In Memoriam

LAWRENCE JOHNSON MORRIS

The death on November 18, 1949, of Lawrence Johnson Morris brought to a close a long and useful life. Born eighty years ago at Fernbank in Chester County, the son of Dr. J. Cheston Morris, a distinguished Philadelphia physician, and Mary Ella Johnson, Lawrence Morris seemed destined for a career of service. Though much of his life was spent in important business posts, he devoted a great deal of it to civic responsibility. Most significant, probably, was his long membership on the Board of Managers of the Pennsylvania Hospital, of which he was Secretary for twenty-six years.

His deep interest in history became active when he became a life member of The Historical Society of Pennsylvania in 1915, serving on its Council from 1944 until his death. As a member of this Board, he was for several years the chairman of the Committee on Nominations and as such gave careful thought to the composition of the Society’s governing body. He was also a member of the Executive Committee, of the Committee on Hall and Buildings, and of the Board of Trustees of the Gilpin Library.

Mr. Morris as a man of affairs was widely experienced, and over a long life had accumulated a store of wisdom and sound judgment which he was ever willing to place at the disposal of his colleagues in the many enterprises he served. His death is a great loss to the cultural institutions of Philadelphia.

The Council of The Historical Society at its meeting on November 21 adopted this memorial and directed that it be sent to Mr. Morris’s family as an expression of the Council’s deepest sympathy.

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