

He was a life member of the Royal Society of Arts, London, and was elected to membership in this Society April 1888, serving as Treasurer from 1907 to 1916.

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HENRY PHELPS JOHNSTON

Henry Phelps Johnston was born April 19, 1842 at Trebizond, Turkey, where his parents were living as missionaries of the American Board of Foreign Missions. His father, Rev. Thomas Pinckney Johnston, was descended from Robert Johnston, a Scotchman, who settled in Tredell County, N. C., and his mother, Marianne Cassandra Howe, was descended from John Howe of Scranton, Vt., who came from England in 1650. Young Johnston received his early education at Hopkins Grammar School, New Haven, and was graduated with the degree of B.A. at Yale University in 1862. In the following August he enlisted as a private in the 15th Connecticut Volunteer Infantry and served throughout the war until July, 1865, when he was honorably discharged, having attained to the rank of second lieutenant. From 1865 to 1867 he attended the Yale School of Law and after admission to the bar he practiced his profession for a short while in New York City and was also engaged in teaching. In 1868 he abandoned the law and was thereafter, until 1879, occupied in newspaper work in connection with the "New York Sun," "Times," "Christian Union" and the "Observer," being assistant editor of the last named in 1878 and 1879. During this period he devoted much time to original investigations of American history and published several monographs. In December, 1879, he became instructor in history in the College of the City of New York and, in 1883, was made head of that department, which position he held until September 1, 1916, when he retired with the title of professor emeritus. Yale conferred the honorary degree of M.A. upon him in 1889.

Professor Johnston attained a wide reputation as a writer and was considered a leading authority on American history. His most important books are "The Campaign of 1776 around New York," "The Yorktown Campaign," "Yale and her Honor-Roll in the American Revolution," "The Battle of Harlem Heights," "The Storming of Stony Point" and "Nathan Hale, 1776." After retirement he removed to Hadlyme, Conn., where he passed the remainder of his life. He died, February 28, 1923, in the Middlesex Hospital, Middletown, Conn., of pneumonia, being survived by his wife, who was Elizabeth Kirtland Holmes, and three of their four sons. He was a member of the New York and the Connecticut Historical Societies, and was elected to membership in this Society in October, 1893.

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