

earlier *History of Paper-Manufacturing in the United States, 1690-1916* are the only general books available. Hunter's great strength, and perhaps a weakness also, was that he remained a dedicated amateur.

Dard Hunter was elected a member of this Society in October, 1948. He never attended a meeting though for years he carried on a lively correspondence with Clarence Brigham. He intended to give a copy of *Papermaking by Hand in America* to the Society but when the planned edition fell short by thirty copies, our gift was among the shortage. Educational and governmental institutions honored him many times and it is a satisfaction to his friends in Worcester that his membership in the Society was a source of pleasure to him.

Mr. Hunter is survived by his sons, Dard Hunter, Jr., and Cornell Choate Hunter.

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FREDERICK LEWIS WEIS

Fred Weis was born in Cranston, Rhode Island, a son of John P. and Georgiana (Lewis) Weis. He was graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1917, standing 143rd in a class of 182. After some service on the battleship *North Dakota*, he fell victim to the trimming off of surplus naval officers, and was dismissed on January 26, 1918.

Fred regarded the Navy as a type of social service, so it was not unnatural that he turned to the ministry. During the next few years he studied at Meadville, the Harvard Divinity School, and at the University of Strasbourg, where he took a Th.D. In 1929 he was ordained over the First Church (Unitarian) of Lancaster, and there he remained for the duration of his active professional life. During the Second World War he tried to obtain appoint-

ment as an instructor in the Harvard Naval Unit, but was turned down because of his poor eyesight, so he served instead on the local Selective Service Board.

As a minister, Dr. Weis was a sound scholar and a pleasant pastor, who had no idea of making an issue of theology. His real interest in life was genealogy and the compilation of biographical dictionaries, and in these areas his knowledge, industry, and patience were remarkable. He was a member of the Massachusetts Historical Society, and of the Society of the Cincinnati of New Hampshire, a Fellow of the American Society of Genealogists, and founder and Historian of the Society of the Descendants of the Colonial Clergy. For the last he produced his volumes, *The Colonial Clergy and the Colonial Churches of New England* (1936) and of the *Middle and Southern Colonies* (1938). These have been invaluable tools for historians and librarians.

The research for these volumes was done chiefly in our Library, and Fred was elected to the Society in 1938. He was a most useful member, compiling the *List of Officers and Members of the American Antiquarian Society, 1812-1947*, and the *Checklist of Portraits in the American Antiquarian Society* (1947). He also began a cumulative index of our publications since 1812, but that proved to be too much for him. His original volume on the churches and clergy of the Middle and Southern Colonies had merely listed the ministers, but in 1950 he brought out biographical dictionaries of *The Colonial Clergy of Maryland, Delaware and Georgia*, and of *Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina*. The Society took over and in 1956 published his dictionary of the *Colonial Clergy of the Middle Colonies*.

For many years Fred so frequented the Library that he was sometimes assumed to be an employee. After failing health dictated his retirement to Dublin, New Hampshire, in 1951, he preached occasionally, but he came to the

Library more and more infrequently. His death on April 11, 1966, was a blow to the older members of the staff, who had known him so well. His regard for us is demonstrated by the terms of his will.

Dr. Weis is survived by his widow, Elizabeth (Stone) Weis, by a son, Robert P. Weis of Mt. Hermon School, and by a daughter, Mrs. Standish T. Bourne, Jr., of Allentown, Pennsylvania.

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