

to celebrate the 1976 Bicentennial. Having been succeeded in the chair by John Jeppson 2nd in 1977, Russell remained active on the Council for six more years, actively encouraging the acquisition of the Goddard-Daniels House for use as a residence for visiting fellows. He and Mabel were enthusiastic participants at the Society's annual and semiannual meetings. Both possessed high spirits. Russell, especially, entertained us by telling innumerable stories and he was not unknown to break into a rousing rendition of 'Danny Boy,' claiming his Irish heritage authorized such nonsense. In recognition of his contributions to the welfare of the Society and of his life-long commitment to freedom of the press, an endowment was established by his friends to fund the annual 'James Russell Wiggins Lecture on the History of the Book in America.' The incumbents of the lectureship include the brightest exponents of this field of scholarship that was established at AAS during Russell's era of leadership.

Russell Wiggins died at Carlton Cove on November 19, 2000. He was ninety-six years old. His once indomitable heart just grew tired. His beloved companion Mabel died in 1990. Three of their children also predeceased him: William in 1991, Geraldine Thomssen in 1994, and John in 1997. Patricia Schroth, of Sedgwick, Maine, survives him, as do a multitude of grandchildren, other family members, and friends.

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ROBERT ALLEN RUTLAND

Robert Allen Rutland, former research professor of history at the University of Tulsa and professor emeritus of American history at the University of Virginia, friend and member of the American Antiquarian Society, died at his home in Tulsa on December 30, 2000. Bob was born in Okmulgee, Oklahoma, on October 1, 1922. After army service in World War II from 1943 to 1946, Bob

took his bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Oklahoma in 1947, followed by a master's degree in history from Cornell University in 1950, and a doctorate in history from Vanderbilt University in 1953. He worked as a reporter for United Press International in Oklahoma City and later for the *Broken Arrow Ledger*. He was a research associate at the State Historical Society of Iowa from 1952 to 1954 before taking a position as instructor in journalism at the University of California, Los Angeles. He had been promoted to professor in that department before moving to the East Coast as coordinator of Revolutionary Bicentennial programs at the Library of Congress from 1969 to 1971. From there he moved to Charlottesville, where he became professor of history and editor of *The Papers of James Madison* that had relocated that year from the University of Chicago to the University of Virginia. Nine volumes of the Madison Papers were published under his supervision during his fifteen-year association with the project. Bob also held a Fulbright lectureship at the University of Innsbruck in Austria from 1960 to 1961 and a visiting history professorship at the University of East Anglia in 1981.

Bob held esteemed positions and professorships and also produced a prodigious amount of scholarship throughout his life right up until his sudden death at the age of 78. His first book was *Golden Hurricane: Fifty Years of Football at the University of Tulsa, 1895-1945* (1953). During his years teaching journalism he wrote *Birth of the Bill of Rights* (1955), *George Mason, Reluctant Statesman* (1961), and *Ordeal of the Constitution* (1966), which won the Commonwealth Club of California Silver Medal. While at the Library of Congress, he completed his edition of *The Papers of George Mason* (3 vols., 1970). During his years at Virginia, he wrote *The Newsmongers: Journalism in the Life of the Nation, 1690-1972* (1973); *Madison's Alternatives: The Jeffersonian Republicans and the Coming of War, 1805-1812* (1975); *George Mason and the War for Independence* (1976); *The Democrats: From Jefferson to Carter* (1979; updated 1995); and *James Madison and the Search for Nationhood* (1981).

After his retirement from the Madison Papers in 1986, he con-

tinued to be productive. Among his more recent publications are: *James Madison: The Founding Father* (1987); *The Presidency of James Madison* (1990); *James Madison and the American Nation, 1751-1836: An Encyclopedia* (1994); *The Republicans: From Lincoln to Bush* (1996); and *A Boyhood in the Dust Bowl, 1926-1934* (1997). Bob chaired a panel during the twentieth anniversary meeting of the Association for Documentary Editing in St. Louis in 1997. His final scholarship included an edited essay collection, *Clio's Favorites: Leading Historians of the United States, 1945-2000* (2000).

Bob was elected to AAS membership on October 19, 1977. He attended the semiannual meeting of April 1983 at the Folger Library and served as chair of the local committee for the 1985 semiannual meeting at the University of Virginia. In the spring of 1987, Bob visited AAS as one of three presenters for an NEH-funded lecture series commemorating the bicentennial of the Constitution. That talk, 'The First Great Newspaper Debate: The Constitutional Crisis of 1787-88,' was published in the *Proceedings of the American Antiquarian Society*. Bob, ever the enthusiast of American printed material, stated his appreciation for AAS thus: 'I have been privileged as a graduate student, research historian, and editor to know the great value and thrill of working with the original materials at the Society. The Society has, indeed, one of the few such collections in the world where loving care is still provided and research is still possible in such compatible surroundings.'

In addition to AAS, Bob was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, the Organization of American Historians, Sigma Delta Chi (the Society of Professional Journalists), Kappa Sigma Fraternity, and the Commonwealth Club of California. He also received grants from the American Philosophical Society.

Bob, who was predeceased by his wife Peggy Marchant, is survived by their two daughters.

Martha J. King

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