

Obituary

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1963 Guy H. Amerman 1963

Guy H. Amerman, Vice-President and Actuary of Continental American Life Insurance Company, died on April 26, 1963.

A native of Michigan, Mr. Amerman had devoted his entire career to the field of life insurance. His first job was in the Actuarial Department of The Travelers Insurance Company from 1928 to 1933. He began his Continental American career as Assistant Actuary for the company, rising through the ranks, being elected Actuary in 1942 and Vice-President and Actuary in 1953, the position he held until his death.

Mr. Amerman was active in community affairs. He had served at various times as a director of the Kennett Square Civic Association, worker for the Kennett Square Community Fund, and member of the Kennett Square Country Club and the University and Whist Club of Wilmington.

A Fellow by examination of the Society of Actuaries, he was a past member of that Society's Examination Committee. He was also past secretary of the Actuaries' Club of Philadelphia.

Mr. Amerman is survived by his wife, Madeline, a son, David, and a daughter, Marya. He was respected, admired, and loved by all who knew him. Although ill since January, his sudden death was a shock to his many friends. His passing is a great loss to his company and his community.

1889 William J. Cameron 1963

William J. Cameron, retired Chairman of the Board of the Home Life Insurance Company, died suddenly at his home in Short Hills, New Jersey, on May 10, 1963. He was 74 years old.

Mr. Cameron was born in Cranbrook, Ontario, attended Seaforth High School, and graduated from the University of Toronto in 1911, receiving a B.A. degree (with honors in mathematics and physics). While at college he was an enthusiastic soccer player and was captain of the University team in his senior year.

After graduation he entered the Actuarial Department of the New York Life Insurance Company. Three years later he became Deputy Commissioner and Actuary of the North Carolina Insurance Department. Mr. Cameron joined the Home Life in 1917 and advanced through the positions of Actuary, Vice President and Actuary, Executive Vice President, President, and Chairman of the Board. He retired in 1954 but continued his active interest in the company as a member of the Board of Directors and its Executive Committee.

Mr. Cameron became a Fellow of the Actuarial Society in 1917 and has served on the Board of Governors of the Society. He was one of the founders of the Actuaries Club of New York. He served as Director of the Life Insurance Association of America and of the Life Insurance Guaranty Corporation. As chairman of a Joint Committee of the American Life Convention and the Life Insurance Association, he led a successful and historic industry effort to modernize the expense limitation section of the New York Insurance Law.

Although in his early years he was primarily concerned with actuarial matters, he soon acquired a profound knowledge of all phases of the life insurance business and a high order of skill in the broader field of company management. For many years he played an active part in every aspect of the Home Life Insurance Company's operations. He was a man of fine character and unsurpassed integrity, and those who worked with him quickly developed not only a great respect for his unusual ability and admiration for his sound judgment but also a deep affection for him as a person.

Mr. Cameron was active in the Presbyterian church and was an elder for many years.

Mr. Cameron is survived by his widow, the former Mary Lee Smith, and also leaves one daughter, Mrs. Arthur Marshall, and three grandchildren. His only son, Lieutenant William J. Cameron, Jr., was killed in 1944 in a plane crash while he was in training as a Marine Corps pilot.

1902 . . . **Harley Weston Dewey** . . . 1963

Harley W. Dewey, a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries, died of a heart attack on April 1, 1963, in Boca Raton, Florida, where he had been living since his retirement.

Mr. Dewey was born May 29, 1902, in St. Marys, Ontario. Upon graduation in 1922 from the University of Toronto, where he majored in mathematics and physics, he joined the Actuarial Department of Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company. He was appointed Assistant Actuary in 1934 and was advanced to Associate Actuary in 1949. He was Secretary and Associate Actuary from 1960 until his retirement on disability in 1962 after over forty years with the Phoenix. He was also pension consultant to several Connecticut corporations. In recent years he had taken up painting as a hobby.

Mr. Dewey was quiet and unassuming and of a friendly disposition.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth, who has since resumed residence in West Hartford, Connecticut.

1876 . . . **H. Pierson Hammond** . . . 1963

H. Pierson Hammond, retired Actuary of the Life Actuarial Department of The Travelers Insurance Company and an Associate of the Society of Actuaries, died in Hartford, Connecticut, on April 10, 1963.

He was born in Troy, New York, November 1, 1876. He graduated from Boys' High School, Brooklyn, New York, and in 1900 from Williams College, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He immediately entered the Actuary's Department of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, becoming an Associate of the Actuarial Society of America in 1904. In 1908 he became Actuary of the Connecticut Insurance Department. This move set the course of his future career and resulted in his becoming an authority on financial statements of insurance companies in both personal and property lines. He was for thirty-eight years a member of the Committee on Uniform Blanks of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners and presented several papers to that body.

In 1919 he joined The Travelers Insurance Company as Assistant Actuary of the Life Actuarial Department and in 1930 was made Actuary, which position he held until his retirement in 1947. He also served for many years as Actuary of the Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board of the Northern Baptist Convention, continuing in this position for several years after his retirement from The Travelers.

He was a Fellow of the Casualty Actuarial Society and the Royal Statistical Society, and a member of the American Statistical Association. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of West Hartford, Connecticut, and of the Sons of the American Revolution.

His wife, Jennie Seymour Hammond, died in 1945.

In his leisure time Pierson Hammond was intensely interested in football, and for many years spent part of his vacation watching the games and practice sessions of the Williams teams. His continuing close association with his college resulted in a number of Williams graduates entering the actuarial profession.

His forceful manner of expression gave him a first appearance of gruffness, but on continued acquaintance he was found to be highly sympathetic to the problems of others and to be possessed of a fine sense of humor. He served ably both the insurance business and his church.

1893 . . . Andrew Edmund Harkness . . . 1963

Andrew Edmund Harkness died suddenly in Bangalore, India, on April 13, 1963, following a heart attack while on a world tour.

Mr. Harkness was born in the Village of Iroquois, Ontario, on June 9, 1893. After serving in the Canadian Field Artillery during World War I, he attended Queen's University, Kingston, and graduated in 1921 with the degree of Bachelor of Science.

After teaching school for a year, he joined the Department of Insurance, Ottawa, in 1922 as an actuarial clerk. In 1926 he was appointed Actuary of The T. Eaton Life Assurance Company. He was promoted to the position of Manager in 1952 and elected a Director of the Company in the same year, in which position he served until his retirement in 1958.

Mr. Harkness was an Associate of the Society and a member of the Canadian Association of Actuaries.

Mr. Harkness was a quiet and unassuming person, well respected by all his associates. He was an active golfer and photographer, who loved to travel.

He is survived by his wife, Ella.

1908 . . . James F. R. Loutit . . . 1963

James F. R. Loutit died on May 24, 1963, after a long illness.

Mr. Loutit, who was a Fellow of the Society, was born in Chile of Scottish parents and was educated at George Watson's College in Edinburgh.

He was first employed by an insurance office in that city and in 1927 emigrated to the United States to become associated with the United States Life Insurance Company under the well-known actuary Henry Moir. In 1934 he went to Shanghai for the United States Life and subsequently returned to New York as chief actuary of the company. In 1947 he joined the American International Reinsurance Corporation as Actuary and became President of that organization in 1954. He was resident in Bermuda, the headquarters of the Corporation, and his duties took him to practically all parts of the world. His contribution to the success of his own company was a great one, and under his leadership it grew to a large and successful international organization.

It was not only as an able executive that James Loutit was known to many people in many countries. A loyal and generous friend, a man of great sympathy, and above all a good companion, he had the capacity for making and keeping friends. His love of life, his infectious enthusiasm, and his unusual gift of sharing himself with others were a delight to those who knew him well.

The last few years of his life were spent in the shadow of an illness which he knew would be fatal within a limited time, but he cheerfully overcame the handicaps of this illness and was active until his death. His courage and determination to carry on were to his friends an inspiration and example that they will long remember and cherish.

Mr. Loutit is survived by his widow, Mrs. Amelia Loutit, a son, James Robson, and by his two brothers.

1902 John Leslie Milne 1963

John L. Milne, retired Vice-President and Actuary of the Philadelphia Life Insurance Company, died February 6, 1963, at the age of 60 of Parkinsonism, at his home, Kennersley Farm, Church Hill, Maryland.

Mr. Milne was born in Erie, Pennsylvania, on June 3, 1902. He was graduated from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania in 1924, going to work for the Presbyterian Ministers' Fund the same year. He was named Assistant Actuary of the Presbyterian Ministers' Fund in 1925 and Actuary in 1927. He completed work for and became a Fellow of the Actuarial Society of America and the American Institute of Actuaries, summa cum laude, in 1929. He was also an Associate of the Casualty Actuarial Society.

Mr. Milne had over twenty years' service with the Presbyterian Ministers' Fund. Besides being fully conversant with the requirements under

which Pennsylvania companies operate, he was on the committee which drafted the standard nonforfeiture and valuation laws adopted by the Pennsylvania legislature and with which all life companies had to comply not later than January 1, 1948.

Mr. Milne served as Executive Assistant to the President of the Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company for a short time in 1946 before being elected Actuary of the Philadelphia Life Insurance Company in May, 1946. He was elected Vice-President and Actuary of Philadelphia Life in 1950. He retired in 1952 to Kennersley Farm, where he maintained a pure-bred herd of Guernsey cows.

Mr. Milne was active in fraternal and religious work as well as in life insurance circles. He was a charter member of the Philadelphia Actuaries Club. He was a Past Master of Industry Lodge No. 131 A.F. & A.M. He served for many years as a trustee and chairman of the Finance Committee of the First Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia.

He is survived by his wife, the former Charlotte Sherwood; three sons, John Robert, David Allen, and John William; a daughter, Charlotte Anne Hines, and seven grandchildren.

1912 Chalmers L. Weaver 1963

Chalmers L. Weaver, Group Secretary and Group Actuary of the New England Mutual Life Insurance Company, died suddenly of a heart attack the afternoon of April 24, 1963, in New York.

Born in Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, on October 8, 1912, Mr. Weaver graduated from Kent State College, Kent, Ohio, in June, 1933, and on August 1, 1933, joined the Actuarial Department of the New England Mutual Life Insurance Company. He became a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries in 1941 and in 1942 was appointed Assistant Actuary, New England Life. In 1944 Mr. Weaver joined the army and was engaged in statistical research in ballistics at Aberdeen, Maryland. Following his discharge he returned to New England Life.

Mr. Weaver was a quiet, unassuming man, dedicated to the unusually complex science which, three decades ago, he decided had the greatest challenge. His strengths were especially evident in small conference situations, where his wide knowledge of all aspects of group insurance, his keen insight and ingenuity made his counsel invaluable. His brilliant mind had an unusual capacity to quickly delve to the heart of the most difficult problems.

His passing is a matter of deep regret to all his friends and office associates. He is survived by his wife, Marion, and son, John.