

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.

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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

Association of Mystic, Connecticut, was given the Lilly summer home, Red Oaks, at Falmouth, Massachusetts, with its collections of ship models, books, and illustrations of marine subjects.

Lilly was born in Indianapolis on September 25, 1893, and was the son of Josiah K. Lilly, Sr., and Lilly (Ridgley) Lilly. He attended both the Holderness School at Plymouth, N.H., and The Hill School at Pottstown, Pennsylvania. In 1914, he graduated from the University of Michigan School of Pharmacy and immediately entered the family business. Except for a tour in the army during World War I, he continually served the firm until his death. The financial resources for his extensive activities derived from that firm, Eli Lilly & Company, a pharmaceutical concern which had been founded by Mr. Lilly's grandfather and of which he was ultimately chairman of the board.

Mr. Lilly's generosity found frequent expression through the Lilly Endowment. By this agency *The Bibliography of American Literature* under the editorship of Jacob Blanck has been supported for a number of years. In the case of this Society, the expense of completing the 1799-1800 volume of Evans' *American Bibliography* was borne by the Lilly Endowment during the years 1946-1953.

Mr. Lilly was a member of the Grolier Club and The Bibliographical Society of America, as well as of this Society to which he was elected in October, 1944. He was an exceedingly retiring individual who took little pleasure in socializing. David Randall, Librarian of the Lilly Library, reports that he visited that monument to his acumen and generosity but once; that on the day it was formally opened.

Mr. Lilly married Ruth Marie Brinkmeyer in 1914. She died in 1965. He is survived by his son, Josiah K. Lilly, 3d, of Falmouth and his daughter, Mrs. Guernsey Van Riper, Jr., of Indianapolis.

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