

LEO MATTHEW WEINS

Leo Matthew Weins, president of the H. W. Wilson Company from 1967 to 1995, died on June 12, 1998, at the age of eighty-six. Born in Racine, Wisconsin, on September 12, 1912, Mr. Weins was elected to the American Antiquarian Society on November 17, 1979.

His studies at Loyola University in Chicago and at the University of Chicago were interrupted by World War II, during which he served as master sergeant in the anti-aircraft artillery in the South Pacific. After the war, in 1946 Mr. Weins returned to Chicago to attend Northwestern University and to begin his career in the library community as chief accountant at the American Library Association headquarters. Subsequently, he rose to the position of comptroller and chief of administrative services. In 1957 he joined the H. W. Wilson Company, the internationally recognized publisher of superior reference materials, of which he was elected president and treasurer in 1967. Mr. Weins simultaneously held the position of president of the H. W. Wilson Foundation.

Throughout his career, Mr. Weins maintained his commitment to the library field and was a strong leader in the profession. While president of the Wilson Company, he developed new CD-ROM and online products that had significant influence on raising the quality of graphics and information accessibility used in library programs.

Simultaneously, through the Foundation, he contributed to the nation's library schools the necessary electronic equipment to use these tools. He oversaw grants to many libraries, including the John Cotton Dana awards, which enhanced opportunities for public libraries and recognized their accomplishments. Mr. Weins was deeply committed to improving the profession's capacity for preservation work and to improving knowledge and skills of library staff, and the grants he made reflected these interests.

Mr. Weins's professional life extended far beyond the Wilson company. He contributed to the field of preservation by serving on the board of directors of the Highbridge Conservation Program in the Bronx (1966-69); he was a member of the scientific information council at the National Science Foundation from 1968 to 1972. Mr. Weins served as a trustee and treasurer of the New York Metropolitan Reference and Research Library Agency from 1979 to 1983. He was a trustee on the board of the Maritime College at the Fort Schuyler Foundation, Inc. (1981-89). When Mr. Weins retired in 1995, he continued to play an active role on H. W. Wilson's board of directors.

Mr. Weins is survived by his wife Margaret Killion Weins.

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DAVID LEVIN

David Levin was born on November 21, 1924, in York, Pennsylvania, and died on July 12, 1998, at the University of Virginia Medical Center, Charlottesville. Levin, the son of Louis and Rose Brauffman Levin, attended public schools in York and then went to Harvard University, but left before graduating to join the Army Air Force in 1943. He served as an aerial navigator until he was discharged in 1946, then returned to Harvard to take three degrees: A.B. (*magna cum laude*), 1947; A.M. 1949; and Ph.D. in 1955.

While still a graduate student, Levin was a teaching fellow in English at Harvard (1948-52). He then became an instructor at Stanford University. He went up the ladder at Stanford and was made a full professor in 1964. Several years later he was appointed Commonwealth Professor of English at the University of Virginia; in 1990 he was made Thomas Jefferson Professor of Arts and Sciences. He retired in 1992.

Although David Levin's degrees were in English, he was in per-

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