

Obituaries

ARTHUR ADAMS

Doctor Adams was born in Pleasantville, New Jersey, on May 12, 1881, a son of James R. and Marietta (English) Adams. He took his A.B. at Rutgers in 1902 and his Ph.D. at Yale in 1905, and then went out to the University of Colorado to teach English. While there he took the B.D. at the Berkeley Divinity School and was ordained a clergyman in the Protestant Episcopal Church. In 1911 he accepted a professorship at Trinity College, Hartford, where he spent most of his active life, serving also as librarian from 1915 to his retirement in 1951. He then came to Boston as the librarian of the New England Historic Genealogical Society, whose *Register* he had edited since 1949. Although he had always been happy at Trinity, he regarded this translation to the field of pure genealogy as at least a half way step toward Heaven. Beginning with his useful and weighty *Index of Ancestors and Roll of Members of the Society of Colonial Wars* (1922) he had turned out many such tools and genealogies. He was long Register General of the Society of Colonial Wars, Governor General of the Order of Founders and Patriots, founder and first President of the American Society of Genealogists, and as active as possible in practically every other American and British genealogical society of significance. He made yearly pilgrimages to England where he was an accepted authority on royal and Magna Charta lines. Of all of his honors he was proudest of the letters F.S.A. after his name.

Because of these connections, Doctor Adams "knew everybody" in the field of Anglo-American genealogy, and

because of his gentle sweetness and his cheerful helpfulness he was universally beloved. We came to know him years ago as the always-coöperative librarian of Trinity College. After his election to this Society in 1946 he was of the most faithful attenders of meetings, and a very generous friend. Sometimes when we failed to act on his nominations he had a flickering suspicion that we historians looked down on him as a "mere genealogist," but he never let that interfere with his hearty support of us and our measures. We did our best to get him to move to Worcester in 1951.

On June 22, 1910, Doctor Adams married E. Guerin Steelman, by whom he had four children. In his old age, after long widowhood, he married Miss Elizabeth Clever, who by her kindness won the gratitude of his old friends. He died, rather suddenly, on June 21, 1960. C. K. S.

CLARENCE HENRY HARING

Professor Haring was born in Philadelphia on February 9, 1885, a son of Henry Getman and Amelia (Stoneback) Haring. From Philadelphia Central High School he went to Harvard College, where he took his B.A. in 1907. This was followed by a Rhodes Scholarship at Oxford in 1907-10, during which he took an Oxford degree and completed the first of his many works on Latin America, *The Buccaneers in the West Indies in the 17th Century* (1910). After a year of teaching at Harvard, he went to the University of Berlin for a few months of study, and then on to Seville to work in the archives. He returned to teach at Bryn Mawr, and thence to Clark and Yale. In 1916 he completed his Ph.D. at Harvard. In 1923 that university called him to become Professor of Latin American History and Economics, and there he spent thirty very productive years. From 1934 to 1948 he was Master of Dunster House, a position which

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