

## ROGER KINNICUTT

Dr. Kinnicutt was born in Worcester on February 12, 1880, a son of Lincoln Newton and Edith (Perley) Kinnicutt. His father was a banker, an author of some local distinction, and a member of this Society. Roger was educated at Milton Academy and at Harvard, where he took his A.B. in 1902 and his M.D. in 1906. After an internship at the Massachusetts General Hospital and foreign travel, he settled in Worcester in 1911 as director of the pathological laboratory of The Memorial Hospital. There he spent his professional life except for two years' service in the army hospitals at Bordeaux with the rank of captain. He retired in 1933, but was recalled to The Memorial Hospital to serve through the difficult times of the Second World War.

This retirement, Dr. Kinnicutt hoped would mean an opportunity to concentrate on his hobbies of photography and gardening on his pleasant place at Petersham, Massachusetts. Here he had ninety acres of forest and twenty-four years of service on the Overseers' Committee of the Harvard School of Forestry which had its headquarters and museum nearby. However, the call of the many Worcester organizations in which he was active bound him closely to the city. From 1952 to 1960 he was president of the Worcester Art Museum. Elected to this Society in 1953, he faithfully attended its meetings. He died on February 2, 1961, leaving a widow, Mrs. Margaret S. (Moen) Kinnicutt, and five children.

C. K. S.

## ALFRED LOUIS KROEBER

Alfred Louis Kroeber, at the time of his death, had been a member of this Society nearly fifty-two years, second only to Clarence Brigham's fifty-five years of membership.

Professor Kroeber never attended a meeting of the Society; indeed, his correspondence file contains only his letter of acceptance to membership.

Professor Kroeber was a distinguished anthropologist who spent almost his entire professional life at the University of California. He was a graduate of Columbia College and University and held honorary degrees from Yale, Columbia, Harvard and California. Dr. Kroeber's activities ranged from anthropological expeditions in Peru to the study of American folk lore. His published writings make an extensive list.

He was born in Hoboken, New Jersey, on June 11, 1876, the son of Florence and Johanna (Mueller) Kroeber, and died on October 5, 1960, at Berkeley. M. A. Mc.

### WILLIAM SMITH MASON

William Smith Mason, collector of Benjamin Franklin manuscripts and books, died in Rancho Santa Fe, California, on January 11, 1961, at the age of ninety-four. He was a graduate of the Sheffield Scientific School of Yale University, in the class of 1888.

Mason was born in Millburn, Illinois, on December 8, 1866. He lived in Evanston, Illinois, for many years, where he was associated with the City National Bank & Trust Company. He was a trustee of Northwestern University and of Pomona College and gave that institution a fine collection of material on California history.

His great Franklin collection, a monument to Mr. Mason's tenacious quest for the important and the elusive, went to Yale in 1935. It forms the basis for the work on the Franklin papers, now being conducted at Yale by two other members of this Society.

Copyright of Proceedings of the American Antiquarian Society is the property of American Antiquarian Society and its content may not be copied or emailed to multiple sites or posted to a listserv without the copyright holder's express written permission. However, users may print, download, or email articles for individual use.