

In 1943 Bill married Helen Elizabeth Lynch, a graduate of Mount Holyoke College, who died in 1999. He is survived by two daughters, Nancy Bond of Concord, and Sally Bond, and her husband Joseph Picardi, and their daughter Molly, of Acton, Massachusetts.

When, in 1951, Rupert Maclaurin of the MIT Economics faculty proposed the development of small houses in a wooded area of Concord, the Bonds were among the first 'settlers' of Conantum. Bill and Helen lived there happily for the remainder of their lives, observing the change of the seasons and the bird life of this enclave. Nancy Bond continues to live in the house that they built in 1951-52. Bill's last public presentation was on October 22, 2005, when he offered remarks and reminiscences at the dedication of a bench in one of Conantum's common spaces, a ball field, in memory of Rupert Maclaurin and the creation of Conantum.

In Concord Bill was an active and useful citizen. He was a trustee of the Concord Free Public Library from 1966 to 1971. He served as a trustee of the Ralph Waldo Emerson Memorial Association, and on the boards of the Louisa May Alcott Memorial Association and the Kalmia Woods Corporation.

For his contributions to Concord, to Harvard, to the international company of bibliophiles, and to his legions of friends, William H. Bond will be sorely missed, but long remembered.

Donald Friary

RICHARD W. COUPER

RICHARD W. COUPER, elected to membership in the American Antiquarian Society in 1975, died at New Hartford, New York, on January 25, 2006, after a long illness. His thirty-year membership in the Society was marked by sporadic participation in its programs as permitted by his many commitments (for example,

his address to the Spring meeting of 1978 and his presence at the Spring 1998 meeting of the Society in London), and continuous and generous financial and moral support for an institution that he revered.

Couper was born in Binghamton, New York, on December 26, 1922, the son of Edgar Williams and Esther Watrous Couper. He enrolled in Hamilton College in 1940 as a sixth-generation legacy student, although military service during World War II deferred his graduation until 1947; he received a Master's degree in American history from Harvard University in 1948. An early career as an insurance executive followed until he joined the academic administration of his beloved Hamilton College as vice president in 1962. During the next seven years he also served as provost and acting president of the college before accepting a position as deputy commissioner of higher education of the New York State Education Department, the first person to hold that job.

In 1971 Couper began his decade-long tenure as the first paid president of the New York Public Library (NYPL), an institution he helped navigate through some of the most troubled times in its history. Despite the problems caused by the city's financial crisis, the accomplishments of his period of leadership included the first balanced budget since 1924, pioneering work in the fields of library preservation and library automation, the founding of the Research Libraries Group, a vastly expanded donor base, and a new home in Harlem for the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture.

He left New York Public Library in 1981 to become president of the Woodrow Wilson Foundation, a post he held until his retirement in 1990. He and his wife Patsy retired to Clinton, New York, where he remained generously engaged in college activities, particularly the Hamilton College Library, where he endowed the position of College Librarian. He also volunteered as a book conservator, bringing newly developed skills in book repair honed through an apprenticeship program at Princeton's Firestone Library. Shortly before his death, the Hamilton College

chapter of Phi Beta Kappa inaugurated the Richard W. Couper Annual Library Lecture (appropriately enough, since his grandfather Walter T. Couper in 1892 was the first full-time paid employee of the college library).

A long-time member of the Grolier Club, Couper was a modest book collector whose passions included Frances Parkman, Dr. Johnson, and various editions of the Bible. He was perhaps a less modest collector of institutions, serving at various times on over sixty boards, ranging from banking institutions to Phi Beta Kappa. The latter has sponsored an annual Richard W. Couper scholarly lecture, as well as Phi Beta Kappa Couper Scholars who represent the organization throughout the country.

Deeply loyal to a large number of institutions, Couper maintained an active correspondence in his retirement with the staff of these institutions. It was characteristic of him to write congratulatory notes to new appointees, and frequently to express gratitude and admiration to those who remained in place. He remained an active squash and tennis player until his knees gave way in his seventies. With all his accomplishments, Couper maintained a puckish self-deprecating humor to the end. He enjoyed hearing his wife Patsy tell the story about how, during his tenure at NYPL, he met the actress Kim Novak, who complimented him on his full eyebrows, ensuring their enshrinement in the memory of friends and colleagues. A man of exceptional ability, commitment, and kindness, he will be greatly missed.

David H. Stam

ALAN MANNERS VOORHEES

Alan M. Voorhees, who was born on December 17, 1922, died on December 18, 2005, in Virginia. A New Jersey native, Al Voorhees interrupted his studies at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) to enlist in the armed forces in World War II. He served with

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