

undertaking; and by his own enthusiasm and energy he inspired others to become important donors to the library, both in money and in books.

Mr. Coolidge received many honors during his active life. He went with the Taft party to the Philippine Islands in 1905-1906, was Harvard lecturer at the Sorbonne in 1906-1907, was a delegate to the Pan-American Scientific Congress in Chile in 1908-1909, was Harvard exchange professor at the University of Berlin in 1913-1914, was special agent of the State Department in Sweden and Northern Russia in 1918, was chief of missions in Vienna and Paris attached to the peace conference in 1919, and in 1921 joined the American Relief Administration in Russia. He was a member of many learned societies, including this Society, to which he was elected in 1911. He was founder and editor of the political review "Foreign Affairs," and was the author of "The United States as a World Power," 1908, and "The Origins of the Triple Alliance," 1917. In 1920 he delivered the Lowell lectures on "The New States of Central Europe." He was unmarried and was survived by four brothers.

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BENJAMIN THOMAS HILL

Benjamin Thomas Hill died in Worcester, November 9, 1927. He was born in this city, March 22, 1863, the son of J. Henry Hill, a prominent lawyer of his day, and Sarah (Bruce) Hill. He fitted for college at St. Mark's School and was graduated from Harvard College in 1886 and from Harvard Law School in 1889. Although he practiced law in his native city until his death, it was as a historian and local antiquarian that he was best known. Probably no one has ever lived in Worcester who was so familiar with its history, with the careers and antecedents of its families and with its picturesque growth from a small shire town to a populous city. His collection of views of Worcester

and portraits of its citizens was really notable, being equalled by few other similar collections in the country. Thousands of negatives of pictures taken from the beginnings of local photography were all arranged in envelopes and indexed, providing a graphic history of high historic value.

Mr. Hill possessed a remarkable technical ability in inlaying manuscripts, portraits and early prints, mounting them into volume form, and illuminating the page with lettering and design. His greatest work in this line was a series of twenty-six volumes on the beginnings of American transportation, which set is now preserved in the Harvard Business Library. A similar series relating to Lafayette's Tour, in seven volumes, is in the Library of Congress and another, containing the Artemas Ward manuscripts, is in the Massachusetts Historical Society Library. Mr. Hill was elected to the American Antiquarian Society in 1901, and immediately manifested much interest in its work. He edited, most ably, the two volumes of the Society's Transactions containing the Diary of Isaiah Thomas, and contributed to the Proceedings in 1910 a paper on "Life at Harvard a Century Ago." He also wrote occasional historical papers for the Worcester Historical Society and various Worcester publications. For twenty-three years he served as an auditor of this Society and in 1917 took charge of the arrangement and repair of the great collection of Stephen Salisbury manuscripts. To the officials of this Society, as to all others, he acted as an adviser in questions of local Worcester history, and placed freely at their service the resources of his own extensive collections. His place as a guide to students of Worcester history will certainly not be filled during the present generation.

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ROBERT HENDRE KELBY

Robert Hendre Kelby was born in New York City, August 31, 1847 and died at his home at Freeport,

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