

Obituary

HENRY HOLLISTER JACKSON
DOUGLAS P. MORRIS

1884 . . . Henry Hollister Jackson . . . 1955

Henry Hollister Jackson died on May 27, 1955 in Barre, Vermont, his lifelong home.

He was born on August 30, 1884, the youngest son of an eminent physician. At Yale University he distinguished himself both in the classics and in mathematics. Valedictorian of his class of 1908 when he received his B.A. degree, he earned his M.A. degree three years later. As a loyal alumnus he served the University in many capacities—treasurer of his class, class representative of the Alumni Fund, and member of the Board of Directors of Yale Alumni University Fund.

In 1908 he joined the teaching staff of Spaulding High School in Barre, where he taught with genuine enthusiasm, becoming head of the English Department and then later Principal.

The President of the National Life Insurance Company invited Mr. Jackson in 1918 to join the Company with a view to meeting the Company's requirements of the future for an actuary of Fellowship standing. The challenge presented by this unsolicited offer, which was based solely upon his scholarship and integrity, appealed to him as a test of his mettle. Furthermore, he felt life insurance at its best to be a great educational force in the promotion of thrift, security, and rational self-sacrifice.

He soon achieved Fellowship in the Actuarial Society of America, the American Institute of Actuaries, and the Casualty Actuarial Society. In the National Life Insurance Company he progressed successively to Assistant Actuary, Associate Actuary, Actuary, and Vice President and Actuary, serving the Company eminently well for thirty-seven years.

At the same time he was an active participant not only in actuarial organizations but also in other insurance circles such as the Life Insurance Association of America, the Life Office Management Association, and the

Home Office Life Underwriters Association. His contributions included papers, discussions, reports, book reviews, editorial work and committee appointments. He was a member of the Board of Governors and for two years was president of the American Institute of Actuaries. He served on the council of the Actuarial Society of America, and as president of the Home Office Life Underwriters Association. He attended two sessions of the International Congress of Actuaries, and the Centenary Assembly of the Institute of Actuaries in London. For nearly twenty years he was a member of the Senior Actuaries Club.

In celebration of his Company's 100th anniversary in 1950, he collected excerpts from some of his writings and addresses, which were published under the title "Fragments."

In Barre city affairs Mr. Jackson served for some forty years on the Board of Trustees of the Aldrich Public Library, being president of the Board for half that time. He had been an alderman of the city of Barre, and also a member of the Board of School Commissioners.

In 1909 Mr. Jackson was married to Carrie Carleton Bemis, who died in 1944. In 1946 he married Madine Johnson Rogers, who survives him, as do three children of his first marriage, Henry Hollister Jackson, Jr., Eleanor Jackson Hunt, and Robert Tilden Jackson.

Henry Jackson's enthusiastic, wholehearted participation in a tremendously broad range of activities has always been characterized by an exceptional clarity of thinking expressed in his own delightful style. He has earned respect as an able man and affectionate regard as a true friend. Rarely is the passing of a man so keenly felt by such a host of people of all ages who are proud to have been numbered among his friends.

1903 . . . Douglas P. Morris . . . 1955

Douglas P. Morris died suddenly following an operation in Denver on June 2, 1955.

He was born in Lindsay, Ontario, January 25, 1903. Following his graduation from the University of Western Ontario in 1925, he joined the head office staff of the London Life Insurance Company. He became a Fellow of the Actuarial Society of America in 1934. After 21 years of service with the London Life, he moved to the United States on account of the health of his family. He was associated with the Home Security Life of North Carolina from 1946 until 1948.

In 1948 he joined the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company as Associate Actuary and in 1953 was promoted to Second Vice-President.

In the fall of 1953, again on account of family health, he moved to

Denver, Colorado, where he became associated with the Security Life and Accident Company. A few months later he was appointed Reinsurance Secretary of that Company, which position he occupied at the time of his death.

Douglas Morris was a man of great personal charm and was most highly regarded by his associates down through the years. He had specialized in underwriting for many years and was widely known in the actuarial field.

He is survived by his widow and a daughter, of Denver, and a son residing in London, Canada.