

vs. conscience' and the breakup of the Whigs), religious issues—Unitarianism vs. orthodoxy—class issues, and so forth.' He was trying to establish the motives and allegiances, political and religious, of the representatives grappling with the problem of disestablishment. It is our misfortune that he did not live to complete his work on this promising subject. Shortly after his retirement, Shenton was recruited by the Massachusetts Historical Society to succeed his close friend William Bentinck-Smith as recording secretary, a position he held for the rest of his life. He had also served as a trustee of the Lincoln Public Library and the Boston Baroque Orchestra.

Bob Shenton was by no means a humorless bureaucrat. In the midst of the constraints of his professional life, he enjoyed the warmth of his family and a wide circle of friends. He leaves behind his wife of forty-three years, Betsy (Elizabeth Owen, daughter of the late David Owen, Gurney Professor of History and Political Science); two sons, Mark and Timothy; and four grandchildren.

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### GEORGE HARRISON TWENEY

George Harrison Tweney died on May 7, 2000, at his home in Seattle following a courageous battle against a brain tumor. He was 84 years of age.

George was a multitalented man. He was born in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, on September 16, 1915. As a boy growing up on the Canadian prairie, George first read Jack London's *Call of the Wild* and thus began a lifelong love of books. He attended Assumption College in Windsor, Ontario, where, as a member of the track team, he set the Eastern Canadian record for the half mile, competed in the British Empire Games of 1930 and was a member of the Canadian Olympic Team of 1932.

At the age of fourteen, George built a glider and taught himself to fly, while being pulled around the prairie behind a family truck. George's future was in aeronautical engineering, and he emigrated to the United States in 1934. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Detroit and his master's from the University of Michigan, where he did work on his doctorate. As a pilot, George flew the first transatlantic flights for Pan American Airways aboard the Boeing B-314 Clipper. At the outset of World War II, he was the head of the Aeronautics Department of the University of Detroit, where he helped to initiate the Air Force Pilot Training Program and authored the book *The American Student Flyer*. After the war, he joined the faculty of Wayne State University and started an aero-engineering consulting business.

In 1955 George married Maxine Ramona Read, and they moved to Seattle, where he joined the Boeing Aircraft Company. He worked on pilotless aircraft and the hydrofoil boat program and traveled extensively to recruit college students for the company until his retirement in 1972.

George talked about his friendship with Orville Wright, for whom he ran errands as a young man. He was a student of Albert Einstein and an acquaintance of Ernest Hemingway, William Faulkner, A. Edward Newton, and many, many others. Throughout his life, George was active in the world of books as a collector and dealer. He was elected to membership in the American Antiquarian Society in April 1970. He was a member of the Grolier Club, the Book Club of Washington, where he was vice president, and the Western History Association. I first met George in 1991, when the American Antiquarian Society had its semiannual meeting in San Francisco. When my wife, Charlotte, and I entered the room for the opening reception, George walked up, introduced himself, and started talking about books. In future years, a highlight of any book or history conference was meeting George and learning about books, book collecting, and western history.

George was as generous with his books as he was with his time. He built world-class collections on aeronautics, Jack London, and

western history, and then gave them to university libraries. He was a benefactor of the Clements Library at the University of Michigan. In his retirement, he was busier than ever. He taught at Highline Community College and Trinity College Dublin, and lectured at Oxford University and the University of Paris. He was appointed by the governor of Washington to the Washington State Lewis and Clark Trail Committee and became its elected chairman in 1973.

Still an avid bookman, George authored *The Washington 89*, a 1989 centennial tribute to the eighty-nine most important books relating to the history of Washington State. This book was the first serious bibliographical attempt to select those books of importance to the history and development of the Pacific Northwest, with a range from the early ocean voyages through the period of the overland explorers, the early fur trade, the years of territorial development and early statehood into the mid-twentieth century.

George is survived by his wife of forty-five years, Maxine, and his children and grandchildren. His love of books and western history, his friendship, and his gentleness will be missed.

Robert Charles Baron

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