

## Obituary

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WILLIAM BREIBY  
DONALD GRAHAM CLARK  
FRANCIS M. HOPE  
E. S. LINNEY  
JOSEPH PATRICK MOORE  
GUY WALLACE PICKERING  
HAROLD A. REISE  
GEORGE A. SKELDING  
HUGH HERBERT WOLFENDEN

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1884 . . . . . William Breiby . . . . . 1968

The death of William Breiby, chairman of the board of Western Travelers Life Insurance Company and former vice-president and director for Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company, brought to a close a sixty-six-year career in the actuarial field. He died in Los Angeles on August 5, 1968, at the age of eighty-four.

Mr. Breiby entered the New York office of consulting actuary David Parks Fackler in 1902. In 1919 he became a partner and with Edward B. Fackler continued as Fackler and Breiby, specializing in the investigation of insurance companies and pension funds. Their partnership continued until 1937.

During this period he served as consulting actuary for the United States Veterans Administration Government Life Insurance and introduced that organization's policyholder dividend plan. He also appeared before United States Senate committees as a pension expert in relation to legislation for railroad employees. Later, in 1943, he assisted Governor Earl Warren and the California Legislature in revising the State Teachers' Retirement Plan.

His long relationship with Pacific Mutual Life began in 1937, when he joined the company as a vice-president, and continued beyond his official retirement twenty-two years later. His experience was exceedingly

valuable during Pacific Mutual Life's successful steps toward complete mutualization, which was achieved in 1959. That same year, although Mr. Breiby retired as an executive and director, he opened his own offices as a consulting actuary and adviser on retirement plans and life company operations. He was elected to the chairmanship of Western Travelers' board in 1961.

Mr. Breiby was a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries, a charter member of the Casualty Actuarial Society, and a member of the Fraternal Actuarial Association, International Congress of Actuaries, Insurance Society of New York, the Actuarial Club of the Pacific States, and the Los Angeles Actuarial Club.

He also made substantial contributions to the literature of life insurance, in the field of management as well as actuarial science.

Ethel DeGray Breiby preceded her husband in death in 1963. They had been married for forty-nine years.

## 1916 . . . Donald Graham Clark . . . 1968

Donald Graham Clark, president of Clark & Co., Inc., died of a heart attack on August 31, 1968, at his home in Greenwich, Connecticut.

Mr. Clark was born May 17, 1916, in Cranston, Rhode Island, and attended Hope Street High School in that state. He graduated *magna cum laude* in mathematics from Brown University in 1937 with Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Xi honors.

Mr. Clark joined the Equitable Life Assurance Society in 1937 as an actuarial student in the actuary's department and attained his Fellowship in the Society of Actuaries in 1946. He entered the consulting field in 1946, when he joined Marsh and McLennan and served as actuary of its pension department. In 1951 he became a partner in Kwasha, Lipton & Clark, and in 1960 he established his own consulting firm, based in Stamford, Connecticut.

As a leading figure in the consulting actuarial profession, Mr. Clark was one of the founding members of the Academy of Actuaries. He was also a Fellow of the Conference of Actuaries in Public Practice and the Canadian Institute of Actuaries.

Mr. Clark is survived by his widow, the former Anna Maria Kelly; a son, Thomas Kelly Clark; three daughters, Donna Louise Clark, Elizabeth Anne Clark, and Mrs. M. Craig Holly; a sister, Mrs. Roger E. Hard; a brother, Robert B. Clark; and one grandchild.

1877 . . . . Francis M. Hope . . . . 1968

Francis M. Hope, past-president of the Actuarial Club of the Pacific States, a Fellow of the Faculty of Actuaries of Scotland, a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries, and an Associate of the Institute of Actuaries in London, died in Los Angeles, California, on June 13, 1968. He was ninety-one.

His death brought to a close a fifty-eight-year association with Occidental Life Insurance Company of California. Mr. Hope was born in Scotland in April, 1877. He entered the life insurance field as a nineteen-year-old apprentice with the Caledonia Insurance Company of Edinburgh, Scotland. He joined Occidental in 1910—four years after the company's founding. He was elected actuary in 1912; vice-president and actuary in 1930, and to the board of directors in 1937. He reached retirement age in 1942, but because of wartime personnel shortages served as actuary emeritus until 1947. He continued on the board of directors until 1958.

Mr. Hope leaves two sisters—Miss Effie Hope, of Los Angeles, and Miss Muriel Hope, of Edinburgh, Scotland.

1902 . . . . E. S. Linney . . . . 1968

E. S. ("Ted") Linney was born in Barrie, Ontario, on February 28, 1902, and was educated at McMaster University in Toronto. He joined the Canada Life Assurance Company in 1923 in its mathematical department, was appointed an officer of the company in 1946, and retired on December 31, 1965, with the title of statements actuary. He was well known among the Canadian life insurance companies for his interest in, and knowledge of, problems relating to company financial statements and taxation.

Mr. Linney was admitted as an Associate of the Actuarial Society of America on May 27, 1926, and was a member of the Canadian Institute of Actuaries and its two predecessor bodies, the Canadian Association of Actuaries and the Actuaries' Club. He served on the council of the Association. Outside his office activities his chief interest lay in his Masonic work; he was a past Master of York Lodge and a member of Northgate Lodge, in Toronto.

Mr. Linney died on July 22, 1968, after a prolonged illness. He is survived by his widow, Olive; his mother, Mrs. Harry Linney; his son, Donald R. Linney; and three grandchildren.

1874 . . . **Joseph Patrick Moore** . . . 1968

Joseph Patrick Moore died in March, 1968, at the age of ninety-four.

Mr. Moore became an Associate of the Institute of Actuaries in 1898 and an Associate of the Actuarial Society of America in 1916. He joined the Mutual Life and Citizens' Assurance Company Limited of Australia in 1890 and remained with this company for the rest of his life. He was made manager of the London branch of the company in 1908 and in 1913 manager of the newly established Canadian branch, from which position he retired in 1944. Upon his retirement, he was appointed local director for Canada, which position he held up to the time of his death.

Mr. Moore is survived by his widow and a son.

1910 . . . **Guy Wallace Pickering** . . . 1968

Guy Wallace Pickering died on July 10, 1968. Mr. Pickering was born in Kansas City, Missouri, on November 17, 1910. He studied as an undergraduate at St. Stephen's College of Columbia University, from which he graduated in 1932 with an outstanding scholastic record and as a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He then continued his studies at Brown University, from which he graduated with a Master of Arts degree in 1935.

Following graduation from Brown University, he joined Home Life Insurance Company as an actuarial trainee in 1935. He rose rapidly through the ranks of the actuarial department and was appointed second vice-president and actuary in 1959. He held that position at the time of his disability retirement in 1967. Mr. Pickering became a Fellow in the Society of Actuaries in 1942 and was a charter member of the Academy of Actuaries. He was a member and maintained an active interest until his death in the Actuaries' Club of New York.

Mr. Pickering played an important part in Home Life's entrance into the group insurance field in 1950. His special analytical abilities contributed greatly to the research and development activities of Home Life.

Mr. Pickering is survived by his widow, Louise D. Pickering; a daughter, Cynthia; and a son, Edward.

1903 . . . **Harold A. Reise** . . . 1968

Harold A. Reise, a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries and its two predecessor organizations, died on September 11, 1968, as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident at Indio, California.

He was born May 29, 1903, at Casey, Iowa, where he remained until he entered the University of Iowa. He graduated with honors from the University of Iowa in 1926 and later received a Master's degree in mathematics from the same university.

His first experience in the actuarial field was with the Maccabees in Detroit, beginning in 1928. The following year he joined the Register Life Insurance Company in Davenport, Iowa, which he later served with distinction as actuary and assistant secretary.

Shortly after he attained Fellowship in the American Institute of Actuaries in 1933, Mr. Reise entered the consulting field in Chicago. He specialized in the actuarial affairs of fraternal societies but did considerable work in the formation and development of many midwestern life insurance companies. His own firm was merged into that of Arthur Stedry Hansen Consulting Actuaries, Inc., where he took charge of the Insurance Management Division. He continued in this capacity until his retirement in 1961.

Surviving Mr. Reise are his widow, Eveline, and three daughters, Nancy, Barbara, and Elizabeth.

1901 . . . **George A. Skelding** . . . 1968

George A. Skelding, retired underwriting executive of the Confederation Life Association, died in an unfortunate car accident on Sunday, June 9, 1968, just one week after his sixty-seventh birthday.

Mr. Skelding was born on June 2, 1901, in Shelburne, Ontario, Canada. He graduated from Shelburne High School with honors in mathematics and was employed for a few years in the food-processing industry before joining Confederation Life Association in April, 1922. He completed his examinations and became a Fellow of the Actuarial Society of America in 1932. He then gradually assumed greater and greater responsibilities in the underwriting of individual life insurance, being appointed assistant actuary in 1936, associate actuary in 1942, and underwriting executive in 1949.

Mr. Skelding was a member of the Canadian Association of Actuaries, of the Home Office Life Underwriters Association, and of the Canadian Home Office Life Underwriters Association. He was elected president of the last-mentioned organization in 1955.

On completion of his business career, Mr. Skelding retired in 1966 to his country home in Tichborne, near Ottawa, Ontario.

Mr. Skelding is survived by his widow, Donna, and his son, Paul.

## 1892 . . . Hugh Herbert Wolfenden . . . 1968

Hugh Herbert Wolfenden, retired consulting actuary, died unexpectedly May 26, 1968, in Seattle, Washington. He is survived by his widow, Mary Sheelah.

Mr. Wolfenden was born in England on January 13, 1892. He came to Canada at the age of seventeen and maintained a consulting actuarial practice in Toronto for more than twenty-five years. His first major consulting project was that of welding together the various denominational clergy retirement plans at the time of the formation of the United Church of Canada in 1925.

He was a vice-president of the Actuarial Society of America in 1940-42 and a member of its Council intermittently from 1925 to 1943. From 1941 to 1946 he was chairman of the Joint Committee on Review. He was a Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries and the Royal Statistical Society, as well as the Society of Actuaries, and a member of the American Mathematical Society. He was the author of two books published under the auspices of the Society of Actuaries and its predecessors—*The Fundamental Principles of Mathematical Statistics* and *Population Statistics and Their Compilation*—and also of an official *Actuarial Report on the Canadian Employment and Social Insurance Act of 1935*. He also published monographs on social insurance and unemployment funds and a much-appreciated work, *The Canadian Medical Association and the Problems of Medical Economics*, as well as numerous papers in actuarial and statistical journals.

He was one of the outstanding scholars among North American actuaries, and his contributions to actuarial, mathematical, and statistical science are too numerous to mention individually. He is perhaps best known in learned circles for drawing attention to the almost forgotten work of an American mathematician, Erastus Lyman De Forest (1834-88), who, in the 1870's made important discoveries in graduation and statistics, some of them rediscovered by others decades later. Much of De Forest's work has current relevance and is being cited in research papers appearing in scholarly journals today.

Much of Mr. Wolfenden's time after his retirement from consulting practice in 1951 was devoted to preparing for publication a collection of De Forest's more important papers, together with commentaries and interpretations. This important work was completed prior to his death, but negotiations regarding its publication are still in progress at the time of writing.