

sionally and as a place where he could—and did—make those connections that he found so vital. Members of his family, including his wife, the former Sheila Dawson Read, his daughters, Emily and Hilary, and his mother, established a memorial fund at AAS in his memory, to which dozens of his friends and colleagues have contributed. That fund will help others at AAS do the kinds of ‘connecting’ that Steve found so congenial.

John B. Hench

KATHRYN CLARK BUHLER

Kathryn Clark Buhler (Mrs. Yves Henry Buhler) died in Boston on November 7, 1986 at the age of eighty-five. Kathryn joined the American Antiquarian Society in 1966. She enjoyed her membership and regularly attended meetings until her declining health prevented her from doing so in recent years.

Kathryn started her career at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston in 1925 and retired in 1966 as senior research fellow. She specialized in the decorative arts with special interest in American and European silver.

After her retirement, she continued actively in her work with antique silver and was internationally recognized as the leading authority on American silver. She was the only American honorary member of the English Silver Collector's Society. She wrote many articles on the subject and prepared many catalogues of collections, including the two-volume catalogue of the collection at the Museum of Fine Arts that appeared in 1972.

Her name was well known to all who have had any interest in American silver, for she had an outstanding knowledge on all phases of the subject, from the handcrafting of the pieces to a listing of the many American silversmiths and their varying styles, traits, and abilities. She had an unmatched, well-researched record of those for whom articles of silver were made and of the provenance

of the pieces. Kathryn, with her knowledge of and feeling for silver, could detect forgery, alterations, repairs, defects, poor condition, and all the factors that would reflect on the value of a piece. Her opinion was solicited by neophytes and experts.

Kathryn was always generous with her opinion and was always encouraging to new collectors. Many collectors today owe their success and pleasure in collecting to her advice and encouragement.

The increasing understanding and enjoyment of American silver is in large measure due to Kathryn's scholarship and research and to her sharing her knowledge so generously and effectively.

Kathryn was a charter member of The Brick Store Museum in Kennebunk, Maine, a member of the Bostonian Society, the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities, the Gore Place Society, the National Society of Colonial Dames, and the English Speaking Union.

She is survived by three nephews, William W. Wallace, Capt. James B. Wallace, and Spencer M. Wallace, and by a niece, Dr. Joan M. Wallace. Her husband, Yves Henry Buhler, died several years ago. Kathryn will be keenly missed, not only for her knowledge of the decorative arts but also for her personality. She had a most agile mind and her universal knowledge made every discussion with her an enjoyable, rewarding, and sometimes challenging experience.

Frank L. Harrington, Sr.

WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON

William Henry Harrison accepted membership in the American Antiquarian Society on October 24, 1954, thus adding to the Society's ranks a distinguished scholar of the Transcendentalist movement in the United States. A descendant of a political family that included two presidents and one signer of the Declaration of Inde-

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