 31 August 1846, the son of John M. and Seraph Hulda (Newton) Stevenson, and died at Asheville, N. C., 20 March 1916. His grandfather, William Stevenson, a native of Stranraer, Scotland, came to the United States in 1795 and settled at Cambridge, N. Y., where he became a leading merchant. He was thrice married, his second wife being Frances Wardale McAllister, daughter of John McAllister, a well-known merchant of Philadelphia, Pa. John McAllister Stevenson's mother was a descendant of John Howland of the *Mayflower*, and several of his ancestors were soldiers in the Revolutionary War.

He was educated in the public schools of Cambridge, Washington Academy in Cambridge, and the Walnut Hill School at Geneva, N. Y., and was graduated at Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass., in 1865. He then entered Yale College, but remained there only two years, his health preventing him from taking the full four years' course. He was then with his father at Cambridge and in New York City until September 1872, when he went to Pittsfield, Mass., and took a position in the office of David W. Bartlett, general agent for the Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company of Hartford, Conn. After that he occupied various positions until April 1877, when he entered into partnership with George D. Dutton in the insurance business. Mr. Stevenson subsequently purchased his partner's interest and formed the firm of J. M. Stevenson & Company. For a time he was engaged in the business with Thomas N. Enright and later with his brother, William C. Stevenson, and William C. Moulton, now members of the firm of Stevenson & Company. In September 1879 Mr. Stevenson was elected secretary and treasurer of the Berkshire Mutual Fire Insurance Company, to the interests of which he devoted much of his time, energy, and thought, thus enabling it to become one of the strong institutions of western Massachusetts. In January 1912 he declined reelection as secretary and was chosen vice-president of the Company. He was active in the affairs of the Hampshire Mutual Fire Insurance Company, becoming its president about four years ago, and from 1883 to 1896 he served as clerk and treasurer of the Pittsfield Board of Underwriters. He also took an active interest in street railway matters.

He belonged to the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants, to the Society of Colonial Wars in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and to the Society of Sons of the American Revolution. He was connected with many social and charitable organizations in Berkshire County. From April 1881 to April 1906 he was clerk of the First Congregational Parish of Pittsfield. His devotion to the interests of the organizations of which he was secretary or clerk is shown by the fact that he never missed a meeting at which his presence was officially required.

Mr. Stevenson was always affiliated with the Republican Party and was an ardent champion of its policies; but his only political office was that of member of the General Court, to which he was twice elected.

He married, 27 January 1880, Hattie Cooley of Pittsfield, who

survives him, together with four children: John McAllister, Louis Tillotson, and Holland Newton Stevenson, all graduates of Yale, and Mrs. Clara C. Graves.

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CHARLES CHAUNCEY, A.B., of Philadelphia, Pa., a resident member since 1883, was born in Philadelphia 15 August 1838, the son of Nathaniel and Elizabeth Sewall (Salisbury) Chauncey, and died in Philadelphia 3 April 1916. He was a descendant of President Charles¹ Chauncy of Harvard College through Nathaniel,² Nathaniel,³ Elihu,⁴ Charles,⁵ and Nathaniel,⁶ his father.

He was prepared for college in Boston by T. G. Bradford and John Noble, and was graduated at Harvard in 1859.

He was commissioned as first lieutenant and adjutant of the Second Pennsylvania Cavalry 8 November 1861, and as captain in April 1862. In 1863 he was on the staff of General Stahel and later on that of General Kilpatrick. He rejoined his regiment in July 1863, was present at the Battle of Gettysburg, and took part in Sheridan's raid to Gordonsville in 1864. On account of disability he resigned from the service 6 September 1864.

He was a lawyer of note, was largely interested in the care of estates, and was a director in several railroad companies. At one time he was president of the Harvard Club of Philadelphia and a member of the Society of Colonial Wars, and he was interested in civil service reform, the Indian Rights Association, and many charities.

He married Agnes Conway Robinson of Philadelphia, who survives him.

MRS. DEBORAH JANE SPAULDING (POMEROY) DARLING of Lincoln, Mass.; a resident member since 1910, was born at Southampton, Mass., 3 April 1845, the daughter of David and Mary Ann (Pomeroy) Pomeroy, and died at Lincoln 6 April 1916. She traced her descent from Eltweed¹ Pomeroy of Dorchester, Mass., and Windsor, Conn., through Caleb,² Samuel,³ Joshua,⁴ Gideon,⁵ and David,⁶ her father, and on her mother's side she was a descendant of the same Eltweed¹ Pomeroy through Caleb,² Eldad,³ Elisha,⁴ Isaac,⁵ Isaac,⁶ and Mary Ann,⁷ her mother.

She was educated at home, in the district school, at Sheldon Academy in Southampton, and at the high school in Easthampton, Mass.

She assisted in compiling genealogies of the descendants of Eltweed Pomeroy, Denice Darling, and Lieut. James Torrey, who were among the early settlers of Massachusetts.

She was married, 4 June 1872, to Horace Edward Darling, who was born in Boston 31 December 1842 and died there 10 December 1901, son of Horace Bates and Mehitable Smith (Lord) Darling. Of her three children, the first two died in infancy, but the third, Harriet Lyman, was married, 12 October 1904, to Dr. Joseph Storer Hart of Lincoln.

WILLIAM STANFORD STEVENS, A.M., M.D., of Boston, a resident member since 1886 and Corresponding Secretary of the Society for