

when an accident limited his activity. Although this reduced the circle of his movements, he remained keenly interested in his different projects until his death on March 9, 1963, of a cerebral hemorrhage. He is survived by his wife, three children, and several grandchildren. C. K. S.

IRVING SANDS OLDS

Irving S. Olds of New York City was elected a member of the Society in April, 1953, after several years of lively correspondence and friendship with Clarence Brigham. Although he never attended a meeting, he was a frequent contributor to our book funds.

Mr. Olds' interest in naval prints, which sparked his original contact with us, resulted in the publication of *American Naval and Other Historical Prints, Bits and Pieces of American History* and *The United States Navy, 1776-1815*.

Olds was born in Erie, Pennsylvania, on January 22, 1887, the son of Clark and Livia Elizabeth (Keator) Olds. He was a graduate of Yale, class of 1907, and received many honorary degrees as his abilities in business, government, and cultural affairs became manifest.

He was a partner in the legal firm of White & Case; chairman of the board of the United States Steel Company; served the government in many ways, especially during World Wars I and II. At Yale he was president of the Yale University Council and earlier had served as a fellow of the Yale Corporation.

Among the many organizations to which he belonged, he was president of the New-York Historical Society, succeeding our late member LeRoy E. Kimball in late 1962. Olds was a trustee of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Pierpont Morgan Library, the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, and the Metropolitan Opera Association.

Mr. Olds' death occurred in New York on March 4, 1963, after a prolonged illness. Mrs. Olds died in 1957, and there were no children.
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CHARLES BELCHER RUGG

Charles Belcher Rugg was born in Worcester on January 20, 1890, a son of Chief Justice Arthur P. Rugg and Florence M. (Belcher) Rugg. From the Worcester public schools he went to Amherst College, where he was graduated in 1911, and thence to the Harvard Law School. He began practice of law in Worcester with the firm of Sibley, Sibley, and Blair, but in 1917 entered the Navy, with which he eventually reached the rank of lieutenant commander in the reserve. Back in Worcester, where he had begun public life as a member of the City Council, he became district attorney for Worcester County, and in 1930 he went to Washington as an assistant attorney general of the United States. Three years later he returned to private practice as a member of Ropes, Gray, Boyden and Perkins, and had a very active career; in all he argued forty-nine cases before the Federal Supreme Court. In the most famous of his cases he served as chief counsel for Admiral Kimmel of Pearl Harbor fame. He was a delegate to several of the national conventions of the Republican Party, and during one of the presidential campaigns of Thomas E. Dewey, served as his personal representative in Massachusetts.

Chief Justice Rugg was President of the American Antiquarian Society from 1933 to 1938, and Charles, who grew up in the tradition, was elected to membership in 1948. However, his removal to Boston, his professional and political activity, and his duties as a trustee of Amherst College, prevented his taking part in our affairs. He died at Boston on November 25, 1962.
C. K. S.

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