

Theodore Bolton died at his Coconut Grove home, Friday, December 7, 1973. His widow survives him, as does a sister, Mrs. Harland Manchester.

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HERBERT RANGER STRAUSS

Herbert Ranger Strauss, investment analyst and collector, was born July 27, 1899, in Omaha, Nebraska, the son of Emil and Elsa (Ranger) Strauss. He spent most of his boyhood in Chicago, and attended school there. For college he went to the University of Wisconsin, but had to leave without taking a degree to care for his mother, his father having died.

After returning to Chicago, Strauss went to work for the investment firm of Hallgarten and Company of New York and Chicago. He spent the rest of his business career with the company, eventually becoming a partner.

As a collector of books and manuscripts, Strauss was particularly interested in Thomas Jefferson. His private collection of Jeffersoniana was a notable one. He was no hoarder, for he fully shared his collections with friends, scholars, and the general public, through exhibits, special imprints, and by making the manuscripts in it available to the editors of the Jefferson and Adams papers for their great letterpress and microfilm projects.

As a Chicagoan interested in books and history, Strauss's fancy turned to the Newberry Library. He was a longtime, devoted contributor to that organization. He subsequently became a founding member of the Newberry Library Associates, a member of the Council, and a Trustee. He was a member of the Massachusetts Historical Society, besides.

His association with the American Antiquarian Society was a comparatively short, but dedicated, one. He was elected to membership at the semiannual meeting in April 1968. He attended only two meetings of the Society, but was an especially conscientious contributor to annual appeals for funds. At AAS

as at the Newberry, he was known as a person who often gave before being asked to. It was thus characteristic of the man that he sent a pound of coffee, specially ground by the Mid-America Club, to this Society's Director-Librarian, the latter having casually remarked how good it was.

Herbert R. Strauss died on February 11, 1974, aged seventy-four. His widow survives him.

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