

much upon his election. 'I may not find it convenient to get to Worcester as often as I should like,' he wrote in response to his election.

By the end of his active career, Quarles had sat on numerous boards, commissions, and councils, among them the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History, the Maryland Historical Society, the Frederick Douglass Museum of African Art, the Amistad Research Center, the Library of Congress, the American Council of Learned Societies, and the Joint Center for Political Studies. Along the way he had written or edited no less than ten books, written chapters and introductions for twenty-eight others, three dozen articles, and sixty-some informal, lesser works that he called 'shorter pieces.' In addition to these works, he served as counsel to other editing and publishing enterprises, among them the Booker T. Washington Papers, the Frederick Douglass Papers, the Black Abolitionist Editorial Project, and the Lydia Maria Child Papers, among others. By the end of his life he had been awarded more than a dozen honorary doctorates.

At the time of his death in 1996, he was survived by his wife, Ruth Brett Quarles, his daughters, Pamela Quarles of Falls Church, Virginia, and Roberta Knowles of St. Croix, American Virgin Islands, two brothers, Henry and Lorenzo of Boston, a sister, Ann Silvera, of East Elmhurst, New York, and three grandchildren.

Thomas Cripps

### J. RICHARD BULLOCK

J. Richard Bullock became a member of the American Antiquarian Society in 1984 shortly after he was elected chief executive officer of the Wyman-Gordon Company. Dick, as he was known by his friends and associates, was born in Worcester on March 2, 1923, and spent his entire business life with the Wyman-Gordon

Company beginning as a draftsman and moving successively upward from engineering to operations manager and finally into the top management of the company. He transferred to the Midwest Division in 1950. As vice president of operations and later general manager, he was instrumental in establishing the company's new crankshaft plant in Danville, Illinois, where the world's latest state-of-the-art production facilities were built. He then was recalled to Worcester where he was appointed vice president and general manager of the Eastern Aerospace Division, where he had begun his career. In 1980 he became president of the company and in 1983 was elected chief executive officer by the board of directors. He retired in 1986.

Mr. Bullock was a prolific reader from childhood and had a vast knowledge of and interest in many subjects. He learned to fly-fish at an early age and eventually traveled throughout the world—from Tierra del Fuego to Alaska—in successful pursuit of fish, once catching two twenty-two-pound trout in one day. He avidly fished all of the streams around Worcester and in central Massachusetts.

Dick Bullock enjoyed golf, once capturing his club's A division championship and making a hole in one. He learned to ski at the age of 50, and learned to paint and studied pottery after he retired. On his 74th birthday he flew a B-25 bomber, the plane he flew during World War II as both a pilot and as an instructor. He claimed that he had never had so much fun as he did that day.

He was a member of the Worcester Country Club, the Skyline Country Club in Tucson, and the York Country Club in York, Maine. He was a former member of the Olympia Fields Country Club in Illinois. In addition to all of his golfing enthusiasm, Dick Bullock was also active in many civic and professional organizations. He was a member of the American Antiquarian Society, the 1981 chairman of the United Way of Central Massachusetts, president of the national Forging Industry Association, and a director of several area business and charitable organizations. Along with these many activities he found time to complete the ad-

vanced management program at the Harvard Business School. He also received honorary degrees from Assumption College and from Central New England College. Dick was loved and respected by all of his friends and associates for his devotion to his profession, to Wyman-Gordon, and to the Worcester community.

Joseph R. Carter

### NATALIE JOHNSON RODERICK

Natalie Johnson (Allen) Roderick, a member of AAS for twenty-two years, died on November 17, 1998. She was elected a member on April 20, 1976, attended several annual meetings, and served on the nominating committee from 1976 to 1978. Her cousin Alden P. Johnson was a key member and supporter of the Society for many years through the Alden Trust, a board on which she served.

Natalie, known to her friends as Nat, was an elegant, joyous, and capable woman. She was born in Worcester and attended Bancroft School. From Dana Hall School, she went on to Smith College, from which she graduated in 1936. She was married to Charles A. Allen, who died in 1970, and then to William M. Roderick, who passed away in 1988. For ten years (1979–89) she lived in Florida, and after her marriage to Mr. Roderick also maintained a home in Manchester Center, Vermont, before returning to Worcester to live in 1989.

Nat was generous with her time, taking on the responsibilities of service to others as a board-level volunteer in each of the communities in which she lived. Among the leadership positions she held in Worcester were the presidency of the Children's Friends Society and the Junior League, along with numerous committee and corporator responsibilities for social service agencies and schools. Another interest was Republican politics, which Nat followed faithfully.

Nat loved sports and the out-of-doors. Gardens were a con-

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