

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 Robert<sup>1</sup> Buffum, who was at Salem, Mass., in 1638, through Caleb<sup>2</sup>, Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>4</sup>, Joshua<sup>5</sup>, and Moses<sup>6</sup>, 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 Richard<sup>1</sup> and Ursula (Scott) Kimball of Watertown and of Ipswich, Mass., formerly of Rattlesden, co. Suffolk, England, who came to New England in 1634, through Richard<sup>2</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, Jonathan<sup>4</sup>, Jonathan<sup>5</sup>, Isaac<sup>6</sup>, Isaac<sup>7</sup>, Isaac<sup>8</sup>, and John Gardner<sup>9</sup>, 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.

Mr. Shortridge was one of the organizers of the Centennial Exhibition of 1876, and was one of the first men to buy stock in the enterprise. He was also a member of the famous old United States Board of Finance, serving from its organization in 1873 until it wound up its affairs in 1893.

Though a man of affairs, he devoted much time to church work. He was elected in 1860 to the vestry of the Church of the Redeemer at Bryn Mawr, Pa., and became warden of that parish in 1865, serving continuously as such until his death. He was also a delegate to the diocesan convention. He took a most active and efficient part in the growth of the parish, and the beauty and completeness of the present church building and grounds are due to his efforts more than to those of any other one person. In this work, as in his many other lines of activity, his untiring energy, his attention to details, and his success in the accomplishment of results were particularly marked.

Cf. *Philadelphia Record*, 4 January 1915.

JOHN DENISON CHAMPLIN, M.A., of New York City, a corresponding member since 1880, was born at Stonington, Conn., 29 January 1834, the son of John Denison and Sylvia (Bostwick) Champlin, and died in New York City 8 January 1915. He was a descendant of Geoffrey<sup>1</sup> Champlin, who was of the Island of Aquidneck, now Rhode Island, in 1638, through William,<sup>2</sup> William,<sup>3</sup> William,<sup>4</sup> William,<sup>5</sup> William,<sup>6</sup> Isaac,<sup>7</sup> and John Denison,<sup>8</sup> his father. He was also a descendant of Rev. James Noyes, who served on the first Board of Trustees of Yale College.

He received his preparatory training at the Hopkins Grammar School in New Haven, and was graduated at Yale in the Class of 1856, receiving from his *alma mater* the degree of M.A. in 1866. After graduation he studied law with Gideon H. Hollister in Litchfield, Conn., and was admitted to the bar there in April 1859. For a short time he practised law at Milwaukee, Wis., and then became a member of the firm of Hollister, Cross & Champlin, of William Street, New York City. He went to New Orleans in December 1860, intending to practise his profession there, but soon after the outbreak of the Civil War he returned to the North.

In the spring of 1864 he became associate editor of the Bridgeport (Conn.) *Evening Standard*, and about a year later established *The Sentinel*, a Democratic weekly paper in Litchfield, Conn., editing it until 1869, when he sold it and removed to New York City.

From this time on he was busily occupied with literary work, compiling and editing many useful books of reference, such as his series of cyclopedias for "Young Folks." For a number of years he was among the contributors to Appleton's Cyclopædia. He left two unpublished genealogical works, "One Hundred Allied Families of the Seventeenth Century in England and New England" and "Anne Hutchinson: Her Life, Her Ancestry and Her Descendants."

He was a member of the Century Association of New York, the Authors' Club, the Barnard Club, the New York Genealogical and

Biographical Society, the Newport (R. I.) Historical Society, and the Litchfield (Conn.) Historical Society.

In 1866 he was a candidate for the Connecticut Senate on the Democratic ticket.

He married at Litchfield, Conn., 8 October 1873, Franka E. Colvocoresses, daughter of the late Capt. George M. Colvocoresses, U.S.N., who, with one son, John Denison Champlin, Jr., survives him.

Cf. *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*, vol. 46, pp. 324-330 (October 1915), for memoir of John Denison Champlin, with portrait.

OLIVER HAZARD PERRY of Lowell, Mass., a resident member since 1901, was born at Lawrence, Mass., 15 June 1851, the son of Oliver Hazard and Mary Ann (Moseley) Perry, and died in Boston 11 January 1915. His father was a retired naval officer and a mill official at Lawrence, and his grandfather was the famous commodore of the same name. The subject of this memoir was a descendant of Edward<sup>1</sup> Perry, a Quaker, who was at Sandwich in the Plymouth Colony as early as 1653, though Benjamin<sup>2</sup> of South Kingstown, R. I., Freeman,<sup>3</sup> Christopher<sup>4</sup> Raymond,<sup>4</sup> Commodore Oliver Hazard,<sup>5</sup> and Lieut. Oliver Hazard,<sup>6</sup> his father.

He was educated at various preparatory schools, and spent some time at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. In 1873 he went to Lowell to become superintendent of the Middlesex Company, to which his father had been transferred. There he served successively as agent and treasurer for the same company, until he retired after thirty-three years of service.

He was one of the best known men in Lowell, and his distinguished lineage and the fact that he bore an historic name made him well-known in the country at large. In 1913 he was an invited guest of the cities along Lake Erie, when the centennial anniversary of Commodore Perry's victory was celebrated. He was the possessor of many historic relics of his grandfather, which he was most willing to show to visitors; but he was extremely unwilling to become the public figure which his ancestry would naturally have made him. He shrank from notoriety, and much preferred the quiet of his home to public appearances. He held the respect and esteem of the citizens of Lowell to a marked degree.

He married at Lowell, 10 October 1877, Sarah Augusta Haggett, daughter of Allen and Cynthia (Pike) Haggett, who survives him, together with one son, Oliver Hazard Perry, Jr., and two daughters, Marianne Moseley, wife of Charles Edward Baldwin of New York City, and Helen, wife of George Dodge Cabot of Weehawken, N. J.

CHARLES WALLINGFORD PARKER of Boston, admitted to resident membership 1 January 1909 and made a life member by special vote of the Council and Society 1 May 1912, was born at Framingham, Mass., 27 June 1831, the son of Charles and Mary Hildreth (Wallingford) Parker, and died in Boston 25 January 1915. He traced his lineage from Dea. Thomas<sup>1</sup> Parker of Reading, Mass., who came to America in 1635 in the ship *Susan and Ellen*, through Hananiah,<sup>2</sup> John,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>4</sup> Peter,<sup>5</sup> Josiah,<sup>6</sup> and Charles,<sup>7</sup> his father.