

Obituaries

JOSEPH CARSON

Joseph Carson, of Philadelphia, died at his home in Bryn Mawr, August 23, 1953. He was born in Germantown, Pennsylvania, July 2, 1883, the son of Hampton Lawrence and Anna Lea Baker Carson. His father was Attorney-General of Pennsylvania during the administration of Governor Pennypacker, president of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, and a helpful member of the American Antiquarian Society until his death in 1929. Joseph Carson was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1905, receiving his law degree in 1908. As a lawyer he represented important business organizations of Philadelphia and was active as a trustee of many estates. During the First World War he was first lieutenant in the Army Ordnance Corps and served in France as captain in 1918-1919. After thirty years at the bar he withdrew from active practice to devote his life to public institutions and civic enterprises.

Mr. Carson's chief interest was in the Fairmount Park Commission of Art which he served as president for eleven years. He was an associate trustee of the University of Pennsylvania, a trustee of the Philadelphia Museum of Art, councilor of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania and vice-president from 1937 until his death, and vice-president of the Philobiblon Club of Philadelphia. He was president of the board of the Free Library of Philadelphia from 1943 to 1953, and it was during his term that important collections were presented to the Library, notably the juvenile library

of Dr. A. S. W. Rosenbach and the Americana library of William M. Elkins—both his close friends. He was a collector of Americana and legal history and a well-known authority on postal history, possessing a notable collection of pre-stamp covers. He was elected to the American Antiquarian Society in 1947 and always manifested an intense interest in the Society. In October, 1950, he contributed a paper, "The Surprising Adventures of the Brigantine Rebecca," detailing from letters incidents of trade with the West Indies in 1762.

Mr. Carson was married in 1908 to Edith Guest Bruen of Philadelphia, who died in 1927 leaving a son, Professor Hampton L. Carson of St. Louis, and a daughter, Mrs. David B. Robb of Ardmore. In 1942 he was married to Marian Sadtler Horner, by whom he had two daughters, Lea and Wynne Carson. The home which the Carsons owned at Bryn Mawr housed a notable collection of early American furniture, portraits, and books. Marian Carson is a well-known collector of Americana in her own right, and a valued authority on early Philadelphia printing and literature.

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WAT TYLER CLUVERIUS

Admiral Cluverius came of a seventeenth-century Virginia family which had moved west to New Orleans, where he was born on December 25, 1874, to Wat Tyler and Martha Lewis (Manning) Cluverius. His youthful ambition was to become a bishop or a Grand Duke, but he bowed to the wishes of his father, a Confederate veteran, and entered the Naval Academy in 1892. His first graduate cruise was on the battleship *Maine*, but he had the good fortune to go through her disaster uninjured. After a quick return to

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