

## Obituary

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JOSEPH C. BARNSLEY  
CHARLES W. JACKSON  
GUY L. STAYMAN  
TOSHIKAZU SUZUKI

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1888 . . . . Joseph C. Barnsley . . . . 1959

Joseph C. Barnsley, a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries and an Associate of the Institute of Actuaries, died on August 10, 1959, after an illness of a few weeks duration.

Mr. Barnsley, who was born in England on July 11, 1888, was a graduate of Oxford University.

Coming to Canada in 1910, he saw service overseas with the Canadian forces from 1914 until the cessation of hostilities at the end of World War I.

He became associated with an American life insurance company upon taking up residence in 1924 in the United States.

Thereafter, he entered the employ of The Guardian Life Insurance Company of America as Assistant Actuary, and in 1930 was appointed Actuary. For 14 years, until his retirement from the Company in 1953, he filled with distinction the office of Vice President and Actuary.

More recently, he was connected with the Insurance Department of the State of New York as Supervising Actuary.

Gifted with a keen analytical mind and possessed of a deep sense of responsibility, Mr. Barnsley, in his many and varied business relationships, never failed to exemplify the highest standards of his chosen profession. These qualities won for him the admiration and affection of his associates and, together with his many other fine attributes, well merited the high regard in which he was held in life insurance circles.

Surviving Mr. Barnsley are his wife and an only son, as well as two sisters and two brothers, one of whom is also an actuary of prominence.

## 1864 . . . . Charles W. Jackson . . . . 1959

Charles W. Jackson, one of the senior members of the Society of Actuaries, died on September 21, 1959, in Glenview, Illinois, 10 days before his 95th birthday.

Mr. Jackson was born in Westmill, England, on October 1, 1864. He received his education in the English schools and graduated from St. John's College, Cambridge, in June 1886. Following his graduation he embarked on a noteworthy career as a teacher. Over a period of fourteen years he was associated with several well-known private and public schools. For about two years he taught in the school at Stratford-on-Avon which William Shakespeare had attended.

In 1893, he went to Brujes, Belgium, to teach at a private English college. He became a partner of this institution in 1896; the venture was not a success and he lost everything when it failed in 1900. Although he moved to Canada that same year, Mr. Jackson voluntarily made payments for more than 20 years in liquidation of the debts incurred in behalf of the enterprise.

In Canada Mr. Jackson resumed his teaching career. While teaching at private schools in Montreal he also worked part time in the office of the London & Lancaster Life Insurance Company from 1902 to 1904. This part-time position introduced him to actuarial work and he began to study for the examinations of the Actuarial Society of America. He became an Associate of the Society in 1904. Thus, at the age of 40, he commenced an actuarial career which was to continue actively for 40 years more. He became a Fellow of the Society in 1909. He became a Fellow of the Casualty Actuarial Society in 1916.

He contributed several papers and many discussions to the *Transactions*. Outstanding among these was a paper entitled "Permanent Disability Benefits," the first paper on the subject of permanent and total disability to appear in the *Transactions*.

After becoming an Associate, Mr. Jackson worked for the consulting firm of Miles M. Dawson. From 1908 to 1912 he was Actuary of the Greensboro Life Insurance Company. In 1912, he came to New York as Actuary of the Postal Life Insurance Company; the major part of his actuarial career was spent in that position. He contributed significantly to the success of this pioneer effort in selling sound legal reserve life insurance through the mails without agents. However, he and the other executives of the Company became convinced that life insurance could be sold most effectively and efficiently only through the traditional American agency

system. During his later years with the Postal Life, Mr. Jackson contributed to the first steps taken by the Company to convert from the mail to the agency system. Mr. Jackson retired from the Postal Life at the age of 70.

His vitality and zest for life was so great, however, that retirement was far from marking the end of his actuarial career. He continued to contribute of his wisdom and experience to the Postal Life by serving as consulting actuary and as a member of its Board. In addition, he became associated with the consulting actuarial firm of Woodward & Fondiller and remained with that firm until his final retirement in 1944.

Mr. Jackson was one of those rare individuals whose outward appearance reflects their inner worth. His face and personality radiated geniality, wit, and wisdom, which deeper acquaintanceship only confirmed. In his actuarial work, Mr. Jackson was a worthy representative of the distinguished generation of the first members of our Society. He balanced technical competence with sound business acumen in a manner which was always an inspiration and a challenge to his associates.

Mr. Jackson is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary C. Jackson and his daughter, Mrs. Ruth Wisely.

**1870 . . . . Guy L. Stayman . . . . 1954**

On September 4, 1954, Mr. Guy L. Stayman, a charter member of the American Institute of Actuaries and an Associate of the Society of Actuaries, died in Indianapolis. He was a native of Delaware, Ohio, where he was born March 20, 1870.

In 1901, he was employed by the Reserve Loan Life Insurance Company of Indianapolis and shortly thereafter was appointed Actuary and Assistant Secretary. In 1915, he was elected Secretary as well as Actuary. In 1931, he assumed the duties of Treasurer as well. He continued in that capacity until 1934, when he was elected President. In 1937, he sold his interest in the company and retired to manage his personal investments.

Mr. Stayman was a quiet reserved person whose deepest interest lay in the good management of his company. He had a splendid reputation as a capable and well-informed insurance executive.

He is survived by his widow, Josephine Stayman.

**1885 . . . . Toshikazu Suzuki . . . . 1959**

On June 3, 1959, Mr. Toshikazu Suzuki, an Associate of the Society of Actuaries, died at his home as a result of a cerebral hemorrhage at the age of 74.

Mr. Suzuki was born August 8, 1885, in Kobe. In September, 1911, he entered the Faculty of Mathematics in the Science Department of Tohoku Imperial University winning a three year scholarship. On graduation from the University in July, 1914, he joined the Dai-ichi Mutual Life Insurance Company where he was in charge of the Actuarial Department for many years. In 1918, he went to the United States where he continued his studies in Mathematics, Mathematical Economics and Statistics at Columbia University, following which he studied Insurance Mathematics and Applied Mathematics in the Graduate School of the University of Michigan.

In 1938, he was appointed Standing Auditor of the Dai-ichi. When the war came to an end, he devoted himself as Executive Vice President to the rehabilitation of the company and to the reconstruction of the life insurance business in Japan during the confusion of the post-war years. After his return to Japan in 1919, he pioneered the study of the group insurance system and its practice. It is primarily owing to his study that group insurance in Japan has attained its present position and prosperity.

He was enrolled as an Associate of the American Institute of Actuaries in 1919 and later became a member of the Association des Actuairees Suisses of Switzerland, also of the American Statistical Association. In Japan, he was elected Chairman of the Actuarial Society of Japan and Director of the Japanese Society of Insurance Science. While holding these positions, he dedicated himself to the development of the actuarial field in the life insurance business of his native country. In addition, he held the post of lecturer on insurance at Tohoku Imperial University from 1922 to 1945 and at the Tokyo School of Physics from 1912 to 1946. His work "Insurance Mathematics" is regarded as the first systematic and scientific text book on insurance mathematics published in Japan.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Kiyono Suzuki, and five daughters.