

firm. Total integrity was his watchword. George may at one time have considered himself to be an apprentice (and who better to apprentice himself to than Charles Goodspeed), but as usual he was shy about giving himself sufficient credit. He was a leader in an extraordinary generation of antiquarian booksellers—in truth, a master of the profession.

W. H. Bond

AUGUSTUS GEORGE BULLOCK II

George Bullock represented the best tradition of service to the American Antiquarian Society by local supporters from his election in 1952 until his death in Needham, Massachusetts, on August 22, 1997. He came to this service naturally. A casual count of his relatives who were also members of AAS include two cousins, three uncles, a pair of grandfathers, and two great-grandfathers. Unwilling to coast on the strength of these family predecessors, he secured his own place in the annals of the Society, serving two terms on the Council, acting as treasurer for eleven years, offering his expertise on the finance committee for many years including a stint as chairman, and missing only one annual meeting in a thirty-year stretch.

His roots were in Massachusetts. (One of those AAS great-grandfathers was Governor Alexander H. Bullock.) Born in Worcester on February 10, 1909, the son of Rockwood Hoar Bullock and Elizabeth (Dewey) Bullock, he graduated from St. Mark's School in 1927 and Harvard in 1931. During World War II George served in the Air Force as a major in the European Theatre. He joined State Mutual Life Assurance Co. (now Allmerica Financial) and was its treasurer and chief securities officer during his forty-two years of service. His financial skills were utilized in other capacities, including treasurer and director of the Norwich & Worcester Railroad, director and trust committee member of Mechanics Bank, trustee and finance commit-

tee chairman of Memorial Hospital, and a trustee of the Morgan Construction Company's Pension and Profit Sharing Plan.

When he was away from these duties, he enjoyed outdoor sports: sailing, skiing, and hunting. His first wife and mother of his three children, Mary A. Baugh, died in 1982. For the last fourteen years of his life, he was married to Gertrude E. Carter. They made their home in Dedham with summers in Jamestown, Rhode Island, and with trips to her Adirondack camp. He is survived by his wife, a son, a daughter, two sisters, seven grandchildren, six step-grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. One son predeceased him.

Henry B. Dewey

HAMILTON VAUGHAN BAIL

When Hamilton Vaughan Bail died in his 106th year on August 27, 1997, he was the senior member of the American Antiquarian Society, both in terms of duration of membership and in age. Longevity (Bail was also the oldest living graduate of Harvard College), however, was hardly Ham Bail's principal achievement. His contributions to the nation as a soldier, to commerce as a business leader, and to learned institutions as an administrator, advocate, and scholar were significant and praiseworthy.

Hamilton Bail was born in Dorchester, Massachusetts, on February 3, 1892, the son of William George Bail and his wife, Marietta King Palmer. Hamilton's father was a dealer in coal whose business was located in South Boston. Following graduation from the Boston Latin School, young Bail entered Harvard College in 1909, emerging therefrom in 1913 as an engineer with an A.B. Ham then joined the Aluminum Company of America, with which firm he continued until the United States entered World War I. Bail and Virginia Sutherland, a graduate of Wilson College, were married in June 1917, shortly before he was commissioned a first lieutenant. He was sent to France to serve with

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