

1941. He carried the same energy into other societies, notably the American Association for State and Local History. These duties left him little time for research or writing, but he edited for the American Philosophical Society a section of his family archives which was published under the title, *Benjamin Franklin and Catharine Ray Greene: Their Correspondence, 1755-1790*. He was elected to the American Antiquarian Society in 1941, and at the meeting of April, 1943, read a paper on "Francis Wayland, A Neglected Pioneer of Higher Education." He was a faithful and generous friend of this Society. While driving from Providence to his home in Warwick, he received injuries of which he died on May 29, 1953. He is survived by his wife, the former Anna R. Koues, to whom he was married in 1912, and by two daughters, Nancy Lyman Roelker and Helen Koues (Mrs. John A.) Kessler.

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LEMUEL AIKEN WELLES

Lemuel Aiken Welles was born in November, 1870, at Newington, Connecticut and died February 15, 1953, at Ridgefield, Connecticut. His father, Roger Welles, 1829-1904, was descended from Thomas Welles, Governor of Connecticut, who came from England and settled in Hartford in 1637. His mother, Mercy Delano Aiken Welles, was born in Fair Haven, Massachusetts, the daughter of Captain Lemuel S. Aiken and Sarah Coffin Aiken. She was descended from Captain John Aiken who settled in Dartmouth, Massachusetts, before 1689.

Mr. Aiken prepared for Yale at the Hartford High School. At Yale he received a High Orations Appointment, a second Ten Eyck Prize at the Junior Exhibition, was an editor of the *Yale Literary Magazine*, Class Orator, a member of Phi

Delta Theta, Psi Upsilon, and Phi Beta Kappa. He was the fifth generation of his family to graduate from Yale, the first being Solomon Welles, Yale 1739, his great-great-great-grandfather. After graduation he was the Macy Fellow at Yale, 1893-1894, receiving his M.A. in 1895. He received his LL.B. from the New York Law School in June, 1896, and was admitted to the New York bar in July, 1896.

He married Mary Cotton Tufts on July 12, 1906, and had two children: Dorothy, born February 1, 1908, and Roger, born May 9, 1912. He practiced law in New York, and was attorney and general counsel for the American Can Company. He also was a Director of the Metal and Thermit Corporation and the Duesenberg Motors Corporation. He was a Republican in politics and held local offices in the towns where he resided. In 1911-1917 he was Deacon and Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Dutch Reformed Church of Bronxville. He traveled extensively in Europe and in this country.

His avocation was the study of American history, particularly early New England history. He had a valuable collection of books on New England, early Connecticut imprints, and volumes published by historical societies. His recreations were automobiling, horseback riding, and trout fishing.

He was appointed Honorary Curator of the Yale Memorabilia Collection in Sterling Memorial Library in 1932 and held this office until his death. His clubs and organizations were: The University, Yale, and Bankers Clubs of New York City. He belonged to the Sons of the American Revolution of New York, the Society of Colonial Wars of New York, being Chancellor in 1929, first Lieutenant-Governor of that Society in 1932; was a member of the Gramatan Lodge number 927 of Free and Accepted Masons; a member of the Connecticut Historical Society, New Haven Colony Historical Society, the American Antiquarian Society, a grad-

uate member of the Elizabethan Club of Yale University, and a member of the Acorn Club.

Among his publications were the following:

"Letters of Colonel Nathan Whiting, written from camp during the French and Indian War," in Vol. VI, *New Haven Colony Historical Society Papers*, 1900.

List of some Connecticut political tracts, 1689-1819. New York, 1910.

"The Loss of the Charter Government in Connecticut," in vol. IX, *New Haven Colony Historical Society Papers*, 1918.

"A Sketch of George Wyllys," in Vol. XXI, Connecticut Historical Society, *Collections*. 1924.

"English Ancestry of Governor Thomas Welles of Connecticut," in *New England Historical and Genealogical Register* for July and October, 1926.

History of the Regicides in New England. Special colonial edition of 500 copies. New York, F. H. Hitchcock [c1927].

The Regicides in Connecticut, published by the Connecticut Tercentenary Commission, 1935.

The first contact of Mr. Welles with the American Antiquarian Society occurred in 1925 when he was working on his volume on the regicides. He was elected to membership three years later, and for a decade was a faithful attender of meetings. His correspondence with us, particularly in connection with his large collection of early Connecticut printing, was voluminous. Of his many kindnesses to the Society, the greatest was selling to us at a nominal price the volume of New England catechisms described in the Librarian's report for 1947. J. T. B.

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