

Hofstadter always took care to civilize his captives and teach them English,' rather than their usual 'dismal patois.' With his books, Hofstadter made forays into the minds of ordinary adult readers and taught them history.

He was elected to this Society in April 1970 and apologized for his tardiness in replying to his notice of membership saying 'I have been in the hospital a good deal.' A few months later on October 24, 1970, while fifty-four years old, Richard Hofstadter died in Mount Sinai Hospital in New York after a long but very brave battle against the ravages of leukemia. He is survived by his widow, Beatrice Kevitt; his first wife, Felice Swados, had died in 1945. He has also left a daughter, a son, and sister in the family. Beyond the family he has left students, colleagues, critics, readers, and friends who feel very much cheated by his having died so young.

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DANIEL WALDO LINCOLN

When Daniel Waldo Lincoln died on March 16, 1971, his survivors in the American Antiquarian Society lost a dear friend. Although the Lincoln family is still represented in the Society's membership through his niece, Miss Louisa Dresser, we look upon his passing as a distinct break with the past.

Dan Lincoln was elected to the Society in October 1924. At the time of his death there were only two others who had been members longer. He followed his great-great-grandfather, his great-grandfather (both founders of the Society and both named Levi), and his father [Daniel] Waldo Lincoln, into the Society.

Daniel Lincoln's father, Waldo, was president of the Society from 1907 until 1927. It was he who took the quiescent New England institution and shook the dust out of it. He brought Clarence Brigham to Worcester in 1908 and it was he who for twenty years visited the library almost daily, so concerned was he for its affairs. Daniel Lincoln's father-in-law,

Charles Lemuel Nichols, succeeded Waldo Lincoln as president of the Society. Nichols was an outstanding collector of books and possessed an active bibliographical interest. Thus, Dan Lincoln's own loyalty to the Society was triply strong and he was faithful to AAS from an early age until the end of his life. One of his favorite stories went back to his youth when his father sent him to the railroad station to collect the Antiquarians coming by train to the annual meeting. Dan asked his father how he would know them, to which Waldo Lincoln responded that Dan would have no difficulties. Dan did not—he reported that they all were ancient and had long beards. In 1938 Daniel Lincoln picked up the responsibilities which his father had relinquished by death in 1933, by accepting a place on the Council of the Society on which he served faithfully until his own death a third of a century later. From 1946 until 1967 Mr. Lincoln also served as the Recording Secretary of the institution.

In addition to his service to AAS through offices held, Mr. Lincoln was faithful in his financial support and in his enthusiasm and interest for the Society and its staff. His cheerful, and not infrequent visits to the library made him a friend to all who cared about AAS.

Daniel Waldo Lincoln was born in Worcester to Waldo and Fanny (Chandler) Lincoln on September 2, 1882. He prepared for college at Pomfret School and was a graduate of Harvard College in the class of 1904 and of the Harvard Law School in 1907. He then came home to Worcester in the local office of Choate, Hall & Stewart. Although he left that firm after one year, Mr. Lincoln practiced law in town for the remainder of his life. Dan Lincoln served as a First Lieutenant of Infantry in World War I, going overseas shortly before the armistice. During his military service, he and Harriet Brayton Nichols were married in Worcester on December 29, 1917. Mr. Lincoln's heart was truly in Worcester. He was always active in the affairs of the city. In 1913-1915 he served as a member of

the city's common council and later as a representative to the Great and General Court of the Commonwealth. Among local organizations he was president of the Art Museum, treasurer of the Children's Friend Society, trustee of banks and clubs, a member of the Worcester Fire Society (which he held very dear), the Shakespeare Club, and St. Wulstan Club, Tatnuck Country Club, etc., etc., etc.

In recent years he had difficulty with his sight, a factor which limited his mobility but he kept his spirits up and only recently delivered a paper at the Fire Society on bicycling at the turn of the century, much of the material for which he found at the Society. At the end, his strength grew feeble and he suffered under a cruel illness.

A number of his friends gave funds to the Society which we used to purchase a unique broadside in his memory. The broadside was signed by General Benjamin Lincoln (a tangential ancestor) in Pittsfield on February 19, 1787, and granted pardons to the supporters of Daniel Shays' rebellion who turned themselves in to the authorities. It is a historical document which Dan Lincoln would have appreciated.

At his death Mr. Lincoln left his widow, their son, Brayton, and four grandchildren.

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ALLAN NEVINS

Allan Nevins, historian, was born at Camp Point, Illinois, on May 20, 1890, son of Joseph Allan and Emma (Stahl) Nevins. With the other four children he was brought up on the family stock and grain farm where he was used to working twelve to fourteen hours a day at the constant country chores before leaving for college. In 1912, at twenty-two years and after editing the school newspaper and getting Phi Beta Kappa he received his undergraduate degree from the University of Illinois and the next year taught English while earning a master's

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