

## *Obituaries*

### LAWRENCE WATERS JENKINS

Lawrence Jenkins was a son of Charles Trinder and Lucy Dana (Weston) Jenkins of Salem, where he was born on December 23, 1872. From the Salem public schools he went to Noble's School in Boston, and thence to Harvard College, where he was graduated in 1896. That fall he entered the Massachusetts Institute of Technology to obtain professional training as a mining engineer, but after three months he left because of ill health. For two years he worked as assistant superintendent of a mine in Nova Scotia, but after leaving that, and surveying opportunities in California and Mexico, he gave up his mining career and settled in Salem, where on September 10, 1901, he married Arvilla Bray.

In July of that year, Lawrence had been appointed Curator of Ethnology in the Peabody Museum of Salem, where he had been working for some months as a volunteer. His long career with that institution as Curator and Director is too fully documented in his reports to need description here. His service to the neighboring Essex Institute, which he had joined as an undergraduate, was equally long and distinguished. He was a member of the Council for forty-five years, and a vice-president for twenty-four. When the offices of Secretary and Curator were vacant, he filled those efficiently. In 1915 he was elected to the American Antiquarian Society which for forty years benefited from his constant flow of Essex County printed ephemera, some of it dating from the establishment of printing there. In our *Proceedings* for 1924 he published a biography and bibliography of William Cook

of Salem. This was typical of his small but useful contributions to the history of Essex.

Outside of his professional work, Lawrence's chief interest was the Second Corps of Cadets of the Massachusetts Volunteer Militia in which he had worked up to the rank of major when he retired in 1915. Two years later he resumed his rank in the 15th Massachusetts State Guard, from which he returned a lieutenant-colonel in 1920. He enjoyed this service and liked to be called "Colonel Jenkins."

For the last ten years, Lawrence Jenkins' failing health kept him close to home in Danvers. We missed him greatly at the meetings of our societies, for he was a gentle, kindly, and friendly man. He died on April 20, 1961, survived by two sons, Benjamin A. Jenkins of Wellesley and Stephen W. Jenkins of Salem.

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### WILBUR HENRY SIEBERT

Wilbur Henry Siebert died in Columbus, Ohio, on September 2, 1961, after several years of ill health.

Professor Siebert was born in Columbus on August 30, 1866, and there lived out his long life. He was graduated from Ohio State University in 1888, earned a Master's degree at Harvard in 1890 and studied at Frieberg and Berlin the following year. His *alma mater* gave him an LL.D. in 1949. A member of the faculty at Ohio State since 1898, he served briefly in a number of important posts but always returned to his chief commitment, teaching and research. He was research professor of history from 1925 until his retirement. Siebert wrote prolifically (our catalogue shows twenty-five entries under his name) chiefly on American loyalists and later on the underground railroad.

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