

saddened by our decision a few years ago to cease the collection of all current newspapers, including his beloved amateurs, but he agreed that the modern files have no research value. He died suddenly at Newtonville on August 11, 1966.

Mr. Cole married Helene Elizabeth Hoffman of New York City on June 26, 1916. She died on March 25, 1919, and on December 30, 1919, he married Mildred Marion Breitzke, who, with two children, survives him.

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WALTER GOODWIN DAVIS

Walter G. Davis was born in Portland, Maine, on May 14, 1885, the son of Walter Goodwin and Mary Howard (Wildes) Davis. He was educated at Phillips-Exeter Academy (1903), Yale College (1908), and Harvard Law School (1911). At Exeter and Yale he was editor of the school's newspapers.

Mr. Davis served in World War I in various staff positions, the most important of which was the assignment to the American Commission to Negotiate Peace, as a member of Professor Archibald Cary Coolidge's investigating group to study conditions in the former Austro-Hungarian empire.

In 1919, he returned to Portland, where he lived for the remainder of his life, and where he was active in a number of business and charitable groups. Mr. Davis was president of the Portland Savings Bank and president or trustee of other banking institutions, the Community Chest, Maine General Hospital, etc. In short, he was a useful community leader.

There seems little doubt that his great love was genealogy. Beginning in 1916, he compiled some nineteen vol-

umes including lines of descent for each of his sixteen great-great-grandparents. Because of his interest and skill in such matters, he was elected president of the Maine Historical Society, vice-president for Maine of The New England Historic Genealogical Society, a fellow and president of the American Society of Genealogists, a fellow of the Societies of Antiquaries and of Genealogists, as well as of the Harleian Society. Mr. Davis was also a member of The Massachusetts Historical Society, the Colonial Society of Massachusetts and was elected to the American Antiquarian Society in October of 1950.

In late years we had very little association with him, and an attempted visit by this writer at his Portland home was unsuccessful because of the seriousness of his final illness. He was a sound, Maine Yankee in mind and heart. Among his closer circles, he will be greatly missed.

Mr. Davis never married. He died at his home in Portland on July 11, 1966.

M. A. McC.

JOSIAH KIRBY LILLY

J. K. Lilly died at his home, Old Fields, Indianapolis, Indiana, on May 4, 1966, in his seventy-third year. Best known for his superb collections of rare books in the fields of English and American literature and of the history of science, he also amassed remarkable aggregations of lead soldiers, postage stamps, jewels, paintings, gold coins, and ship models. Mr. Lilly had a passion for excellence and pursued each of these areas with infinite attention to detail; and when he had exhausted the possibilities of the subject, he left it to go on to other things. Thus, Indiana University was given the great Lilly Library, and through his continuing generosity has built upon the original collection of 20,000 volumes. In like manner, the Marine Historical

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