

son of Seth and Laura Jane (Call) Patterson. When his parents moved to Wiscasset in 1869 he attended the public school there, but left when he was thirteen years old to begin work. At the age of twenty he was chosen treasurer of the Wiscasset Savings Bank, which position he held for nearly forty years, accepting also the presidency of the First National Bank of Wiscasset in 1902, and becoming vice-president of the Lincoln County Trust Company in 1917. He held other positions of trust in the community, both in railroad and insurance organizations. He married, June 6, 1914, Louise Marguerite Dayton, daughter of William Henry Dayton, of Stamford, Conn., who died in 1925, and had one daughter, Janet Dayton Patterson.

Although he was one of the leading citizens of Wiscasset in business and finance, it was as an historian and a genealogist that he was chiefly known, even outside of his own State. For the Maine Genealogical Society he compiled a useful volume of "The Probate Records of Lincoln County," and he wrote many papers on local and Maine history for Wiscasset organizations and newspapers. In 1929 he published a pamphlet "Wiscasset in Early Days." He was a member of the Maine Historical Society, the New England Historic Genealogical Society, the Colonial Society of Massachusetts, and the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities. To this Society he was elected in 1924. He frequently aided us in solving queries relating to Maine history, especially with regard to the bibliography of early Maine newspapers.

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FREDERICK JACKSON TURNER

Frederick Jackson Turner died at Pasadena, Calif., March 14, 1932. He was born at Portage, Wis.,

November 14, 1861, the son of Andrew Jackson and Mary (Hanford) Turner. He was graduated from the University of Wisconsin with the degree of A.B. in 1884, and with the degree of A.M. in 1888, and from Johns Hopkins University with the degree of Ph.D. in 1890. He taught at the University of Wisconsin for twenty-five years, as tutor of rhetoric and oratory, 1885-1888, assistant professor of American history, 1888-1891, and full professor, 1891-1910. He was then elected professor of history at Harvard, where he served, teaching chiefly in the field of Western history, from 1910 to 1924. In 1927 he was appointed research associate at the Huntington Library at San Marino, California. He married in 1889 Caroline Mae Sherwood of Chicago, who survived him, with one daughter, Mrs. John S. Main.

Dr. Turner was a member of the board of editors of the *American Historical Review* from 1910 to 1915, and president of the American Historical Association in 1910-1911. He was a member of the Massachusetts Historical Society, president of the Colonial Society of Massachusetts in 1914-1916, and a member of many other historical organizations. He was elected to the American Antiquarian Society in 1907. He received the honorary degrees of LL.D. from the University of Illinois, Litt.D. from Harvard University and University of Wisconsin, and Ph.D. from Royal Frederik University of Christiania. He was one of America's leading historians. His literary output was not large, but his "Rise of the New West," 1906, and his "Frontier in American History," 1920, were volumes of far-reaching importance in the interpretation of history. As a writer in the *American Historical Review* said after his death: "He contributed to American scholarship the concepts of the frontier and the section, and he turned the thoughts of American historical students from an earlier emphasis on political and constitutional history to the causes and process of westward migration, the occupation of the

various geographic provinces of the United States, and the result of the formation of sections upon American life. His literary product was distinguished by remarkable insight, by profound and exact scholarship, and by a literary presentation that ranks it with the masterpieces of American historical prose."

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