

less duplication of effort. We benefited particularly from the disposal of his collection of Americana in 1939 when a nervous breakdown compelled him to take a long rest abroad. His health was never good thereafter, although he tried to resume his teaching burden at Illinois. The rapid progress of a hopeless throat condition caused him to put an end to his suffering at Hollywood, Florida, on February 5, 1951.

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### FORREST WALDO TAYLOR

Forrest Waldo Taylor was born in Worcester, June 4, 1865, son of Ransom Clarke Taylor and Mary Louisa (Chase) Taylor. He was educated in Worcester public schools, Highland Military Academy, and Philips Andover Academy, and at the age of 20 entered his father's real estate office at 438 Main Street. From 1885 to 1893 he lived with his older brother, Ransom F. Taylor, in his father's former house on Taylor Street, Quinsigamond Village, Worcester, and after 1893 with his father in the large Taylor mansion at 770 Main Street. This mansion, one of the historic houses in Worcester, was built in 1842 by Levi A. Dowley, on Main Street, nearly opposite the City Hall, one of the several outstanding houses designed by Elias Carter. It was moved to its present site in 1854, and after a few changes in ownership, was bought by Ransom C. Taylor in 1882.

Ransom F. and Forrest W. Taylor grew up in their father's real estate business, and devoted their lives to its many ramifications in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Rochester, Pittsburgh, and elsewhere. After the death of his father, June 20, 1910, Forrest occupied the Taylor mansion with his sister Emma, until her death December 12, 1925, at the age of 73, after which he continued alone until the time of his death.

The Taylor family for many years were the largest owners of centrally located business real estate in Worcester. After

the death of his older brother Ransom F. Taylor in 1915, the management of all the wide-spread holdings devolved upon Forrest W. Taylor, who also had large holdings of his own. Mr. Taylor had an experienced organization familiar with all the properties, but he gave close personal attention to all details and devoted most of his time and energies to the business. He was a shrewd bargainer, who kept his agreements and expected others to do the same. Although stern and occasionally severe in business dealings, he was kind and friendly in his social contacts, a genial host and a good companion on a holiday. He enjoyed travel, made several trips to Europe, and for years spent part of each winter in Florida.

Mr. Taylor was interested in All Saints Church to which he presented a Memorial Chapel in memory of his sister. He was a member of the Worcester Club and the Tatnuck Country Club, a trustee of Memorial Hospital, and of Rural Cemetery, a director of the Worcester Boys Club, and a member of the Hope Club of Providence. In 1926 he was elected a member of the American Antiquarian Society, and in 1928 he contributed \$10,000 to its endowment funds.

The long business depression of the 1930's imposed such heavy burdens on Mr. Taylor that it became necessary to organize a realty holding company, "Forrest W. Taylor, Inc.," to which was deeded all of his personal holdings located in various cities. After this arrangement he retired from the management of the business. He retained a lively interest in affairs, however, for several years, and in spite of advancing age went out nearly every day to within a few days of his death, which occurred at Memorial Hospital, April 16, 1951, at the age of 85.

Mr. Taylor was unmarried. He left a sister, Mrs. Harry Phillips Davis of Pittsburgh, a half sister, Mrs. Florence Taylor of Los Angeles, and several nieces and nephews. His will left a bequest to Memorial Hospital in memory of his

sister Emma, several gifts to employees of long and faithful service, and the entire residue to the Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

A. G. W.

### GEORGE GREGERSON WOLKINS

George Wolkins was born on May 2, 1878, in the Clarendon Hills section of what is now Hyde Park, Boston. He was the son of Friedrich Ludwig Heinrich Volkens, who was born in Bremerhaven in 1835, and settled in Boston in 1856, when he assumed the Anglicized name of an uncle, whose daughter, Sophia M. Wolkins, he married. George was named for an uncle of his mother who appeared in Salem about 1800 as the adopted son of a shipmaster named Gregerson. He was graduated from Boston English High School in 1896, when he went to work as an office boy with Haddock, Shonk, and Company of Boston. In 1903 he entered the wholesale coal house of Hanson and Parker, of 50 Congress Street, where he worked as a salesman until 1922, when he became manager. Upon the dissolution of the firm in 1943 he became special sales representative of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company. He retired from business in 1946.

From his childhood George Wolkins was fascinated by history. When still a very young man he gave illustrated lectures at the Old South Historical Society and contributed essays to its publications. Such activities, and some tennis, took all of his leisure time until 1917, when he married Lyra Dale Trueblood, a Quaker and an active participant in the peace movement, a trustee of the Moses Brown School and of other activities of the Society of Friends, and the author of many pamphlets and articles. She shared his interest in history and his temperament. Mr. Wolkins was brought up in the Episcopal church, but he had the simple firmness which is so often found among the Quakers. He found them congenial, and became an active member of the Society of Friends.

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