

houses his remarkable collection of carriages of the last horse-drawn years. He visited our library during the war, and was elected to the Society in October, 1952. His voluminous correspondence, in which he referred to "our Society" as if he did not have a whole harem of other institutional mistresses, broke off about two years before his death. He is survived by his son, Henry Baldwin Hyde.

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WILLIAM DAVIS MILLER

William Davis Miller, the son of Augustus Samuel and Elizabeth Le Moine Miller, was born November 5, 1887, at Providence, Rhode Island. He received his A.B. from Brown University in 1909 and studied law at the Harvard Law School during 1910 to 1912. Entering the banking business he became Vice-president and a member of the Board of Investment of the Peoples Savings Bank. During World War I he entered the United States Naval Reserve and served with the rank of Lieutenant j.g. After the war on October 11, 1919, he married Mary Heard Chew Bell.

As a scholar interested in literary and educational affairs he became President of the Trustees of the Providence Public Library; a Trustee of Brown University and a member of the Board of Management of the John Carter Brown Library. Among his many other activities he held the office of President of the Hospital Service Corporation of Rhode Island; President of the Rhode Island Library Association; and Secretary and President of the Rhode Island Historical Society. He was a Corresponding Member of the Massachusetts Historical Society.

Always continuing his interest and love of the Navy he was happy to be able to serve again in World War II, with the rank of Commander, and was stationed at Norfolk.

During the years he had made a notable collection of prints, books and manuscripts specializing in naval and signal flags. This collection he left to the United States Naval Academy. He was a member of the Naval Records Society; the Naval Historical Foundation; the United States Naval Institute, and the Society for Nautical Research.

Besides his naval collection he was an ardent antiquarian interested in early houses, furniture and silver. His book *Early Houses of the King's Province in the Narragansett Country* which was charmingly illustrated by Norman M. Isham, was published in 1941. An authority on Rhode Island silver, he was the author of *The Silversmiths of Little Rest R. I.* published in 1928.

An enthusiastic member of the Walpole Society he contributed several articles to their *Note Books* and was a regular attendant at their gatherings until his health prevented it.

He was a member of several bibliographical societies, The Grolier Club, the Club of Odd Volumes, and many social clubs of Providence, Boston, New York, and elsewhere. He was a modest, friendly, and genial companion with a fine sense of humor and a fund of knowledge. He was elected a member of the American Antiquarian Society in April, 1930. He died July 7, 1959. C. R. R.

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