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IN REMEMBRANCE

A little over a decade ago the earliest members of the Lincoln Foundation Advisory Group were nominated by the recipients of Lincoln Lore. Two well known Lincoln students were chosen for each of the five classifications submitted: Authors, Collectors, Educators, Lawyers, and Students. Secretaries of Lincoln clubs became members ex officio of the informal Committee. Six members of the original group, one for each classification and one more recently appointed counsellor, have been lost by death during the years: Ida M. Tarbell, author, 1944; Oliver R. Barrett, collector, 1950; George P. Hambrecht, educator, 1943; James W. Bollinger, lawyer, 1951; F. Lauriston Bullard, student, 1952; J. H. Cramer, Secretary, Lincoln Association of Ohio, 1948, and M. L. Houser, author, 1951.

Former issues of Lincoln Lore have taken proper notice of the demise of all persons named above, except Dr. Bullard and this seems to be an appropriate time to memorialize him. The Abraham Lincoln Association in the year 1952 has also suffered the loss by death of three of its sixteen directors. Beside Dr. Bullard, also a director, Pascal E. Hatch and Henry O. Merriam, each serving on the board for a quarter of a century, passed away in 1952. Three other widely known Lincoln authors and students, Ross F. Lockridge, G. Lynn Sumner and Henry J. Lytle should be included in this bulletin of Remembrance.

ROSS F. LOCKRIDGE

Indiana lost its best known and most enthusiastic historian on January 12, 1952 when Ross Franklin Lockridge at the age of 74 departed this life. He was an author of numerous historical monographs and an authority on most of the prominent Hoosier figures of the pioneer day. His books on George Rogers Clark, LaSalle and Abraham Lincoln are among his most widely distributed biographies. He was best known, however, for his "Campfire Talks" which illustrated his theory that history can best be taught through the feet, or as he proposed, by standing on the spot where an event occurred. He was a graduate of Indiana University and for many years was associated with the institution as lecturer. His Lincoln book entitled A. Lincoln published in 1930, which gives emphasis to Lincoln's early life and the Indiana years is especially well done. His latest book, *The Story of Indiana*, has been adopted as an eighth grade textbook for the state. Ross Lockridge is buried at Fort Wayne where he lived for many years.

G. LYNN SUMNER

G. Lynn Sumner was born in White Hall, Michigan, May 2, 1885 and graduated from Albion College in that state in 1907. The same year he became an associate editor of *System Magazine* and almost immediately became interested in advertising and publicity. After serving with various agencies for several years he established his own advertising agency in 1905 with headquarters in New York City. He was awarded a medal of distinguished copy for the Annual Advertising Awards in 1936 and from 1939 to 1941 was president of the Advertising Club of New York. He had been interested in Lincoln through most of his life and his earliest publications were an eight page pamphlet entitled *Abraham Lincoln*, and a

brochure entitled *Abraham Lincoln as a Man Among Men*, both published in 1922. In 1934 his monograph *Lincoln and His Books* appeared but his best known work, *Meet Mr. Lincoln* came from the press in 1946. It was published in both a trade and a de luxe edition. Mr. Sumner passed away on April 7, 1952.

PASCAL E. HATCH

One of the directors of the Abraham Lincoln Association for about twenty-five years, Pascal Enos Hatch has passed away at the age of 85 years. He was born in Springfield, Illinois on May 8, 1867, a son of Oziah M. Hatch. He reached back almost to Lincoln's day and his father, Oziah M. Hatch, with whom Lincoln corresponded, was secretary of the State of Illinois from 1857 to 1865.

F. LAURISTON BULLARD

Possibly during the last decade no student has been more active in the Lincoln field than F. Lauriston Bullard who died at Melrose Highland, Mass. on August 3, 1952 at 86 years of age. Dr. Bullard graduated at Wooster College, Wooster, Ohio and later from the Yale Divinity School. He began writing for the *Boston Herald* in 1907 and for twenty-four years previous to his retirement was editorial writer for the paper.

Lincoln in Marble and Bronze which came from the press but four months before Mr. Bullard's death will probably be recognized as his most enduring work. For many years he gathered source material for this volume and it was with great satisfaction that he saw it brought to conclusion. He was a regular contributor to the *Lincoln Herald*, a member of the Board of Directors of The Abraham Lincoln Association and associated with the Lincoln National Life Foundation advisory group from its inception.

To attempt a compilation of Mr. Bullard's many contributions to the Lincoln story would take more space than this bulletin affords. Boston University, home of the Edward C. Stone collection of *Lincolnia*, in conjunction with the Lincoln group of Boston has just published a brochure by Dr. Bullard entitled, *Was "Abe" Lincoln A Gentleman?* Dr. Bullard was president of the Boston group from its origin to the time of his death.

HARRY J. LYTLE

The automobile accident which took the life of Harry J. Lytle's wife in April this past year was indirectly responsible for his own death on October 23 at Mercy Hospital in Davenport, Iowa. Harry Lytle was known as a close friend and associate of the late Judge Bollinger and was largely responsible for the publication of the book by the judge entitled *Lincoln Statesman and Logician*. He was a member of several historical and other cultural societies and his most recent honor was the appointment to the chairmanship of the Bollinger Lincoln Foundation created at the State University of Iowa. He was busily engaged in advancing the interests of this important project at the time of the tragic accident. The tri-city community where so many Lincoln students have resided will greatly miss Harry Lytle.