

Obituaries

EDWARD HAROLD COLE

Edward Cole was born in Boston on August 29, 1892, a son of Edward Francis and Alice (Lake) Cole. From Somerville High School he went to Harvard, where he was graduated *cum laude* in 1915. He had entered college intent on a teaching career, and upon graduation took a job as submaster and teacher of History and Latin in Walpole High School. Thence he went on to teach in New Rochelle and Dedham, finally coming to rest in 1920 as head of the department of English and American History at Chauncy Hall. There were times when he assayed moves into business and law (taking a LL.B. at Northeastern in 1932), but education always drew him back. He gave up teaching in 1963 but continued some administrative duties at Chauncy Hall.

Before Edward entered college he had become an ardent amateur journalist and a member of the Amateur Press Association, and in later years he held nearly all of its offices. He was equally active in The Fossils, the alumni organization of those who have published amateur journals at one time or another. For twenty years he worked on a history of amateur journalism in the present century. This brought him into contact with Clarence Brigham in 1943, and he became one of our most frequent correspondents long before his election to the Society in 1947. Over the years he was one of the most useful members, particularly in steering important collections our way. He was

saddened by our decision a few years ago to cease the collection of all current newspapers, including his beloved amateurs, but he agreed that the modern files have no research value. He died suddenly at Newtonville on August 11, 1966.

Mr. Cole married Helene Elizabeth Hoffman of New York City on June 26, 1916. She died on March 25, 1919, and on December 30, 1919, he married Mildred Marion Breitzke, who, with two children, survives him.

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WALTER GOODWIN DAVIS

Walter G. Davis was born in Portland, Maine, on May 14, 1885, the son of Walter Goodwin and Mary Howard (Wildes) Davis. He was educated at Phillips-Exeter Academy (1903), Yale College (1908), and Harvard Law School (1911). At Exeter and Yale he was editor of the school's newspapers.

Mr. Davis served in World War I in various staff positions, the most important of which was the assignment to the American Commission to Negotiate Peace, as a member of Professor Archibald Cary Coolidge's investigating group to study conditions in the former Austro-Hungarian empire.

In 1919, he returned to Portland, where he lived for the remainder of his life, and where he was active in a number of business and charitable groups. Mr. Davis was president of the Portland Savings Bank and president or trustee of other banking institutions, the Community Chest, Maine General Hospital, etc. In short, he was a useful community leader.

There seems little doubt that his great love was genealogy. Beginning in 1916, he compiled some nineteen vol-

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