

Obituaries

WILLIAM IRVING CLARK

William Irving Clark, or Irving Clark as he was generally known, died in Worcester, April 5, 1958. He was an active member of this Society, elected in 1933, a constant attendant at the meetings, and always interested in the welfare of the Society. He was born in New York City, April 12, 1879, the son of William Irving and Isabel (Robins) Clark. He was a great-grandson of William Irving who was brother of Washington Irving, the author. A few years ago he deposited in this Library, as a life loan, some Washington Irving material—the author's Book of Common Prayer, 1829, a letter to Thomas Aspinwall, 1829, and a copy of "Bracebridge Hall" with a page in Irving's handwriting. He also deposited some Clark and Irving vital records from a family Bible.

Irving Clark was graduated with the degree of A.B. from Columbia College in 1900, followed by an M.D. from the College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1904. After an internship at Roosevelt Hospital in New York, he came to Worcester and started practice in 1907. He began a connection with Memorial Hospital in 1908, which lasted throughout his life, culminating in his election as President of the Hospital trustees. During the first World War he served overseas with the American Red Cross and later with the United States Army Medical Corps. He was associated with the Norton Company of Worcester from 1911, successively as company physician, director of person-

nel, and medical director. For twenty years he was connected with Harvard University as instructor in industrial medicine and as clinical professor.

Dr. Clark was much interested in art, especially in the educational side, and served as a trustee of the Worcester Art Museum from 1925 until his death. He was a member of several Worcester social organizations, taking especial interest in the meetings of the Worcester Fire Society and the St. Wulstan Society. He was a vestryman of All Saints Episcopal Church for many years.

Dr. Clark was married, June 23, 1906, to Elizabeth H. Pratt, by whom he was survived, with two children. His sudden death was a loss to the community and his many friends.

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DONALD MCKAY FROST

The death of Donald McKay Frost on April 14, 1958, deprived this Society of one of the most useful members it has ever had. Indeed there have not been a half dozen men since 1812 who have done more than he to further our work. He was the ideal member in every way. He had read every book and tract on the old West and could quickly advise me as to the significance of the content as well as the financial value of almost every piece, but his modesty was such that he never offered unsolicited advice. His situation was such that he could build up one of the best collections of Western Americana and place it where he thought that it would be most useful to other collectors and scholars. His interests were by no means restricted to his own field. It was he who suggested that he give us the microfilm edition of the Adams Papers. Over the years his contributions to our collections and working funds have amounted to many,

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