

OBITUARIES

WILLIAM CROWNINSHIELD ENDICOTT

William Crowninshield Endicott died at his home in Boston, November 28, 1936. He was born at Salem, September 28, 1860, the son of William Crowninshield and Ellen (Peabody) Endicott, and a lineal descendant from John Endicott, Governor of the Massachusetts Bay Colony and founder of the American family. After attending the schools in Salem, he entered Harvard from which he was graduated with the degree of A.B. in 1883. He began the study of law in Salem, continued his course at the Harvard Law School, and was admitted to the bar in 1886. During the next three years he was in Washington where he served in the office of the Attorney General and for a time as private secretary to his father, then Secretary of War. In 1889 he returned to Boston, where he practiced law until 1893, when he went to Washington as private secretary to Richard Olney, Attorney General of the United States. Through the second Cleveland administration he was pardon attorney in the office of the Attorney General. In 1896 he returned to Boston to practice law and during the latter part of his life to serve as trustee for many important trusts.

Mr. Endicott was deeply interested in the study of New England history and active in the conduct of historical societies. He was president of the Essex Institute in Salem from 1916 to 1925, later vice-president, and then re-elected in 1934. He was president of the Massachusetts Historical Society from 1927 until his death, presiding with dignity and exerting an active influence upon the concerns of the Society. He was vice-president of the Peabody Museum of Salem and president of the Isabella Stewart Gardner

Museum, and an officer or trustee of several charitable institutions of Boston. He was elected a member of the American Antiquarian Society in 1916 and was much interested in the affairs of the Society. Always inclined to hospitality, he entertained the members at several of the Boston meetings, where the luncheons at his house were especially interesting because of the attractiveness of his ancestral possessions.

Mr. Endicott married at Lenox, Mass., October 3, 1889, Louise Thoron of New York. He remembered by will several of the Societies of which he was an officer, and left to the State his well-known portrait of Governor John Endicott.

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GRENVILLE HOWLAND NORCROSS

Grenville Howland Norcross was born in Boston, February 2, 1854, the son of Otis and Lucy Ann (Lane) Norcross, and died unmarried at his home in Boston, February 12, 1937. After an early education at the Boston Public Latin School, he entered Harvard, from which he was graduated with the degree of A.B. in 1875. He decided to follow the law, receiving the degree of LL.B. in 1879. He was a practicing lawyer for many years, although in the latter part of his life his attention was largely given to trusts in which he had a personal interest. For the last few years of his life he was confined to the house with partial paralysis, spending much of his time in reading and building up his collection of autographs, a subject in which he had long been interested.

Mr. Norcross was a member of the New England Historic Genealogical Society, of the Bostonian Society, of which he was president from 1911 to 1932, and of the Club of Odd Volumes. For thirty-five years he was a member of the Massachusetts Historical Society, serving as cabinet keeper from 1904 until his death. Even in his last years, when afflicted by illness,

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