

America, finding new birds, collecting information, concerning the people and publishing about forty books as the results of his investigation. He was a member of many learned societies including this Society to which he was elected in 1893. In April, 1894, he contributed to its Proceedings a paper on "The Aborigines of the West Indies."
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WILLIAM ADDISON SMITH

William Addison Smith, the oldest member of this Society and the fourth in seniority of membership, died in Worcester, Mass., Sept. 25, 1913. He was born in Leicester, Mass., March 2, 1824, the son of John A. and Sarah Sargent Smith. He was graduated from Harvard in 1843, was admitted to the bar in 1846 and in 1850 was appointed Assistant Clerk of Courts. On the failure of his health in 1865 he resigned and went abroad and on his return engaged in business. In 1870 he was elected clerk and treasurer of the Worcester County Mechanics Association, holding these offices thirty-seven years till age and infirmity compelled him to retire. He was elected a member of this Society in 1867, was a regular attendant at its meetings and served as Auditor from 1884 to 1901. In 1868 he made a catalogue of the Indian relics owned by the Society. He was much interested in Masonry and for several years was the only 33d degree Mason in Worcester. He married, April 18, 1849, Eliza A. Howe, of Worcester, and is survived by two sons, Charles E. Smith and William E. Smith.

Throughout his lifetime Mr. Smith was an assiduous collector of Worcester County literature, and possessed an extensive library valuable chiefly for the large amount of ephemeral local material which he preserved. The great mass of books and pamphlets, which has been generously presented to the Society by his heirs, has aided immeasurably in filling in gaps in our Worcester County files, and in supplying the library with material which except for him would undoubtedly never have been preserved.
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