

Jurisdiction of the Bishop of London in Colonial Times" in 1900 and "Franklin and the Rule of Free Ships, Free Goods," in 1915. He married, October 19, 1865, Susan Winchester, of Boston, by whom he was survived, with two children.

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WILLIAM BEER

William Beer, son of Gabriel and Harriet Beer, was born at Plymouth, England, May 1, 1849. He studied medicine in Paris, France, from 1872 to 1878 and was graduated in 1879 at the College of Physical Science, Newcastle-on-Tyne, England. After graduation he practiced medicine at Newcastle-on-Tyne until 1884, when he gave up the medical profession in favor of the study of books. In 1886 he emigrated to America and became librarian of the Topeka, Kansas, Public Library, which position he held until 1890, when he resigned. In 1891 he accepted the position of librarian of the Howard Memorial Library at New Orleans, Louisiana, making that his life work although holding the joint position, from 1897 to 1906, of librarian of the New Orleans Public Library. A deep student of history, literature and bibliography, he made the Howard Library a notable repository of Louisiana books and one of the best reference libraries in the country.

He was a member of the American Historical Association, the Louisiana Historical Society, American Folk Lore Society, American Economical Association, American Library Association, Bibliographical Society of America, Bibliographical Society of England, Société des Americanistes, Paris. He was elected to this Society in April, 1908 and, in October, 1922, contributed to the Proceedings "A Check List of American Periodicals, 1741 to 1800," in the preparation of which he was largely assisted by Mr. Clarence S. Brigham. Mr. Beer was never married. He died at the Hotel Dieu, New Orleans, February 1, 1927 after an illness of six weeks.

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