

OBITUARIES

FREDERICK HUNTINGTON GILLETT

Frederick Huntington Gillett died at Springfield, Mass., July 31, 1935. Born at Westfield, Mass., October 16, 1850, he was the son of Edward Bates and Lucy Douglas (Fowler) Gillett, and the descendant of two generations of lawyers. After graduation from Amherst with the degrees of A.B. in 1874 and A.M. in 1877, he received the degree of LL.B. at Harvard in 1877, and in the same year was admitted to the bar. Almost at the beginning of his legal activity, he entered public life. He served as assistant attorney-general of Massachusetts from 1879 to 1882, and member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives in 1890-1891. In 1893 he was elected a member of Congress, to begin a career in the national government that was to last for thirty-eight years. As a member of the lower House he soon won a prominent place, being especially active in reforms affecting public morals. It was largely through his activity that the uniform divorce law was passed. His speeches, although few, were well-ordered, dignified and often replete with effective humor. In 1919 he succeeded Champ Clark as Speaker of the House, where his courtesy and fairness made him respected by both parties. In 1925, at the request of President Coolidge, he resigned from the Speakership and stood as a candidate for the Senate, to which he was elected for a six-year term. At the expiration of this term, he retired from public life, thenceforth to devote himself to writing and to leisure.

In 1915 he had married Christine Rice Hoar, widow

of Rockwood Hoar. After his retirement, he began writing the *Life of George Frisbie Hoar*, using the large collection of family papers preserved in the Hoar home in Worcester and drawing upon his intimate knowledge of the political history of the United States for the last half century. In 1934 the volume appeared and was well received, especially as an analysis of Senator Hoar's long and powerful influence in national legislation. After he had published this book, he began upon a volume of reminiscences, but death intervened before he had made much progress. Mr. Gillett was elected to membership in the American Antiquarian Society in 1931, and frequently visited the Library to make use of its resources.

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MARSHALL HOWARD SAVILLE

Marshall Howard Saville, professor of American archæology at Columbia University, died at New York, May 7, 1935. He was born at Rockport, Mass., June 24, 1867, the son of Howard and Mary (Marshall) Saville. After graduation from the local high school, he took courses in anthropology at Harvard from 1889 to 1894. He immediately began to conduct field work under the direction of Professor Frederic W. Putnam. He made important discoveries among the remains of the mound-builders in Southern Ohio; conducted extensive explorations in Yucatan in 1890; worked in the Maya ruins of Copan, Honduras, for the Peabody Museum in 1891-92, and at the ruins of Palenque for the American Museum of Natural History in 1897-98; participated in four expeditions to the ruins of Mitla and Oaxaca from 1899 to 1904; and in succeeding years until 1921 he or-

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