

when ill health caused him to relinquish the position. Much interested in music, he gave to the Museum a classical organ, and sponsored for several years the many recitals which gave pleasure to music lovers in Worcester.

For a period of nearly thirty years he was actively interested in the American Antiquarian Society. He was elected a member of the Society in 1926, and three years later a member of the Council. He was vice-president since 1940, frequently presiding at meetings of the Council until his long illness prevented his attendance at its meetings. Always he was generous in contributing to the invested funds and the current expenses. The luncheons which he gave to the members of the Society at his home on Cedar Street after the annual meetings in Worcester will long be remembered.

On June 15, 1893, Mr. Morgan married Lessie Louise Maynard, daughter of William A. and Mary (Adams) Maynard of Worcester, Massachusetts. Mrs. Morgan died in 1940. They had five children, Philip M., Charles H., Paul B., and Vincent Morgan, and Elizabeth, wife of Kenneth D. Robertson.

Paul Morgan was a man of high character and scrupulous honesty in business affairs. In social life he was generous and kindly. He loved companionship and with him friendships were lasting. The Council of the Antiquarian Society will miss his genial presence and the constructive helpfulness of his advice.

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JOHN BATTERSON STETSON, JR.

John B. Stetson was born in Philadelphia on October 14, 1884, a son of John B., the hat manufacturer, and Sarah Elizabeth (Shindler) Stetson. He attended the William Penn Charter School and entered Harvard with the Class

of 1906, but because of illness contracted in June, 1903, went to the Southwest where he spent a year among the Indians of Arizona and New Mexico. When he had recovered his health, he returned to Harvard where he took his B.A. in 1907. Immediately after graduation he took his father's place as a director of the John B. Stetson Company, and for several years traveled in its behalf in Europe and North Africa. He also established several smaller businesses as diverse as a cotton bleachery and a manufactory of safety razors. For fifteen years he had a business interest in the Anderson Galleries.

In 1916 Mr. Stetson took up flying and became a member of the first class of civilians trained by the government in the Fall of that year at Mineola. He was commissioned a first lieutenant as which he saw service in France, chiefly in ground instruction. In 1920 he was discharged with the rank of captain. In the same year he published a two-volume translation of Pero de Magalhaes' *Histories of Brazil*. As chairman of the Committee on Publication of the Florida State Historical Society he visited this library and enlisted the aid of Clarence S. Brigham and George Parker Winship. As a result of this contact he was elected to the Society in October, 1923. At the time he wrote: "I am acquainted with no other Society the object of whose works is more in harmony with my own tastes than yours, and I am looking forward to taking part in the duties and privileges of membership." Actually, that was almost his last contact with us. In 1925 he began six years of service as minister to Poland, and during his rare visits to America was usually in Florida, where he succeeded his father as president of the Board of Trustees of John B. Stetson University. Later he became a trustee of Bucknell University and curator of Portuguese literature at Harvard. The Florida State Historical Society was one of his chief interests, and for it he financed the

systematic photostating of documents in the Archivo General de Indias.

Mr. Stetson bought a seat on the New York Stock Exchange in 1930 and with Daniel S. Blackman formed the brokerage firm of Stetson and Blackman. Three years later the Governing Committee of the Exchange expelled him for a misstatement in answering a questionnaire and for refusing to give the Committee information which it requested. A Federal receiver was appointed for the firm, but Mr. Stetson personally bought up all of the claims against it. The sale of his collection of rare books at the American Art Association—Anderson Galleries was one of the highlights of the season of 1935, and brought over \$97,000.

In 1942, after the death of his second son, Captain Stuart C. Stetson, in a flying accident on a training field, he enlisted in the Marine Corps, serving as a major in the recruiting service. Soon thereafter he lost also his other son, Major John B. Stetson, III. In 1943 he was transferred to the army with rank of colonel and sent to Iran as fiscal advisor to the commanding general. Later he became director of the fiscal department of the Persian Gulf Command, handling the lend-lease and later the liquidation of the American property, including railroads, of the region.

Colonel Stetson died at his home in Elkins Park on November 15, 1952, survived by his widow, the former Ruby F. Carlisle, of Wakefield, Massachusetts, and by two daughters, Mrs. N. W. Widowson and Mrs. J. J. Cruise. His library was sold by Parke-Bernet in February and April, 1953.

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ALBERT BACHELLER WELLS

Albert B. Wells, formerly head of the American Optical Company, and founder of Old Sturbridge Village, died at La Jolla, California, March 10, 1953, at the age of eighty.

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