

OBITUARIES

HENRY FARR DEPUY

Henry Farr DePuy, son of Aaron Remer and Esther (Farr) DePuy of Bath, N. Y., was born, April 12, 1859, at Bath, and died, October 14, 1924, at his summer camp at the Shawinigan Club, near Montreal, Canada. He entered Union College in 1880 and was graduated in 1883, after a three years course, with the degrees of A.B. and C.E. He then was engaged in laying out a railroad in North Carolina, after which he went to Pittsburgh in the employ of the Westinghouse Company, but after two years accepted a position with the Babcock & Wilcox Company, with whom he remained until his retirement from business in 1906, being first in charge of the Philadelphia office and then, after two years, General Manager in the New York office. He married, first, in 1890, Miss Mary North Raymond of Cleveland, Ohio, who died in 1918, and second, Blanche Halleck, who survives him. After retiring from business he removed to Easton, Talbot County, Md., which he thereafter made his home. He was much interested in fishing and yachting, being a member of the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Club, and of the Laurentian and Shawinigan Clubs of Canada.

Mr. DePuy was an enthusiastic collector of Americana and accumulated a valuable library, a large portion of which was sold in November 1919, soon after his removal from New York. He was an accurate and scholarly bibliographer and a keen student of early American printing. In 1917 he published a "Bibliography of the English Colonial Treaties with the Indians" and at the time of his death he was

engaged in compiling a bibliography of Bradford's New York imprints. He was a member of the New York Historical Society, the American Historical Association, and the New York Library Association, as well as several social clubs in New York. He was elected to this Society in April 1917. He contributed to the Proceedings, in April, 1920, a paper entitled "Some Early Account of the Establishment of Jesuit Missions in America"; and in April, 1921, an article on "Some Letters of Andrew Jackson."

The provisions of his will promise to make him the greatest benefactor of this Society, save Stephen Salisbury, Junior, since its foundation. Under clause 7 of said will a trust is established, the income of which is payable to Dr. DePuy's sister during her life and "from and after her death" the will provides "said trust shall cease and determine and thereupon said funds shall vest in and be paid to The American Antiquarian Society of Worcester, Mass., to be held by it absolutely. It is my wish, however, and I request, that said Society preserve the corpus of said fund and permit the income therefrom to be expended by its Librarian in the purchase of books and manuscripts relating to the history of America." While it is impossible as yet to determine the value of this fund there is reason to believe that it will approximate one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

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FRANK FARNUM DRESSER

Frank Farnum Dresser died in Worcester, September 9, 1924. He was born in Southbridge, Mass., October 10, 1872, the son of George Kelly and Maria Louisa (Farnum) Dresser. He prepared for college at the Southbridge High School, was graduated from Harvard in 1894 and after two years at the Harvard Law School received the master of arts degree in 1897.

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