

## Obituary

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THOMAS F. BRANAGAN  
WILLIAM L. CRAWFORD  
CHARLES BARTHOLOMEW CULLINAN  
HARRY L. GUY  
EDWARD W. MARSHALL

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1914 . . . **Thomas F. Branagan** . . . 1959

Thomas F. Branagan, Associate Actuary of the Aetna Life Insurance Company, died April 7, 1959, after a long illness. He was a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries.

Mr. Branagan was born in Carthage, New York, on June 25, 1914. He graduated from St. Lawrence University magna cum laude in 1939. He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa Society. While in college he excelled in sports, particularly basketball and baseball.

Tom's association with the Aetna began immediately after his graduation from college. He was appointed Assistant Superintendent of the Group Annuities Department in 1946; he was subsequently appointed Assistant Actuary in 1949 and Associate Actuary in 1954. He was responsible for the administration of all group annuity contracts, and in this capacity he gained the respect of group field representatives, policyholders, and his associates. Those who worked with him observed that he was capable, honest, and conscientious to an unusual degree. Moreover, he had the ability to instill the same qualities in those with whom he worked.

He maintained an active interest in the Actuaries' Club of Hartford, and at one time served as its Secretary-Treasurer.

Mr. Branagan is survived by his parents, his wife, Pauline, and four children.

1876 . . . **William L. Crawford** . . . 1959

On March 16, 1959, William L. Crawford died at the home of his sister-in-law in Sheffield, England.

Mr. Crawford was born June 24, 1876, in Glasgow, Scotland, and re-

ceived his early education in the public schools of that city. He served for a number of years in the London offices of the National Mutual Life Association of Australasia, during which period he became a Fellow of the Faculty of Actuaries, an Associate of the Institute of Actuaries of Great Britain, and, in 1912, an Associate of the then Actuarial Society of America.

Following service in the British army throughout World War I, with particular distinction, as a sergeant, in the Eastern Mediterranean campaigns, Mr. Crawford migrated to Mexico and remained for several years as Actuary for the Mexican government. In 1923 he entered the service of Great Southern Life Insurance Company of Houston, Texas; and in 1927 he assumed the post of actuary for the Girard Life Insurance Company of Philadelphia, which he held until his retirement in 1950. He was a charter member of the Actuaries' Club of Philadelphia.

Mr. Crawford was a shrewd judge of human character, a gift which he used with marked effect in helping and guiding the younger people associated with him. His counsel and sympathy were sought in many and varied personal problems, and accepted with grateful affection. He possessed a wry Scottish humor which was always refreshing; but his most noteworthy characteristic was an inflexible integrity, both personal and professional.

Although he had retired from active work and had resided in England for several years preceding his death, he is affectionately remembered and sincerely mourned by his former associates in the United States and Canada, many of whom owe much to his friendship and example. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Marjorie Crawford, who resides in Sheffield, England.

### 1880 . . . Charles Bartholomew Cullinan . . . 1959

On February 19, 1959, Charles Bartholomew Cullinan died of thrombosis, aged 79, at his home, Union Hall, County Cork, Eire, which was also the place of his birth. The last of a family of five, he is survived by his widow.

Mr. Cullinan was educated at Blackrock College, County Dublin, and at the Royal (now National) University of Ireland. He graduated from the University in 1904, B.A., Honours Course, the subjects being Political Economy, Civil and Constitutional History, and General Jurisprudence. In addition he read the Classical Course. In June 1905 he passed the First Examination in Law, First Class Honours, and was awarded a First Class Exhibition by the University. In October 1905 the Honourable Society of

King's Inns awarded him the Society's Exhibition on the basis of Honour Examinations in the History of Law (Constitutional and Criminal), Jurisprudence (Civil and International), the Law of Real Property, and the Law of Personal Property and in addition the Society awarded him the second Victoria Prize. In 1906 he was admitted to the Society and awarded "the degree of Barrister-at-Law therein." It may be added that in addition to the above he did extensive and thorough postgraduate work in English Literature.

For a few years Mr. Cullinan engaged in legal work in Ireland. In 1910 he married and, with his wife, came to Canada. From September 1915 to June 1918 he was Professor of Physics, English Literature and Higher Mathematics, in the Faculty of Arts in the University of Ottawa, and at the same time was Director of the Debating and Dramatic Societies.

In 1918 Mr. Cullinan joined the actuarial staff of the Capital Life Insurance Company; he became an Associate of the Society in 1920 and an Associate of the Institute of Actuaries, London, in 1921. He continued with the Capital Life Insurance Company until it was reinsured in the Confederation Life Association in 1938. He then entered the employment of the National Revenue Department of the Government of Canada, Taxation Division, where he continued until his retirement in 1948, when he returned to the place of his birth.

Mr. Cullinan was a man of unusually wide culture and varied interests; he read the classics for pleasure, was a keen golfer and enjoyed bridge. He had a high sense of humor, a ready wit, and deep capacity for friendship.

## 1903 . . . . . **Harry L. Guy** . . . . . 1959

Harry L. Guy, President of The Mutual Life Assurance Company of Canada, passed away April 28th, 1959, at his home in Waterloo, Ontario. Mr. Guy had undergone major surgery last June. Although able to resume his duties for a time, he did not regain the strength necessary to combat the illness which claimed his life at the age of fifty-five.

Mr. Guy was one of the best known and best liked insurance executives in Canada, and contributed much to the progress of the institution of life insurance. His brilliant intellect, his initiative, and his capacity for the acquisition of knowledge relating to all branches of life insurance, brought him rapid advancement in his Company, and his death such a short time after his elevation to the presidency is deeply and widely regretted.

Mr. Guy was born in Oshawa, Ontario, on September 15, 1903, a son of Mabel E. and the late Edgar J. Guy. He attended Oakwood Collegiate in

Toronto and graduated from the University of Toronto in honor mathematics with a Bachelor of Arts degree. He joined the actuarial department of The Mutual Life of Canada in May 1927. He later became a Fellow of the Actuarial Society of America, and was a member of the Senior Actuaries' Club. He was appointed Assistant Actuary in June 1928, Associate Actuary in 1930 and Treasurer later in the same year. He was appointed Assistant General Manager and Treasurer in 1944, Assistant General Manager in 1948 and General Manager in 1954. He was elected to the Board of Directors in 1955 and became President in February 1958.

Mr. Guy was named a Commander of the Order of the British Empire in July 1946, in recognition of his war services as Assistant Chairman and member of the Executive Committee of the National War Finance Committee.

He was an active member of The Canadian Life Insurance Officers Association and was President in 1949-50. He was a Past President of the Life Insurance Institute of Canada.

Harry Guy was known throughout the insurance fraternity in Canada and the United States for the warmth of his personality, and his name was synonymous with those qualities of virtue that cause men to be honored and respected by their fellow citizens. He was a man of keen intellect, fearless and forthright, but kindly in expressing his opinions, and conducted the duties of his high office with personal distinction.

He is survived by his mother, his wife, formerly Margaret Wood, and two sons, George and James, to whom our sympathy is extended.

1889 . . . Edward W. Marshall . . . 1959

Edward Wayne Marshall, a past president of the Actuarial Society of America died after a lingering illness on April 21, 1959. He was 70 years of age. His was a brilliant career in actuarial science. He became a Fellow of the Society in 1914 at the age of 25—the youngest age then permitted by the rules of the Society. Prior to his retirement he attended our meetings regularly and took an active part in them. He served as treasurer for nine years, as vice president for five years and on the governing board of the Society for twenty-five years. He was elected president of the Society in 1945 and served in that capacity for two years.

In 1909 Edward Marshall joined the Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company as an actuarial clerk and in 1911 transferred to the Actuarial Department of the Provident Life and Trust Company—now the Provident Mutual Life Insurance Company. A few years later he accepted the position

of Assistant Actuary at the Fidelity Mutual Life Insurance Company. Five years after that he returned as Assistant Actuary of the Provident Mutual. In 1924 he became Associate Actuary and in 1931 Vice President and Actuary, which position he held until his retirement in 1954.

Mr. Marshall was widely known and held in high esteem by his fellow actuaries and business associates. In the Actuarial Society he accepted nine committee assignments to which he gave conscientious attention. On three of these committees he served as chairman. He was the author of six papers appearing in the *Transactions* of the Actuarial Society, and a co-author with J. B. Maclean of the authoritative book, *Distribution of Surplus*. At the Centenary celebration of the British Institute of Actuaries in London in 1948 he presented a paper on surplus distribution and presided at one of its meetings.

He served for some time on the Joint Committee on Federal Income Taxation of Life Insurance Companies, appointed by the Life Insurance Association of America and the American Life Convention. He served as Chairman of the Actuarial Advisory Committee to the U.S. Veterans Administration. He was a former member of the Council of the Permanent Committee for International Congresses of Actuaries and attended several such Congresses held in Europe.

Mr. Marshall was an enthusiastic bird watcher and took part in many of the Christmas bird censuses carried out each year at Cape May, New Jersey, by the Delaware Valley Ornithological Club, of which he was a member. He prepared and published a small brochure (now out of print) from which one could learn about the birds likely to be seen in the Philadelphia area—whether they were common or rare and, if migratory, the periods during the year when they were in that area.

In his home community of Haddonfield, New Jersey, Edward Marshall took an active part in civic affairs and was diligent in the service for the Society of Friends, of which he was a devoted member. He lived a busy, productive life and made a significant contribution to the institution of life insurance during the forty-five years he was closely connected with it. Although saddened by his loss, we are grateful for our association with him over many years.