

JOHN WOOLF JORDAN

John Woolf Jordan was born at Philadelphia, September 14, 1840, the eldest son of Francis and Emily Woolf Jordan. He received his education in the private schools of the city and was graduated from Nazareth Hall. During the Civil War he served in the emergency forces which were called upon to aid in repelling the confederate army which invaded Pennsylvania, being attached to the 32nd regiment of militia. Always interested in historical studies, he was elected assistant librarian of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania in 1886, succeeding Frederick D. Stone in 1903, which position he held for the remainder of his life. In 1887 he became editor of the *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography*, and some of the most valuable contributions to this publication were from his pen. He was married first in 1866 to Lillie Moore by whom he had two children, and secondly in 1883 to Anne, daughter of Alfred and Rebecca S. Page, by whom he had three children.

Dr. Jordan was a prolific writer and editor of historical works, especially in the field of early Pennsylvania history and biography. During the later years of his life he superintended the publication of many volumes of genealogical histories published by the Lewis Publishing Company. He was the first President of the Pennsylvania Confederation of Historical Societies, vice-president of the Colonial Society of Pennsylvania, registrar of the Pennsylvania Society of the Sons of the Revolution, President of the Swedish Colonial Society and was a member of many learned societies. He received the degree of LL.D. from Lafayette College in 1902. He was elected to membership in this Society in 1915. He died June 11, 1921.

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