

Society in April 1923 and attended its meetings with keen interest. He was also a member of the Colonial Society, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the Massachusetts Historical Society.

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PETER JOSEPH HAMILTON

Peter Joseph Hamilton died July 15, 1927, at San Juan, Porto Rico. He was born at Mobile, Ala., March 19, 1859, the son of Peter and Anna Martha (Beers) Hamilton; his father was one of the most eminent lawyers of the South. He received his A.B. at Princeton in 1879, and his A.M. in 1882. He was given the mental science fellowship, the highest honor of his Alma Mater, at the University of Leipzig. He studied law in the Universities of Virginia and Alabama, receiving the degree of LL.B. in 1882 from the latter University. He at once began to practice law, and in 1887 was admitted to partnership with his father and Thomas A. Hamilton, his uncle. He was city attorney during 1894-1897; French Consular Agent at Mobile from 1911 to 1913. In 1913 he was appointed by President Wilson United States District Judge of the District of Porto Rico, serving until 1921. He then became professor of Constitutional Law in the University of Porto Rico; and also engaged in the practice of law at San Juan.

As a young student Mr. Hamilton became interested in historical research which resulted in numerous publications upon legal and historical subjects. His published works include "Rambles in Historic Lands," 1893; "Colonial Mobile," 1897, revised and enlarged edition, 1910; "Mobile of the Five Flags," 1912; assisted in the compilation of "Code of Alabama," 1886, taking the place of his father who, as one of three commissioners appointed, was obliged to resign because of ill health; also assisted in compiling the third edition of "Brickell's Digest of Alabama Decisions,"

1888; "International Public Law," 1901, with Hannis Taylor; "Colonization of the South," 1904; "The Reconstruction Period," 1906; and "The Founding of Mobile," 1911. He was a member of several historical societies, and was president of the Iberville Historical Society of Mobile. He was elected to the American Antiquarian Society in 1908. He received the honorary degrees of LL.D. in 1910 from the University of Alabama, and from Spring Hill College in 1911. On June 30, 1891, he was married at Mobile to Rachel Wheeler Burgett, daughter of Rev. J. Ralston Burgett of Mobile.

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JAMES KENDALL HOSMER

James Kendall Hosmer died May 11, 1927, at Minneapolis, Minn., being the oldest member of the Society from point of age. He was born in Northfield, Mass., January 29, 1834, the son of Rev. George W. Hosmer and Hanna Poor, daughter of Rev. James Kendall, of Plymouth.

He was graduated at Harvard College in 1855, being chosen class poet, receiving at that time the A.B. degree, and the A.M. in 1867. He was graduated at the Divinity School in 1859 and in 1860 his ordination took place at the First Unitarian Church at Deerfield, Mass. In September 1862, he enlisted in Co. D., 52nd Massachusetts Volunteers, 19th Army Corps, which joined General Banks's Louisiana expedition. Declining staff appointment, he was made corporal of the color-guard and served through the campaign.

He was dismissed in September, 1866, to take a professorship of rhetoric and English in Antioch College; in 1872 he resigned to become professor of English and history in the University of Missouri; from 1874 until 1892 he was professor of English and German literature in Washington University at St. Louis. He was called in 1892 to the Minneapolis

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