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1921 . . . **W. Nelson Bagley, Jr.** . . . 1976

W. Nelson Bagley, Jr., assistant director, corporate accounting, of the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company of Hartford, died April 14, 1976.

Mr. Bagley was born in Hartford on January 23, 1921. His father, W. Nelson Bagley, was an actuary with the Travelers Insurance Company. Mr. Bagley graduated from Williams College in 1942 with a B.A. degree in mathematics. He served in the Air Force during World War II.

He joined Connecticut Mutual in 1946 and was appointed assistant actuary in 1956. He was an Associate of the Society.

Outside of his professional activities, Mr. Bagley was deeply involved with the Boy Scouts of America and also served on many civic

committees. He was a man of great integrity and will be missed by those who worked with him.

He is survived by his widow, three sons, and a daughter.

1904 . . . Edward D. Brown, Jr. . . . 1976

Edward D. Brown, Jr., died on January 4, 1976, in Greensboro, North Carolina.

Mr. Brown was born on July 7, 1904, in Kinston, North Carolina. He graduated from Davidson College in 1924, where he was elected to membership in Phi Beta Kappa.

Following his graduation, Mr. Brown began his actuarial career with the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company. In 1935 he entered private practice as a consulting actuary. At the time of his death he was a partner in the firm of Brown and Flott, consulting actuaries.

Mr. Brown was an Associate of the Society, a founder and past president of the Conference of Actuaries in Public Practice, a charter member and past vice-president of the American Academy of Actuaries, and a Fellow and past president of the Fraternal Actuarial Association.

His warm personality and wise counsel will be deeply missed by all his associates and clients.

He is survived by his widow.

1930 . . . Arthur Edwin Erickson, Jr. . . . 1976

Arthur Edwin Erickson, Jr., senior vice-president, insurance finance, and a director of Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company, died in a tragic automobile accident on February 5, 1976.

Born in Providence, Rhode Island, on March 30, 1930, Ed was a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Brown University in 1950. Following three years' service in the Navy, Ed joined Phoenix Mutual in 1953 as an actuarial student. In 1958 he became a Fellow of the Society and an officer of the company. He advanced through a number of positions and became senior vice-president, insurance finance, in 1972. The following year he was elected a director of the company.

Ed served as a member of the Society's Education and Examination Committee and was chairman for Part 6 in 1965 and 1966. He also earned the Chartered Life Underwriter designation.

Ed was a brilliant executive with an unusual breadth of knowledge of all facets of insurance operations. His remarkable analytical and

creative powers and singleness of purpose were combined with complete integrity, a modest bearing, and a wholly unpretentious life-style.

As an outstanding citizen, Ed will be mourned by the Greater Hartford community, where he was involved in many religious and civic activities. He served as director and vice-president of the Capitol Region Community Council, treasurer of the Capitol Region Conference of Churches, and director of the Greater Hartford Chamber of Commerce.

He is survived by his widow, a son, two daughters, his parents, a sister, and a brother.

1925 Donald L. Fisher 1976

Donald L. Fisher, senior vice-president and actuary of the Government Employees Life Insurance Company, died of cancer on May 17, 1976.

Born in Brockton, Massachusetts, Mr. Fisher served in the Army during World War II. He graduated in 1946 from Bowdoin College, where he majored in mathematics. He received a Master's degree in actuarial science from the University of Michigan in 1949.

Mr. Fisher was employed as an assistant actuary with the Loyal Protective Life Insurance Company in Boston and later joined the Sun Life Insurance Company in Baltimore. He was with the Maryland State Insurance Division before coming to Government Employees Life in 1959.

Mr. Fisher was a Fellow of the Society and a member of the American Academy of Actuaries. He served on the Society's Education and Examination Committee.

He is survived by his widow, seven children, his mother, and three brothers.

1928 James W. Garey 1976

James W. Garey, second vice-president, treasurer, and assistant actuary of Companion Life Insurance Company, died on June 5, 1976.

Mr. Garey graduated cum laude from St. John's University, New York, in 1946 and received an M.S. degree there in 1949. He served in the United States Navy from 1950 to 1952 and was discharged as a lieutenant (j.g.).

Mr. Garey obtained his Associateship in the Society while employed

with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. He joined Companion Life in 1967.

Involved in civic activities, Mr. Garey served as president of the George Huntington Civic Association and director of the council of the Edison Civic Association.

He is survived by his widow and four children.

1910 . . . **James T. Hendrickson** . . . 1976

James T. Hendrickson, retired associate actuary of Provident Mutual Life Insurance Company of Philadelphia, died on March 22, 1976, at the age of sixty-six. He was a Fellow of the Society and a member of the American Academy of Actuaries.

Born in York, Pennsylvania, on January 10, 1910, Mr. Hendrickson joined Provident Mutual in 1926 after graduating from high school. Following his attainment of Fellowship in the Actuarial Society of America in 1945, he was elected actuarial assistant in 1946, assistant actuary in 1952, and associate actuary in 1958. He retired in 1974 after forty-seven and one-half years with the company.

His career in the actuarial division of the company covered virtually every phase of individual life insurance actuarial work—premiums, dividends, nonforfeiture values, policy reserves, changes, policy loans, reinsurance, annual statement, and product development. His ability was outstanding, and many actuaries received their practical experience under his quiet and patient direction.

In his younger days Jim was an enthusiastic sportsman and participated in such company-sponsored activities as basketball, tennis, handball, and bowling. He also enjoyed golf and bridge. He was an excellent chess player and at the time of his retirement was playing six different chess games by mail.

He and his wife, a former member of Provident's actuarial division, enjoyed traveling and were particularly fond of their visits to England and Ireland.

Mr. Hendrickson is survived by his widow, two daughters, and two grandchildren.

1901 . . . **Wilmer A. Jenkins** . . . 1976

Wilmer A. Jenkins, a Fellow of the Society and President in 1961-62, died suddenly at his home in West Willington, Connecticut, on October 6, 1976.

Mr. Jenkins graduated from the University of Michigan. After spending several years as a consultant with Lynn Glover, he became assistant actuary at the Lincoln National Life Insurance Company in 1931. Six years later he joined Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association as actuary. When he retired in 1966, he was executive vice-president of that company and of the College Retirement Equities Fund.

Mr. Jenkins authored a number of papers and participated in many discussions at Society meetings. His early works included such diverse subjects as osculatory interpolation and methods of measuring the performance of agencies. Outstanding among his contributions to actuarial science was the *a*-1949 Table, developed in 1949 in collaboration with Edward A. Lew and presented in a paper entitled "A New Mortality Basis for Annuities" at the 1949 meeting of the Society. Another important paper was "The Place of Variable Annuities in Staff Pension Funds," which was presented at the Fifteenth International Congress of Actuaries.

As chairman of the Committee on Professional Conduct, Mr. Jenkins devised the first set of guides to professional conduct for actuaries. These guides were adopted by the Society and later, in somewhat similar form, by other American actuarial bodies.

Wilmer Jenkins was a scholar and a teacher. He had an inquiring mind which made him an innovator. But his rare intellect and unparalleled technical knowledge were accompanied by good judgment, a warm personality, and compassion for others. His friends will miss his companionship and wise counsel.

At various times throughout his career, Mr. Jenkins served as a board member of the United Medical Service (New York City Blue Shield), the National Health and Welfare Retirement Association, the Health and Welfare Life Insurance Association, the Ministers and Missionaries Board of the American Baptist Church, the Lay Workers Retirement Fund of the American Baptist Convention, and the Scarsdale Community Baptist Church.

Mr. Jenkins is survived by his widow, two sons, two daughters, ten grandchildren, and a brother.

1905 Wendell A. Milliman 1976

Wendell A. Milliman, who served the Society as its President during the 1968-69 term, died at his home in Seattle, Washington, on January 31, 1976, following an extended illness. Mr. Milliman had retired

in 1971 from active service in the firm of Milliman and Robertson, Inc., the actuarial consulting firm which he founded.

Mr. Milliman was born in Seattle on December 13, 1905. He graduated from the University of Washington in 1926 and commenced his illustrious career by serving as a trainee in the actuarial department of the Standard Insurance Company of Portland, Oregon, which was then the Oregon Mutual Life Insurance Company. In 1928 he became actuary of the Northwestern Life Insurance Company of Seattle, and he served in 1929 as actuary of the Seattle Employees Retirement System. In 1929 he accepted a position with the Equitable Life Assurance Society of New York, where he remained for eighteen years, rising to the position of second vice-president.

In 1947 he returned to Seattle and opened a one-man consulting office. This led subsequently to the formation of the consulting firm that bears his name. During a five-year absence from the consulting field from 1950 to 1955, he served as vice-president of the New York Life Insurance Company and organized that company's initial entry into the field of group insurance.

Mr. Milliman achieved Fellowship in the Actuarial Society of America in 1934. There followed a lengthy and very devoted service to members of his profession. He was elected to the Council of the Actuarial Society of America in 1947 and served as a member of the first Board of Governors of the Society of Actuaries at the time of its formation in 1949. He was elected vice-president of the Society in 1960 and served again on its Board of Governors from 1961 to 1964. After being elected to the office of President of the Society for the 1968-69 term, he was subsequently elected to serve during the same period as president of the American Academy of Actuaries.

Mr. Milliman was known widely as a spokesman in the insurance and actuarial fields. He authored numerous articles on health insurance, group insurance, and pensions, and participated in many of the developments in these fields during a period of forty years. He was one of the organizers and the second chairman of the Health Insurance Council and was known as the architect of the Health Insurance Association of America.

Wendell Milliman was an inspiring leader who employed his exceptional talents to improve his profession and to benefit the industries it serves. He believed strongly that actuaries were truly members of a profession, and devoted his time, effort, and abundant statesman-like qualities to the building of the structures of that profession. In

the course of a distinguished career he touched the lives of a very large number of actuaries.

Survivors include his widow, a daughter, three sons, and seven grandchildren.

1942 William John Mitchell 1976

William John Mitchell, an Associate of the Society, died suddenly on April 3, 1976, at the age of thirty-four as the result of a brain hemorrhage.

He was born on January 22, 1942, in England and completed his education in that country. He became a Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries in 1968.

He joined Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada in London in 1960 and remained with that company until his death. In 1971 he moved to the company's head office in Montreal, and in 1973 he returned to the London administrative office, where he attained the position of associate actuary.

Bill's main avocational interests, apart from his family and home, were soccer and squash.

He is survived by his widow and four children.

1912 Leo Nordquist 1976

Leo Nordquist, a Fellow of the Society and a charter member of the American Academy of Actuaries, died on January 25, 1976, in Alameda, California.

Mr. Nordquist was born in Frontier, Wyoming, on May 3, 1912. After completing his secondary education in Brooklyn, New York, he joined the Equitable Life Assurance Society in 1930. He subsequently entered the University of Iowa and graduated as a Phi Beta Kappa with a B.A. in actuarial science.

During World War II he served as an instructor in aerial navigation and attained the rank of lieutenant commander. He joined West Coast Life in 1946 in the actuarial department and served in many actuarial positions. He was elected a vice-president in 1967 and was vice-president and actuary of the company at the time of his death. Mr. Nordquist attained his Fellowship in 1952 and was past president of both the San Francisco and the Pacific States Actuarial Club.

His deep love and compassion for his fellowman led him to his

position as chairman of the board of the California Institute of Asian Studies. Admired by all for his integrity, steadfastness, and loyalty, he will be missed by his friends and associates.

He is survived by his widow, a son, a grandson, two brothers, and a stepmother.

1892 John Mark Powell 1976

John Mark Powell died July 15, 1976, at the age of eighty-four, after an illness of several months. For more than forty-five years he had provided leadership to the Loyal Protective Life Insurance Company in Boston, serving as president, chairman of the board, and director.

Mr. Powell's insurance career spanned more than sixty years. He joined Travelers Insurance Company in 1915, served as actuary of the Columbian National Life Insurance Company from 1920 to 1931, and then became president of the Loyal Protective.

He was a Fellow of the Society and of both its predecessor organizations, a member of the American Academy of Actuaries, and an Associate of the Casualty Actuarial Society. During the 1920's he served as a member of the Committee of Five on Statistics of the Bureau of Personal Accident and Health Underwriters. He twice served as president of the Actuaries Club of Massachusetts and Northern New England. In 1938 he headed the committee that developed the Conference Modification of Class III Disability Table, adopted in 1941.

In 1941 he was elected president of the Health and Accident Underwriters Conference. He served as director of the Canadian Life Insurance Officers Association and of the Insurance Economics Society of America. He also served on the Advisory Committee to the Social Security Board during its early years.

Mr. Powell was an inspiring leader and was highly respected for his integrity and good faith. Personally warm and cordial, he was an altruistic humanitarian who gave generously of his time and many talents for the betterment of his community. He served as president and a trustee of Newton-Wellesley Hospital and the Union Church Society, and as a director of Newton Community Chest.

Mr. Powell's wife died in 1969. He is survived by a son (who is a Fellow of the Society), a daughter, and five grandchildren.

1901 **James A. Roberts** 1973

James A. Roberts, an Associate of the Society, died in a Rocky Hill, Connecticut, convalescent home on December 21, 1973, after a long illness.

Mr. Roberts was born August 2, 1901, in Dover, New Hampshire. After graduation from the University of New Hampshire in 1923 and postgraduate study in Danvers, Massachusetts, he taught mathematics in a private school in Stonington, Connecticut. In 1927 he joined the Life Actuarial Department of the Travelers Insurance Company, subsequently becoming a statistician in the group actuarial department.

Mr. Roberts was quiet and reserved; he was a highly respected family man and over the years was active in church work.

He is survived by a daughter, a son, and six grandchildren.

1922 **George W. Shelly** 1976

George W. Shelly, vice-president and actuary of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, died on September 18, 1976, at age fifty-four. He had suffered a heart attack earlier in the summer but appeared to be recovering well, and his sudden death came as a shock to his family, friends, and business associates.

George was born on January 29, 1922, in Jersey City, New Jersey. He worked briefly with the Mutual of New York after graduation from high school, and then went to Washington, D.C., to become a printer with the Bureau of Engraving of the Treasury Department. While working in Washington, he enrolled at George Washington University on a part-time basis; in 1951 he received a Bachelor's and in 1954 a Master's degree in mathematics. He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Xi.

It is symbolic of George's courage and strength of character that, in 1954, he launched an entirely new career as an actuarial trainee at the Equitable in New York. His faith in the future and in his own abilities was confirmed as he became a Fellow of the Society in 1958 and then progressed into a series of increasingly important positions within his company. He became an officer of the Equitable in 1968 and vice-president and actuary in 1974.

George was active in the Society, serving as a member of the Education and Examination Committee, the Program Committee, and the

Committee on Mortality and Morbidity. He was also a member of the American Academy of Actuaries and an enrolled actuary under ERISA.

An athlete in high school, George maintained an interest in sports, including an active role as a tennis player. He was also an amateur mechanic and thoroughly enjoyed repairing and maintaining several older foreign cars that he owned.

He is survived by his widow, two sons, two daughters, and four grandchildren.

1881 Coll Claude Sinclair 1975

Coll Claude Sinclair, a Fellow of the Society, died October 21, 1975, in Aylmer, Ontario, at the age of ninety-three.

Mr. Sinclair was born in Aylmer and attended Woodstock College and McMaster University. He lived in Winnipeg for many years and was assistant actuary with the Great-West Life Assurance Company, from which he retired in 1947.

Mr. Sinclair became a member of both of the Society's predecessor organizations. He was a Fellow of the Actuarial Society of America and an Associate of the American Institute of Actuaries. He was also a member of the Canadian Association of Actuaries.

Mr. Sinclair's wife died in 1945. He is survived by a son, four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

1889 Walter Tebbetts 1976

Walter Tebbetts, a Fellow of the Society, died on January 21, 1976, in Newton, Massachusetts, at the age of eighty-six.

Mr. Tebbetts was born in Pasadena, California, and graduated from Earlham College in 1910. He received a Master's degree in mathematics in 1911 from Haverford College.

Mr. Tebbetts became a Fellow of the Actuarial Society of America in 1916, while employed at the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company. He joined the New England Mutual Life Insurance Company in 1922 as an assistant actuary. He advanced to vice-president in 1927 and was a member of the company's board of directors from 1943 to 1960.

An active participant in Society affairs, Mr. Tebbetts was a member of its Board of Governors, served on numerous committees, and wrote and discussed papers.

Honest, plainspoken, and never reluctant to take and defend a difficult position, Mr. Tebbetts will also be remembered for his compassion. He was very involved with community activities. He was a deacon of his church and served as treasurer of the Newton-Wellesley Hospital Visiting Nurse Association for thirteen years following his retirement.

He is survived by his widow, two daughters, a son (who is a Fellow of the Society), and five grandchildren.

1944 . . . **W. Warren Yeager, Jr.** . . . 1976

W. Warren Yeager, Jr., died suddenly at his home in Dallas on August 13, 1976, at the age of thirty-two. Warren was a Fellow of the Society, a member of the American Academy of Actuaries, and had recently become an enrolled actuary under ERISA.

Warren was graduated from the University of Texas at Austin in 1966 with honors. He started his career at Republic National Life Insurance Company as an actuarial student and then moved to Reserve Life Insurance Company, where he rose to the rank of actuary. In 1972 he joined Group Life and Health Insurance Company as associate actuary, a position he held until going into consulting with Leggette and Yeager, Inc. At the time of his death he had just formed Yeager and Company.

Warren will be remembered as an outgoing and enthusiastic personality with a zest for work and accomplishment.

He is survived by his widow, a brother, his parents, and a grandmother.

