

Obituaries

THOMAS RICHARD ANDERSON

Thomas Richard Anderson died in Rochester, Minnesota, on October 13, 1989. He was born in Fergus Falls, Minnesota, in 1911 and had his early education there. He enrolled at Hamline University in St. Paul and subsequently transferred to the University of Minnesota, where he received his bachelor's degree in 1934. He continued on to law school and graduated in 1937. He was an attorney in the tax department of the Minnesota attorney general's office from 1941 to 1949.

Dick Anderson, as he was known to all of his friends, came to the office of James Ford Bell, president of General Mills, Inc., in 1950 as tax and financial consultant, and in that position he worked with one of the foremost book collectors of the Midwest. At that time Mr. Bell was placing his collection of rare Americana at the University of Minnesota and providing for its future growth as a major library of rare materials relating to the history of European expansion in the era before 1800. With James Ford Bell's death in 1961, Dick became one of the founders of the Associates of the Library. As president of Perrybell Investments and executive director of the James Ford Bell Foundation, he was instrumental in guiding the endowment for the library. This connection with a major collector and with a growing library seemed to inspire Dick's own collecting interests and at the same time to give him an interest in other libraries, although he said that his time as an employee in the Hamline University library was influential. As a member of the board of regents at the College of St. Benedict, his wife LaJean's alma mater, he was instrumental in the development of a new library structure. He also served on the board of directors of the Hill Monastic Microfilm Library at St. John's University.

And to the end of his life he remained on the board of directors of the Associates of the James Ford Bell Library.

Dick's own collection of books has a strong Minnesota history and literature emphasis, but during the last two decades of his life he played a prominent role in the North American Manx Society, founding a Minnesota chapter of that organization, and his library began to show the impact of this interest, based on his mother's ancestry. Dick and LaJean made frequent visits to the Isle of Man, and their reports of these visits were lively occasions at meetings of the Minnesota Manx Society.

Dick Anderson was not a flamboyant person. He moved with little fanfare through the business and investment world and with notable success. In addition to his thirty years with Perrybell Investments, he was past president of ADC Telecommunications, Inc., the Shenandoah oil company, and Lehigh Coal and Navigation Companies. He was on the board of directors of Magnum Fund International Investments, Misener Steamship Line, and Red Owl Stores. In his retirement years, Dick headed Trala Investments of Nisswa, Minnesota. In similar fashion, he built his book collection with little notice, even among his friends. We sent him catalogues, pages of catalogues, and names and addresses of booksellers and binders. He found time to call at bookstores in his travels. He was elected to membership in the Grolier Club and the American Antiquarian Society, the latter event occurring in April 1982. With two other Minnesota members, Gov. Elmer L. Andersen and Earl E. Bakken, he hosted a reception for AAS members and friends attending the annual meeting of the Organization of American Historians in Minneapolis in April 1985. The Anderson home on Gull Lake near Nisswa contains a splendid library wing housing some six thousand volumes. For the Associates of the James Ford Bell Library, Dick established an acquisitions fund, interest from which is used annually to enrich the holdings of that library.

Dick loved sailboats, cross-country skiing, and walking among the woods and lakes of Minnesota. He was a devoted family man

and is survived by his wife LaJean, daughters Judith Fennema, Jean Lavelle, Sally Dahlquist, and sons Thomas and James. We remember Dick Anderson as a quiet, energetic, intense man who found ways of helping many libraries and institutions of learning.

John Parker

LOUISA DRESSER CAMPBELL

Louisa Dresser Campbell (Mrs. Donald W. Campbell) died in Worcester on September 15, 1989, at the age of eighty-one. Elected to membership in the Society in April 1964, she was an active participant in the affairs of the Society, attending meetings faithfully and responding positively to the appeals for funds until ill health limited her mobility. Mrs. Campbell was the third woman elected to membership in the Society. No stranger to Antiquarian Hall, she had used the resources of the library for over thirty years prior to her election. She noted in her letter of acceptance to Clarence Brigham, with whom she shared an interest in American prints, 'My great respect and warm affection for the Society are only equalled by my feeling of indebtedness to it for all the help I have received through the years. I deeply appreciate the privilege of becoming a member.' Her warmth and affection for the Society extended to her dealings with the staff, and we all looked forward to her visits.

Her talents as a scholar were quickly tapped by the Society. Just a year after her election, she presented the address at the annual meeting, which was published a year later in the *Proceedings* as 'The Background of Colonial American Portraiture.' At the time in the late 1960s when the Society was first striving to make its collections better known, Mrs. Campbell generously wrote an article on the highlights of the portrait collection for *Antiques Magazine*.

Born in Worcester, the daughter of Frank F. and Josephine

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