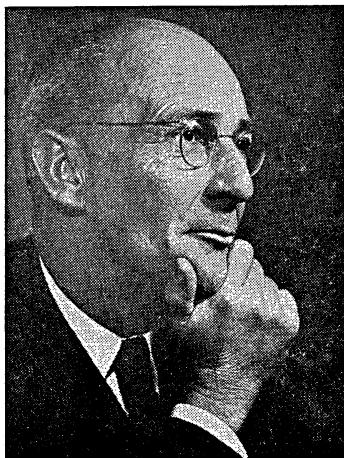


In Memoriam

C. S. Forester 1899–1966

Cecil Scott Forester died on April 2, 1966, at Fullerton, California, where he had lived for the last few months of his life.

He was a member of the American Name Society almost from its beginning, and an interested one. When we were once in financial straits, he helped us out by being one of some twenty who became Sustaining Members, to help the Society through the emergency. In an early number of *Names* (I, 4, 245–251) appeared “C. S. Forester on Names of His Characters,” an interview. This is probably the first such contribution ever to be published.



To the world (and that word can be taken literally) he was known for having written the Hornblower series, and many other novels, as well as articles, short stories, and even some plays and poems. Born in Egypt in 1899, he lived a colorful life – adventurer in small boats on many European rivers, correspondent in the Spanish Civil War, “guest” of the U.S. Navy at such functions as the bombardment of Kiska. For about twenty years, however, he had been in declining health.

He was a man of immense sympathy and good will. I suspect that a considerable number of persons and institutions, besides our own Society, were recipients of his tangible kindnesses.

Although this is a public notice, I must also express my own personal loss. He and I for more than a quarter-century were fellow-townsmen and friends. During World War II we had a group of half a dozen who used to meet monthly, and to present prophesies of what would happen in the next month. He was given to dropping in on a Thursday evening, and we would talk about what he was writing, or what I was writing, or just family problems. Sometimes

he would tell a story that he was considering, or would read one from manuscript. Each of us regularly received from the other the latest book, and I treasure half a shelf of his volumes, clear down to *The Hornblower Companion* of a year ago, signed in a shaky and almost illegible hand.

Let me thank the Editor for permitting me to pay this tribute to a notable author, good friend and gallant gentleman. His fellow-members of the Society join with me, I am sure, in expressing our sense of loss and our sympathy with his wife Dorothy, his sons John and George, and their families.

George R. Stewart

Alfred Percy 1898–1966

Alfred Percy, a member of the American Name Society from its beginning, died unexpectedly on March 27, 1966. At the time of his death, he was working on a book concerning the War of 1812. He had just finished going through the Virginia Calendar State Papers and had selected letters and materials in preparation for its final stages.

Mr. Percy received his law degree from the University of Virginia and practiced law for two years before deciding upon a career in writing. He subsequently worked as an editor in New York and later moved to France. After his return to the United States, he and his wife set up their own printing shop and began publishing Mr. Percy's books, most of them pertaining to the local history of Virginia. Among his works since 1950 are the following:

Old Place Names, 1950

The Devil in the Old Dominion, 1952

Origin of the Lynch Law, 1959

The Amherst County Story, 1961

Tobacco Rolling Roads to Waterways, 1963

Gray Flits the Shade of Power, 1964

Virginia's Unsung Victory in the Revolution, 1964

The American Name Society will indeed miss Mr. Percy. Several of his books have been placed in the archives of the Society, and a folder of his long and informative letters is in the files. He is survived by his wife, Margaret.

Kelsie B. Harder

Charles M. Goethe 1875-1966

Charles M. Goethe, renowned throughout the world as a philanthropist and conservationist, and life member of the American Name Society, died in Sacramento, California, at the age of 91. His death drew sympathy from all those acquainted with his work. Up until failing health had hospitalized him, he had continued with his writing at home in Sacramento.

The son of a banker, he was, from the time of his youth, interested in the betterment of his fellow men. After his marriage in 1903, he and Mrs. Goethe became partners in many philanthropic programs, among which was the establishment of the first playground in Sacramento. They were also leaders in the creation of California's tuberculosis sanitorium and were for years directors of the Sacramento Orphanage Farm. Mr. and Mrs. Goethe gave more than 250 scholarships to college science students, and supplied nature-study materials to more than 2,000 schools west of the Mississippi.

They traveled extensively, studying exotic birds, hiking, and climbing mountains. They explored Manchuria and Chile, searched for elephants in Ceylon and hunted zebra in Africa. Mr. Goethe himself devoted much time to writing. He was author of books on conservation, eugenics, botany and zoology. His column on nature-study appeared weekly in the *Sacramento Bee*.

In recent years Sacramento State College named an arboretum for him, and the city dedicated a junior high school to him. Last year, on his ninetieth birthday, he was honored by a gathering of over 300 friends in Sacramento, and received congratulatory messages, paying tribute to a man "so richly dedicated to the service of humanity."

Conrad Rothrauff

Mamie J. Meredith 1888-1966

We regret to announce the death of Professor Mamie J. Meredith, to whom we have dedicated this issue. An *In Memoriam* will appear in a forthcoming issue.