

He received several honorary degrees: L.H.D. from Wesleyan, L.H.D. from Williams, LL.D. from Brown, LL.D. from Clark, and Eng.D. from Worcester Polytechnic Institute. In 1949 a volume was published in his honor by Clark University, entitled *Essays in History and International Relations*, containing contributions by scholars in fields in which he was interested. He traveled extensively in Russia, continental Europe, Australia, Japan, and China. In 1929 Dr. and Mrs. Blakeslee were presented to the Emperor of Japan at an imperial garden party arranged in their honor.

Although much away from Worcester, he found time to be associated with the city's organizations: president of the Worcester Economic Club in 1912, president of the Trustees of the World Peace Foundation from 1930 to 1946, and chairman of Worcester Branch of the Foreign Policy Association from 1933 to 1939. He was a member of the Worcester Fire Society and the St. Wulstan Society. He was elected to the American Antiquarian Society in 1908, a member of its Council from 1918 until his death, recording secretary from 1938 to 1946, and vice-president elected in 1953. In 1918 he contributed to the *Proceedings* a paper "Will Democracy Alone Make the World Safe." He was very fond of the Society and its aims, and a valued member of the Council, where his counsel was constructive and helpful.

Dr. Blakeslee married Edna Frances Day, daughter of John E. and Abbie F. Day of Worcester, March 30, 1910. He died after a short illness, May 5, 1954, leaving his widow and three children: George Day Blakeslee, Mrs. Frances H. Wardlaw, and Mrs. William G. Phelps. C. S. B.

ELMER TINDALL HUTCHINSON

Elmer Tindall Hutchinson was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, on September 10, 1882. He was the son of Aaron

Tindall and Ada England Hutchinson. When Elmer was seven years old the family moved to Brooklyn and there he attended the public schools. The family's residence in Elizabeth, New Jersey, dates from the year 1900, when he was eighteen. It was probably soon after this that he went to work in the accounting department of the Pennsylvania Railroad, later transferring to the Singer Manufacturing Company, well known maker of sewing machines in Elizabeth. From 1917 through 1921 he served with the Emergency Coal Agencies division of the United States Shipping Board as secretary. In 1921 he went to work for the Consolidation Coal Company in New York and was employed there until 1932.

In 1921 he married Phyllis Martin in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Rufus and Emily Miller Martin. She had been employed until a short time before their marriage in the rare book room of the New York Public Library under the famous bibliographer, Dr. Wilberforce Eames. Their only child, Martin Tindall Hutchinson, was born in 1923.

Mr. Hutchinson had many interests, all of which he pursued with seriousness. His interest in history is the best known but he was also a musician, gardener, and painter. As a musician he played the violin and was for several years connected with the Westfield Symphony Orchestra. He not only enjoyed playing but enjoyed the study of long and difficult orchestrations. He spent many hours in his flower garden and was proud of the results of his labors. He liked to paint in water colors and produced several in which he took a justifiable pride.

Early in life, he became interested in historical research and started acquiring a collection of books printed by Shepard Kollock, a pioneer New Jersey printer of the eighteenth century. His researches had to do largely, although

not entirely, with early New Jersey history. His greatest interest and that on which he probably spent the most time was acquiring information about New Jersey printers. He had a special interest in the biography of Shepard Kollock who printed in Chatham, New Brunswick, Elizabethtown and later in New York. He was also interested in genealogy. He not only did a great amount of research on his own family but built up a file of thousands of cards listing genealogical information relating to New Jersey families.

He joined the New Jersey Historical Society in 1918 and soon afterwards contributed his first article to the *Proceedings*. In December, 1936, Mr. Hutchinson was made a trustee and accepted the appointment as corresponding secretary to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. A. Van Doren Honeyman. His selection as corresponding secretary was a very happy choice in making available to members and others Mr. Hutchinson's diversified knowledge of New Jersey history. He also served, since 1940, as a member of the Editorial Committee and, since 1943, as chairman of the Library Committee. He was always conscientious in his attendance at meetings and zealous in safeguarding the Society's collections. He was most generous in sharing the knowledge which he had gained by painstaking research with those who were seriously interested. Acknowledgement of his help has been made in several publications. Considering his assiduous research Mr. Hutchinson wrote comparatively little for publication but many articles which he did prepare appeared in the *Proceedings* of the New Jersey Historical Society. One of his major projects on which he spent a great deal of time was preparing for publication eight volumes of *New Jersey Archives*, containing Abstracts of Wills, which were published by the State. Mr. Hutchinson edited and annotated from volume thirty-five, published in 1939, to volume forty-two, the final volume,

published in 1949. From 1935 to 1943 he was employed by Rutgers University Library, working on their New Jersey collection and establishing their imprint catalogue.

Mr. Hutchinson never sought publicity nor expected any honors for his meticulous research. He was, however, much pleased when in 1950 the American Antiquarian Society honored him with a membership which he considered as the equivalent of receiving a doctorate. He was an exceedingly prolific correspondent with the Antiquarian Society, writing us many letters on the biographies of New Jersey printers and the location of early New Jersey imprints. He attended both Boston meetings of the Society following his election, and took much pleasure in the associations formed with other members.

Mr. Hutchinson passed away September 13, 1954, and is survived by Mrs. Hutchinson and their son. Offers have been received for publication of his work on New Jersey printers, which it is hoped can be accomplished. He had nearly completed a series of biographies of Newark printers to the year 1820 which will appear in a forthcoming bibliography of Newark printing.

Much of the above account of Mr. Hutchinson's life has been abridged from a typewritten sketch sent to me by Mr. George C. Rockefeller and is hereby gratefully acknowledged.

C. S. B.

JAMES DUNCAN PHILLIPS

James Duncan Phillips was born in San Francisco on February 5, 1876, a son of Stephen Henry Phillips, Attorney General of Massachusetts, and his wife, Margaret Duncan of Haverhill. From Salem High School he went to Harvard College where he was active in social affairs and took a second and a third place in the Intercollegiate track meets.

Copyright of Proceedings of the American Antiquarian Society is the property of American Antiquarian Society and its content may not be copied or emailed to multiple sites or posted to a listserv without the copyright holder's express written permission. However, users may print, download, or email articles for individual use.