

with a style that encouraged others to join in the talk at their highest pitch. An expedition or simply an evening with him was an event to be remembered.

Arthur Houghton was elected to the American Antiquarian Society in 1968, but his many activities prevented him from attending its meetings and taking an active part in its affairs. He was well acquainted with many members of the Society, including presidents C. Waller Barrett and J. Russell Wiggins, and he demonstrated his interest by contributing towards the acquisition of Michael Papantonio's distinguished collection of American book-bindings.

He died after a brief illness in a hospital near his winter home in Boca Grande, Florida, on April 3, 1990. He is survived by his wife, the former Nina Rodale, and a son and two daughters by previous marriages: Arthur A. Houghton 3d of Washington, Sylvia Garrett of Easton, Maryland, and Hollister Haggard of Aiken, S.C., and nine grandchildren.

William H. Bond

KENNETH SCHWALM JONES

Kenneth Schwalm Jones was born in Tower City, Pennsylvania, on May 12, 1906. He attended high school in Pottsville, earned his bachelor's degree from Dickinson College in 1926 and his master's in business administration from the Wharton School of Business in 1928. He began his business career in Pennsylvania but in 1939 became the owner of Ken Jones, Inc., in Worcester, one of the largest tire distributors in New England.

Although some AAS staff members bought their tires from Mr. Jones, it was really his interest in tracing the ancestry of Johannes Schwalm, a Hessian who fought for England during the American Revolution, that brought him into the orbit of the Society. This interest in the Hessian presence in America became a second

career for him. He described the expanded scope of this work in a letter to the Society in 1984, 'What originally started innocently as family research became a full blown Hessian project due to publicity in *The New York Times*. This led to the creation of our nonprofit Association with a basic purpose of researching phases of Hessian mercenary history. Only a few of us do the work on a voluntary basis but we have been able to publish annual *Journals* since 1977. In recent years we have been helping American descendants document their Hessian soldier ancestry. In doing this we have developed a Registry of these soldiers and their living descendants. We help some of these descendants write their case histories.'

Mr. Jones's genealogical interests had brought him into contact with other descendants also trying to trace their Schwalm roots, and the group that was formed produced, after six years of work, one of the most charming and informative family histories to be published in our bicentennial year. *Johannes Schwalm, the Hessian* (1976, privately printed) was written by nine family members, who had formed the Johannes Schwalm Historical Association, and was edited by G. Paul Mosher and Mr. Jones. The book chronicles the German background of Johannes Schwalm, who came over with British troops in 1776, was twice captured by the Americans, and stayed on after the Revolution, generating a large family of descendants. The facts that the researchers uncovered contradicted previous family legend that Schwalm had deserted to the American side. The book goes well beyond the routine listing of birth and death dates common to most genealogies. It presents the history of the Hessian presence in America and follows Hessian settlement in Pennsylvania after the war. There are wonderful maps and photographs and many copies of wills, inventories, and manuscript family correspondence. The book received much favorable publicity when it came out, and, as Mr. Jones noted in his letter to the Society, the authors were interviewed for a long article in *The New York Times*.

Only someone who has been involved in a cooperative family research venture can appreciate how much work and effort Mr. Jones expended to make this family association so successful. In addition to the book, the association organizes large family reunions and publishes *Journal of the Johannes Schwalm Historical Association, Inc.* In the first issue of volume four (1989) of the *Journal*, Mr. Jones wrote an essay entitled 'Historical Echoes' that is a miscellany of family information.

Mr. Jones was made a member of AAS in October 1978. He attended annual meetings in the 1980s and served on the library committee from 1980 to 1983. He was also active in many other organizations including the National Association of Independent Tire Dealers, the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania German Society, the Society of German-American Studies, the Shrewsbury Historical Society, the Worcester Art Museum, the Worcester Historical Museum, Free and Accepted Masons, the Lancaster (Penn.) Mennonite Historical Society, and the Evangelical and Reformed Historic Society.

Mr. Jones died on December 30, 1989. Elizabeth Jones, his wife, had died in March of the same year. He leaves a son, Gerald K. Jones, and three grandsons, including one, Stephen, who is married to a former member of the Readers' Services Department at AAS, Ann M. Ouellette Jones. Mr. Jones was a favorite member of our AAS family, and we miss his visits to the reading room and his anecdotes about his latest Hessian find.

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LEWIS LEARY

The study of American literature as a field of learning emerged from World War II solidly established. Pioneered really in the 1920s, struggling to survive during the 1930s, it prevailed after

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