

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