

14, 1955. He is survived by his daughters, Miss Brenda Putnam of Wilton, Connecticut, and Mrs. Elliott O'Hara of Washington.  
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### REGINALD WASHBURN

Reginald Washburn, a member of the Antiquarian Society for the past twenty-five years, died at Worcester on May 12, 1955. He was born in Worcester, October 13, 1871, the son of Charles Francis and Mary Elizabeth (Whiton) Washburn, and a younger brother of Charles G. Washburn, long a member of this Society and of its Council. He was graduated from Harvard College in 1894, and immediately started his own business, manufacturing bicycle parts. Three years later he joined his brother Charles in the Wire Goods Company, which Charles had founded in 1880. He was soon elected treasurer, and in 1906 its president. Several companies were absorbed in the following years and all of these interests were consolidated with the Washburn Company when that company was founded in 1922. Mr. Washburn became treasurer and general manager and in 1928 was elected president. In 1941 he retired to become chairman of the board, and was succeeded as president by John S. Tomajan. In recent years he retained his interest in the company, aiding continually in its management.

Mr. Washburn's chief interests, outside of business, were in the Boys Club movement and in Groton School. He became a director of the Worcester Boys Club in 1907, and was president from 1912 to 1945, watching the club grow from a membership of 150 to 7000 under his direction, with two fully equipped clubhouses in Worcester. The Boys Clubs of America in 1948 presented him the silver Keystone Award for outstanding service to boys. He was deeply interested in Groton School, serving as secretary from 1928

to 1932 and as treasurer from 1932 to 1946. In 1954 he was named trustee emeritus of the school.

He had many affiliations with Worcester organizations. For fifty-one years he was a director of the Worcester County Trust Company. He was chairman of the Aaron and Lucretia Bancroft Scholarship Fund; in 1945 one of the beneficiaries of this fund proposed in tribute to Mr. Washburn a scholarship fund, which soon grew to a fund of over \$30,000. He was a member of several Worcester Clubs and Societies, one of his especial interests being the Worcester Fire Society to which he was most loyal and at the time of his death its senior member. He was a former vestryman of All Saints Church. In Boston he was for many years a director of the *Atlantic Monthly*.

He was married, August 26, 1903, to Dorcas Lockwood Bradford, the daughter of Edward S. and Mary (Slater) Bradford. He was survived by his wife and three daughters—Mrs. Donald W. Campbell, Mrs. Charles B. Barnes, Jr., and Mrs. Stuart W. Cragin.

He was elected to the American Antiquarian Society in 1930, and was always much interested in aiding its library. He was especially instrumental, through his literary connections in Boston, in acquiring recently published books of history and biography which the Society needed. He was a loyal friend, distinguished for his steadfast uprightness and graced with a ready wit and humor in conversation. He was a distinct loss to Worcester in his varied fields of activity.

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