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## Edgar J. Davis, Last UAPA President

by David Goudsward

THE MARCH 1922 issue of the *United Amateur* included a brief mention of a new member, Edgar J. Davis of Merrimac, Massachusetts. It was probably at best of passing interest to most members: the issue was several months late, and group politics were again in upheaval.

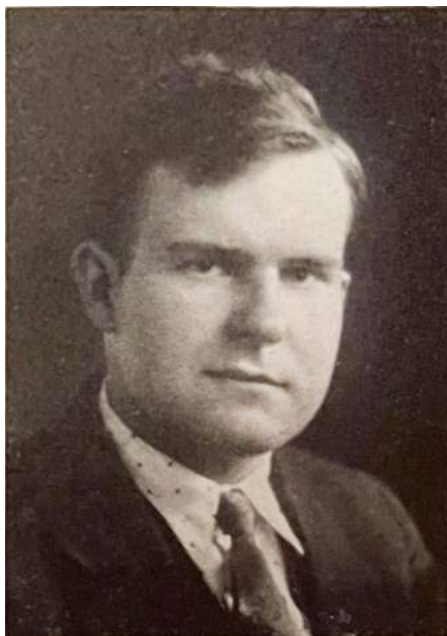
Edgar Jacobs Davis was officially recruited into the United Amateur Press Association by H. P. Lovecraft. But Charles "Tryout" Smith brought the 13-year-old to Lovecraft's attention. Merrimac was a small town, and the newspaper of record was the *Haverhill Evening Gazette*. When Tryout Smith saw the 1921 Merrimac news column proudly announcing that 8th grader Edgar Davis had won a national composition writing competition, he saw a recruitment opportunity.

Davis was born in Haverhill on April 21, 1908, the son of Herman F. Davis, a hardware salesman, and Harriet D. Jacobs, a former school teacher. Soon after his birth, his father opened what would be the first in a small chain of retail hardware stores in the Greater Haverhill area.

Edgar's fascination with writing was a natural fit with the Amateur Press Movement, and he began corresponding with Lovecraft beyond recruitment correspondence. From the start, "Young Davis" was a formidable correspondent. Lovecraft never mentions the content of the letters but does remark to his aunt Lillian how Edgar tended to switch ink colors arbitrarily in the middle of a page and included illustrations in the margins, which Lovecraft called "pyrotechnic & colourful epistles." A later reference notes Davis' "characteristick humour" in letters.

In May 1922, UAPA officer Myrta Little rented the 1735 Old Sawyer House in Merrimac. Myrta cooked Lovecraft an authentic colonial-style meal in the 200-year-old fireplace. Lovecraft completely missed the

overture. The Littles had to head home to finish packing for a vacation. To be polite, as Myrta and her mother cleaned up after the meal, Lovecraft left the building. He strolled a short distance down West Main Street and met Edgar Davis for the first time.



Edgar J. Davis, circa 1931

In April 1923, Lovecraft returned to the Davis home. Edgar had offered an extended visit of several days. The goal of Lovecraft's trip in 1923 was to extend his antiquarian wanderings. It was afternoon when he arrived at the Davis house in Merrimac. It was too late to start exploring Newburyport. Instead, Davis and Lovecraft boarded the trolley to Amesbury to explore the haunts of Quaker poet and abolitionist John Greenleaf Whittier. They returned to Merrimac, where Lovecraft spent the night debating with Edgar's father, Herman. The next day would focus on his intended destination—Lovecraft's first visit to Newburyport.

On the morning of April 15, Lovecraft and Davis departed on the trolley for Newburyport. Lovecraft and Davis explored the Federal and Georgian architecture most of the day. Davis found several stones of his Jacobs and Adams ancestors in the graveyards. Lovecraft found the setting for his 1931 work, *The Shadow over Innsmouth*.

The evening at the Davis house was spent in another good-natured debate between Lovecraft and Herman Davis. The following day, Edgar rushed to school while Lovecraft planned to take the trolley to Haverhill and catch a train. He and Edgar's parents continued the previous night's discussion until lunchtime. Herman, whose hardware store chain was still primarily situated in Haverhill, offered to drive Lovecraft to the Haverhill train station.

The discussions with Herman Davis were insightful. In a subsequent letter to Samuel Loveman, Lovecraft expressed some sympathy for Edgar because,

although his mother and sister supported his studies, his father was more practical and thought little of his son's scholarly and artistic endeavors. In letters to Alfred Galpin, Lovecraft was more direct; Edgar Davis, a sophomore at the local high school, had come in first in an academic proficiency test. Edgar was brilliant and would flourish if allowed to. The major impediment was his father. Herman Davis said his son was lazy, dependent, and, most damning of all, impractical.

Edgar was enthusiastic after visiting Newburyport or just spending time with an adult who seemed to understand him. A letter soon followed. An incredulous Lovecraft mentioned to James Morton that Edgar had just sent him a ninety-page letter from Merrimac. The student was already emulating the master's prolific letter writing.

Edgar's amateur submissions are all but impossible to locate. If he published in an amateur journal, it was under a pen name his disapproving father would not recognize as proof his son was wasting time on artistic frivolities. As a correspondent, Edgar's letters rivaled Lovecraft in size. A 19 to 20 page letter quickly became the norm.

By 1925, the UAPA struggled with internal squabbles over the group's direction that crippled finances and discouraged membership renewals. There weren't enough people left to hold a convention. In July 1925, Lovecraft addressed 200 ballots, the only eligible voting members. Edgar had graduated from high school and had been accepted at Harvard. Herman remained unimpressed and sent him to a summer camp in Maine to toughen him up. The only thing Edgar took away from the "vacation" was how to peel birch bark off the tree and use it for stationery; Lovecraft was the recipient of one such letter.

In a last-ditch effort to reinvigorate the UAPA, Lovecraft pulled together a ticket that combined new blood and some of his reliable veterans. Edgar Davis would lead a slate that included enthusiastic newcomers and longtime AJ members such as Eugene Kuntz as recording secretary and Maurice Moe, Sonia Green Lovecraft, and Frank Belknap Long as directors.

Lovecraft hoped that Davis and his new official editor, Victor E. Bacon, could revive the group but was not wholly optimistic. Tryout Smith again suggested that it was time to merge UAPA with the rival "of America" United or NAPA. It was not the first time the suggestion had been made, but as with previous attempts, it was dismissed. In a note to Moe, Lovecraft confided he thought Davis and Bacon could revitalize the UAPA or at least keep it afloat until the antagonism within the group could be minimized.

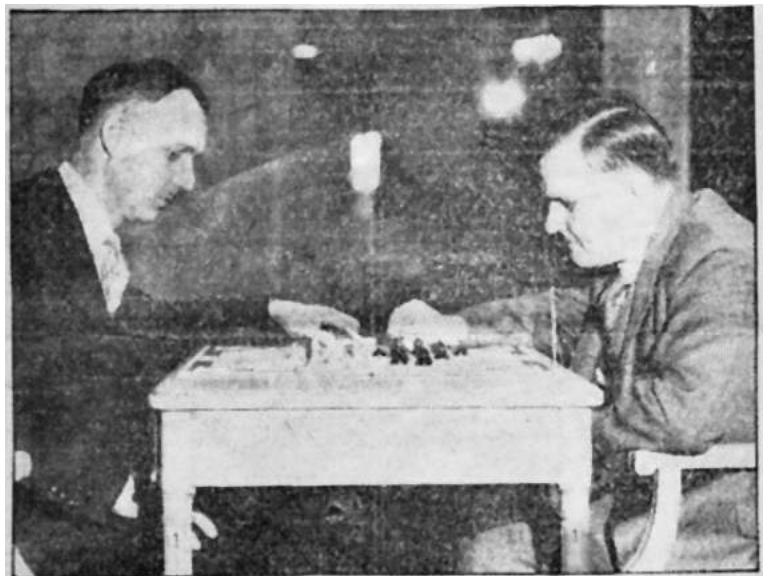
Edgar Davis was elected UAPA president for 1925-26. He learned of his election when he returned from Maine. The fledgling president asked Lovecraft

how to initiate a recruitment attempt; the potential member, a High School principal in Maine, attached to the camp he had been at. Lovecraft asked Moe to use his educational contacts to locate a mailing address. However, in an early sign of things to come, Lovecraft, not Davis, would send a copy of the *United Amateur* and an application while complaining to Lillian that he was supposed to be retired from AJ.

Davis dropped the ball on that first recruitment because he was apartment hunting in Cambridge. Edgar simply didn't have the time—he had been accepted at Harvard University. Herman had barely relented and covered his son's off-campus (less expensive) housing. Edgar also needed a part-time job to cover anything frivolous, such as social activities. This may not have been miserliness on his father's part as much as necessity. Edgar's sister Ada was simultaneously attending medical school at Boston University.

Edgar discovered a novel way to acquire spending cash. A new board game was all the craze. Camelot was a pet project of one of the Parker Brothers. The Game company described it as a combination of American and Chinese checkers. With 14 pieces on a 160 square board, it was more of a strategy game, like a simplified form of chess. It became a significant enough phenomenon that there were tournaments with cash prizes. Edgar, already a ranked chess player and officer of the Harvard Chess Club, proved all but unbeatable at Camelot.

Games and studies aside, Davis and Bacon did go down swinging—the faltering UAPA managed to publish several comparatively small issues of their journal during Edgar's tenure. No election was held in 1926, and the book quietly closed on this particular chapter



*Willoughbt Jones (left), national Camelot expert, and Edgar J. Davis, Harvard law student and winner of the recent Metropolitan Theatre tournaent, who played several exhibition matches at Jordan's yesterday ("Camelot Experts At Jordan's," Boston Herald, April 1, 1931).*

of amateur journalism. The demise of the UAPA seems to have ended his relationship with AJ and his correspondence with Lovecraft. The last contact is a 1925 Christmas poem in the card from Lovecraft that included references to the trip to Newburyport.

Edgar Davis graduated from Harvard in 1929 with an AB. He studied law for an additional two years. He also continued to play Camelot and was considered a top-ranked player and a legendary strategist. In 1931, he placed second in a national competition, walking away with a \$100 purse (over \$1800 in today's money).

He was admitted to the bar in 1934. The newly minted lawyer opened an office in Merrimac Square above his father's store. He also involuntarily joined his father in the hardware business. This location allowed Edgar to run downstairs and help in the store as needed. Of course, he was also expected to live at home.

His sister opened her medical practice in the family house. Between Ada's steady stream of patients to the house, the monotony of being the only lawyer in a small town, and being at the beck and call when his father needed a clerk began to take a toll on Edgar. He developed heart issues, exacerbated by his climbing weight. He was active in the Boy Scouts, the Grange,

the local Congregational church, and the Merrimac Town Improvement Society. He remained active in the regional chess community, but challenging opponents were few and far between.

With his health worsening, his physician sister suggested he cut back on commitments, take a vacation, or at least go somewhere quiet and rest for a while. He spent Christmas 1948 with his parents but had moved into the family summer cottage on nearby Lake Attitash. On January 2, 1949, forty-one-year-old Edgar Jacobs Davis had a heart attack and died alone at the lake house. ♦

### *Edgar J. Davis Remembered*

From "New England Chess Notes" by W. L. Waters in the *Boston Sunday Herald*, January 9, 1949, p. B-4:

New Year's night brought sorrow to many N. E. chessers when without warning, Edgar J. Davis of Merrimac, Mass., passed away. Ed was a guiding light throughout Newburyport, Merrimac, Hampton, etc. A wonderful chap and a great friend to many. He will surely be missed and if he could have left a parting message his words might have been: "Let's set up the pieces and start a new game." So long, old friend. ♦

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#### *President's Message*

## The Boys of the 1873 Vienna Exposition

by Ken Faig, Jr.

TRUMAN J. SPENCER'S *The History of Amateur Journalism* (published by The Fossils in 1957) tells (pp. 22-25) the story of the four American amateur journalists—all nineteen years of age at the time—who published the *American Youth* at the Vienna Exposition in 1873. After overcoming many problems, the boys published their first edition under the date July 19, 1873, and continued to do so every Saturday for the duration of the Exposition, which lasted until November 1, 1873. The Exposition celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of the start of the reign of Emperor Francis Joseph, who personally "visited their section, interviewed the editors, and carried off a copy of their paper" (p. 23). In one of their issues the boys related how "the great Chancellor [Otto von] Bismarck, speaking very good English, stopped and made inquiries about the *Youth*, which were freely replied to." Like the Emperor, Bismarck carried away a copy of the boys' paper (p. 25). The boys had the opportunity of seeing many other notables, including King Victor Emmanuel of Italy, the Shah of Persia, Kaiser Wilhelm of Germany, the Prince of Wales (subsequently King Edward VII of

England), the President of the French Republic (Patrice de MacMahon, who took office May 24, 1873) and Crown Prince Rudolph of Austria-Hungary (p. 23).

Spencer (p. 22) identifies the boys as Willis H. Stewart of New York City (publisher of the *Webster Literary*), William Furber Miller and I. Jaroslowski, also of New York, and William Howe Denison, of Boston. Stewart and Jaroslowski sailed for Europe in March, while Downes and Miller followed them in May. (An image of Miller's passport application dated May 1, 1873 can still be found on genealogy sites.) The boys brought their own press. Spencer comments (p. 22) that "the composition and press work were done by Stewart, who was a practical printer." The *American Youth* itself was "an eight-page, sixteen column paper, 6x9 inches in size, well printed and edited, containing interesting accounts of the Exposition and its exhibits" (p. 22). I don't believe I've ever seen a copy of the *American Youth*, and I don't know which amateur journalism archives, if any, may contain copies. I know that the late Hyman Bradofsky (1906-2002) was particularly interested in the Vienna boys and their paper, but I do



*The Rotunda, centerpiece of the Vienna World Exhibition of 1873*

not know whether he ever succeeded in collecting any copies of the *American Youth*.

I decided to see what information I could find regarding the four Vienna boys.

**William Howe Downes** of Boston was probably the easiest. He became a writer of some repute and served as art critic for the *Boston Transcript*. The link

<http://tiny.cc/WHDownes-books>

will take interested persons to a listing of all his books available online at Hathi Trust. He wrote critical biographies of Winslow Homer (1911) and John Singer Sargent (1925) as well as *Arcadian Days: American Landscapes in Nature and Art* (1891) and *The Tin Army of the Potomac, or, A Kindergarten of War* (1888), a hand-lettered juvenile story.

Downes was born in Derby, Connecticut on Mar. 1, 1854, the son of William Elijah Downes (1824-1904) and Jane Maria Howe (1825-1907). He married (1) Helen Louise Sawyer (1853-1891) and (2) May 16, 1892 (Boston) Sarah Olive Lowell (1860-1930). By his first wife he had children Dorothea Helen Downes (1878-1958), Dennis Sawyer Downes (1879-1977), Barbara Howe Downes (1881-1956), Carl Sawyer Downes (1884-1968) and Jerome Ireland Howe Downes (1887-1962) and by his second wife a son William Lowell Downes (1893-1968). He is buried in Evergreen Cemetery in Brighton, Massachusetts. The Besaw/Milem Family Tree Ancestry has a good deal of information concerning him and his family.

I have not been able to determine whether Downes ever wrote about his experiences at the Vienna Exposition. I will have to leave that question to a future researcher.

**William Furber Miller** was born in New York City on May 22, 1852, the son of the English-born artist William Rickarby Miller (1818-1893) and his wife Anna Maria Furber (1827-1915). His father died on July 25, 1893 in Westchester, New York, while his mother died on Oct. 31, 1915 in Brooklyn. When Edwin Hadley Smith's Library of Amateur Journalism Collection opened at the Pratt Institute in 1908, Furber's mother

was one of the first to view the collection on Nov. 2, 1908 (q.v., Guy Miller, ed., *One Hundred Years of the Fossils: 1904-2004* [Portpourri Private Press, 2005] p. 19). Her son was then deceased.

William had siblings Thomas Isleton Miller (1855-1948), Joseph Baynes Miller (b. 1857), Anna Maria Miller (1863-1941) and John James Miller (b. 1864). The family was living on Perry Street in New York City ward 9 when the 1870 census was enumerated. Miller was elected president of the Eastern Amateur Press Association for a six-month term at its convention in Boston on Jan. 25, 1873. He was re-elected to a further six-month term at the convention in New York on July 3, 1873 (Spencer, p. 213). He secured his second term while he was at the Vienna Exposition.

Miller married Ida M. Doolittle in Manhattan on Sept. 29, 1875 (certificate 5683). The 1880 census enumerated William F. Miller, age 28, clerk, and his wife Ida Miller, age 22, at 482 Herkimer Street in Brooklyn.

When Richard Gerner communicated his departure from the amateur journalism hobby to Edward A. Oldham on Jan. 26, 1878, he had just one name to communicate as a possible savior for the hobby—that of William Furber Miller (Spencer, p. 37). But alas I do not know anything more of Miller's participation in the amateur journalism hobby.

Miller and his mother were living with his brother Thomas I. Miller, a yacht captain, at 346 Fourth Street in Brooklyn ward 22 when the 1900 census was enumerated. William identified his occupation as salesman, and called himself a widower, stating the duration of his marriage as twenty years. I suspect he and his wife were only separated. The 1910 census enumerated Ida Miller, a 51-year-old widow working as a dressmaker, with one child borne, no children living, in the household of her 77-year-old mother Eunice Doolittle, also a widow, on Union Street in Meriden, Connecticut ward 2. Mrs. Doolittle had borne six children, of whom two were still living. Both mother and daughter had been born in Connecticut of Connecticut-born parents. Ida Miller called herself widow of William F. when she was listed as a clerk at 28 Colony, with house at 20 Union, in the 1913, 1914 and 1916 Meriden city directories.

I have not found the dates of birth and death for William's child nor his own death record. He was deceased by the time his mother visited the Edwin Hadley Smith collection at the Pratt Institute in Brooklyn on Nov. 2, 1908.

**Isidore Jaroslowski** has FamilySearch ID 9ZSW-GGC. He was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on Feb. 14, 1854, and died on May 2, 1918, probably in New York. He was the son of Jacob Jaroslowski (1825-1887), born in Fraudstadt, Posen, Prussia, and Henrietta Cohen (1828-1905), born in Germany. His paternal grand-

parents were Solomon Alexander Jaroslowski (1793-1867), born in Lissau, Posen, Poland, and Sara Belen Brumm (1793-1849), born in Fraudstadt, Posen, Prussia.

Isidore lived with his parents in New York in 1860 and 1870. He married July 25, 1881 (Manhattan) Estelle B. Bier (born June 4, 1863 Cincinnati, Ohio, died Feb. 26, 1932), the daughter of Emmanuel Bier (1826-1891) and Rosa E. Monheimer (1838-1915), who had married in Franklin County, Ohio on June 13, 1859. His wife's maternal German-born grandparents were Aaron Monheimer (1809-1869) and Babetta Rosenthal (1812-1881).

Isidore went by the shortened surname **Jaros** in later life. His children Arthur Charles Jaros (1884-1970) and Jay Alexander Jaros (1888-1900) were both born in Chicago. Estelle (Bier) Jaros apparently returned to Germany for the birth of their first child Ernst Jaroslowski in May 1882. Isidore was listed in Chicago as late as the 1889 directory, and in New York as early as the 1891 directory.

The 1900 and 1910 census both recorded Isidore in Manhattan. In the 1900 census he was recorded as a publisher, but in 1910 he was recorded as secretary of a flooring company. The company was the General Kompolite Company, whose business was composition flooring. Isidore's remains were cremated at the Fresh Pond Crematory and Columbarium in Middle Village, Queens, New York on May 5, 1918. His widow Estelle lived in Mount Vernon, New York in the 1920s. His son Arthur C. Jaros continued to work in the flooring business.

I think my friend Hyman Bradofsky was probably proud that one of the four Vienna boys was descended from German Jews.

**Willis H. Stewart** has so far resisted my efforts to develop additional biographical information.

The Brooklyn, New York 1873 directory included William H. Stewart, clerk, with house at 118 Carlton Avenue, and another William H. Stewart, treasurer, with house at 51 4th Avenue. I found three possibilities for him in later records.

1. Willis H. Stewart (1854-1923) of New Milford, Pennsylvania

The closest name match I can find on Ancestry is Willis (otherwise William) Henry Stewart (otherwise Stuart) of New Milford, Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania, who was born in Bridgewater Township, Susquehanna County, in August 1854, the son of Daniel Stewart. He married (1) Mattie C. Reynolds (1854-1898), (2) Fannie B. Jennings (1867-1903), and (3) Mary Jennings (1868-1953). His last two wives were sisters, the daughters of John Jennings (1834-1882) and Lois J. Tinker (1837-1917). He had a namesake son Willis Homer Stuart who was born in New Milford on Nov. 10, 1899, and died there on Nov. 4, 1913. His son Har-

old Charles Stuart was born in New Milford on Aug. 29, 1906, and died there on Aug. 27, 1992. Willis himself died in New Milford in 1923. The hitch is that he seems to have farmed in New Milford over most of his life. If he had an earlier incarnation as a "practical printer" in the Philadelphia or New York City area, I have so far not found him.

2. Two Philadelphians

Two Philadelphia census enumerandi are suggestive of other possibilities.

The 1860 census enumerated the family of William H. Stuart, age 30, gentleman, and his wife Ellen, age 28, in Philadelphia ward 8. The family of eight children included a son William Stuart, age 6. All the members of the household were born in Pennsylvania. The head of household's worth was stated as \$100,000 real estate and \$50,000 personal estate—a considerable sum for the time.

The 1870 census enumerated the family of Andrew Stewart, age 42, born Ireland, and Ann Stewart, age 44, born Ireland, in Philadelphia ward 26. Among their household was William Stewart, age 16, born Pennsylvania, apprentice blacksmith.

3. William Henry Stewart(d) (1853-1901+) of Manhattan and Brooklyn

I think the best candidate I discovered was enumerated in the following household in Manhattan ward 10 in the 1870 census: Mary Steward, age 42, housekeeper, born England, personal property \$500; Alexander Steward, age 19, printer, born New York; William Steward, age 15, printer, born New York; Sarah Steward, age 10, at school, born New York; and Louisa Steward, age 8, at school, born New York.

William Henry Stewart, the son of Alexander and Mary Ann Stewart, born on Dec. 19, 1853, was baptized on Mar. 30, 1866 at St. Ambrose Church at the corner of Thompson and Prince Streets in New York City.

The 1880 census enumerated the family on Fillmore Place in Brooklyn: Mary A. Stewart (head), age 53, born England of English-born parents; Alexander Stewart (son), age 29, house painting, born New York of New York-born father and English-born mother; Sarah Stewart (daughter), age 21, coat maker, born New York of New York-born father and English-born mother; Louisa Stewart (daughter), age 17, at home, born New York of New York-born father and English-born mother. Alexander's 1880 occupation makes me wonder whether his occupation, and that of his brother William, were transcribed correctly from the 1870 census schedule. Perhaps the enumerator wrote "painter" rather than "printer." Actually, the 1870 enumerator recorded an occupation only for Alexander; he used a "ditto" mark for William's occupation.

The same family was enumerated in New York City ward 20 in the 1885 New York state census: Alex Stew-

art (head), age 31, born New York, bartender; Mary Stewart (wife), age 28, born England, resident for 19 years; Alex Stewart (son), age 4, born New York; W. H. Stewart (son), age 2, born New York; Jane Roberts (mother), age 48, born New York; W. H. Roberts (son), age 21, born New York, carpenter.

By 1900, Alex W. Stewart, born June 1851, had removed to Hempstead, Nassau County, New York. He continued to work as a painter. His wife Matilda (---) Stewart, age 52, had been born in New York in November 1847 of Scottish-born parents. They had married in 1885/86.

It is possible that William H. Stewart can be identified with William Steward (boarder), born April 1855 New York of New York-born parents, age 46, single, physician, who was boarding with James and Sophia Codner at 136 Lawrence Street in Brooklyn ward 4 when the 1900 census was enumerated. James Codner was a 50-year-old New York-born printer. This William Steward was listed as a physician in Brooklyn directories as early as 1890 and as late as 1901.

An Ancestry family tree identifies Alex Stewart [Sr.] as Alex Witteer Stewart Sr. and his wife as Mary Ann

Wright. Daughter Louisa Marion Stewart (1862-1911) married John Jefferson Cisco Tuers (1856-1924).

My own vote is for candidate #3. However, the real Willis H. Stewart was probably an unidentified candidate #4. I note that Willis was sometimes used interchangeably for William, especially when there were two men who would otherwise bear the same name in one household, and that Stewart, Stuart and Steward can all be variant spellings of the same family name.

I hope some future researcher will be able to make a better identification of Willis H. Stewart. In his account, Spencer states that Stewart "conceived the idea of sending a delegation to the Exposition to conduct an exhibit of amateur journals and to issue a representative paper on the spot" (p. 22). Stewart interested Miller and Jaroslowski in his idea, and convinced the New York Amateur Press Association to support their project. It would surely be fitting to learn more about Stewart, since he was apparently the prime mover of the entire project and the actual compositor and printer of the *American Youth*. Wouldn't it be a wonder to find a time machine to enable one to visit the boys and their exhibit at the Vienna Exposition! ♦

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## The Fossils' 1943 "In Memoriam" List

by Dave Tribby

OUR GROUP was created in the aftermath of a 1904 reunion dinner for former boy printers who had been active in the amateur journalism movement going back to the late 1860s. The introduction of inexpensive tabletop printing presses after the Civil War had spurred hundreds of adolescents to start publications, exchange their little papers with other amateurs, and form regional and national groups. In those days, youngsters usually left amateurdom around the age of 20 as they started their careers. These alumni had fond memories of their time in "the 'dom," and often maintained contact with their old friends. As early as 1875 the formerly active were called fossils, and in 1904 that name was adopted for the organization, together with the description, "Amateur Journalists of the Past." Membership was limited to those who had been active before 1890.

The official organ contained remembrances of the golden days, news of the annual reunions, biographies of members, and, eventually, obituaries. The membership list was often included, and in the December 1911 issue that list was followed by the words "IN MEMORIAM" and a list in chronological order of three members who had died. By 1924 the In Memoriam list had grown to 51 names that required more than half a column.

### Changing Membership Requirements

Over the years, individual Fossils made heroic efforts to identify and recruit any unreached amateur journalists from the golden age. For example, the January 1931 FOSSIL featured a list put together by President Evan Reed Riale of over 300 prospective Fossils. As the Great Depression wore on, the organization needed more members as it dealt with financial troubles. One report noted that only 82 of the 241 members had paid dues in 1933, and the Grim Reaper was taking a growing toll. The rival Alumni Association of Amateur Journalism, with lower dues and fewer restrictions, was growing.

The initial activity deadline was extended by a decade, to 1900, in the August 1933 FOSSIL without any official announcement, only an update to the boilerplate membership requirement. The August 1936 issue included Clement F. Robinson's remarks at the reunion dinner advocating the requirement be set at thirty years; some unnamed "old timers" replied The Fossils should not take on new members, "but should be allowed to expire with the last man drinking the health of those departed." Only a year later that thirty year limit was adopted, and by 1943 it was reduced to fifteen years.

As lean finances reduced the number of FOSSIL

pages, In Memoriam was printed less frequently. After appearing in the August 1936 issue, it was seen one final time in June 1943. The 265 names may have been a supplement to that issue because it appears on a single-sided unnumbered page. For comparison, the membership list had 157 names. Perhaps In Memoriam was dropped because the organization no longer saw itself as a last man's club tied directly to the beginnings of amateurdom.

### In Memoriam List as Research Tool

When Ken Faig wrote "The Boys of 1876: An Overview" for the January issue, I turned to that 1943 list to verify death dates. It was sorted chronologically by

### *Difficult to Find*

OF ALL the In Memoriam list entries, the hardest to verify was "C. Ridgely Waller, April 19, 1909." A search of records on Ancestry turned up nothing for that name and date of death. He is referenced in Truman Spencer's *History of Amateur Journalism* as being active in the Washington, D. C., area between 1877 and 1882, but no census or city directory entries from that era were connected to the name.

By searching newspapers for the name Waller in the Washington area during mid-April 1909 I found an obituary in the *Washington Evening Star* titled

#### "RIDGE" WALLER'S FUNERAL.

I learned his birth name was Charles Ridgely Dimmitt but he "was well known in theatrical circles as Ridge Waller" and the actual date of his death was April 13.

A much more elaborate obituary appeared in the April 14 *Baltimore Sun*. When he was 15 years old his parents separated and his mother used her maiden name, Waller, which he also adopted. He had been associated with several theaters in Washington for more than 15 years before leaving to manage the Lafayette Square Theater in Buffalo, New York, in 1901.

When he arrived in Baltimore on Monday, April 12, he visited Fossil Joseph Salabes to chat about old times. "He appeared in good spirits, according to Mr. Salabes, but it was apparent that he was not in good health." That evening he visited friends in Washington, including Fossil Charles Darr.

The next day he visited the lot in Baltimore's Green Mount Cemetery where his sister (who died in 1866), mother (1888), and great aunt (1902) were buried. He stopped at the office to ensure they had received payment for grave maintenance and request the plot be covered with ivy. Moments later a shot rang out and a workman found him shot in the mouth and neck and lying across his mother's grave. He died a few hours later in a hospital.

Friends in Washington, Baltimore, and Buffalo were baffled by the suicide, describing him "of a gentle disposition." He was married in 1883 but soon divorced. He left no close relatives when he died. He was 47 years old. ♦

death date, making it difficult to find individuals by name. My solution was to scan the page, use Optical Character Recognition software to turn it into text, load the results into a spreadsheet, and resort the data alphabetically by last name.

Ken's analysis of birth year, residences, and occupation for the "Boys" inspired me to record both birth and death dates for my own In Memoriam spreadsheet. This was easy when I had an issue of THE FOSSIL containing an accurate obituary. Because some obits were vague on details, I turned to genealogical websites (mainly Ancestry.com and Newspapers.com) for additional records. Research revealed many death dates in the list were incorrect, often by a few days but sometimes by years.

Some entries had no first or last names, only initials, making the individual difficult to research. I used old membership lists to get mailing addresses to assist in my research.

It was interesting to read the life stories of these Fossils. Many were accomplished lawyers, business men, editors, publishers, or government officials. A few examples: William Sproul, governor of Pennsylvania; James Beck, congressman and solicitor general; Edgar Smith, "world famous chemist"; Jesse Grant, son of President Grant; Gerrit Griswold, a founder of Associated Press; Frederick Ives, inventor of the halftone process; Cyrus Curtis, publisher of *Saturday Evening Post* and *Ladies' Home Journal*; and the famous inventor Thomas Edison.

I discovered several anomalies when comparing early In Memoriam lists against the 1943 version. The first name on the list, Joseph P. Clossey (1905), was not added until December 1919. Sometime in the 1920s three names were dropped: Edward Hall, Richard Austin, and Augustus Barler. Rozell McWilliams was never included even though he was a Fossil when he died in 1933. Lists in the 1920s included two amateurs whose deaths predate the organization: Richard Gerner (1885) and J. Guilford White (1893). The final list's count of 265 names includes one duplicate: Frederick M. Townsend was listed in both 1940 and 1941.

Ken helped by looking up Fossils on the June 1943 membership list. He discovered eight had died as early as 1934. I added those to my spreadsheet, plus eight more who died by the end of 1943, for a grand total of 284 Fossils who died from 1905 to 1943.

### Statistical Analysis

Adolescent amateur journalists began organizing in the late 1860s, so I expected the earliest practitioners to have been born about 1850. And since the first Fossils must have been active by 1890, they would have been born by 1880. Chart A, birth years for Fossils who died before 1943, confirms those estimates, with only a few outliers. The earliest-born Fossils, Thomas A. Edison

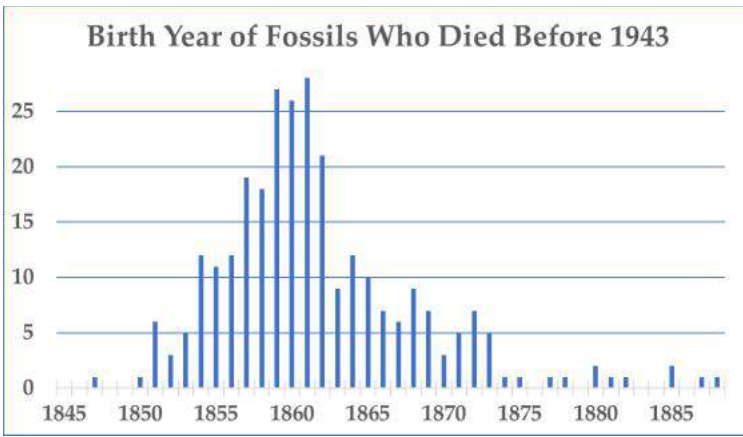


Chart A

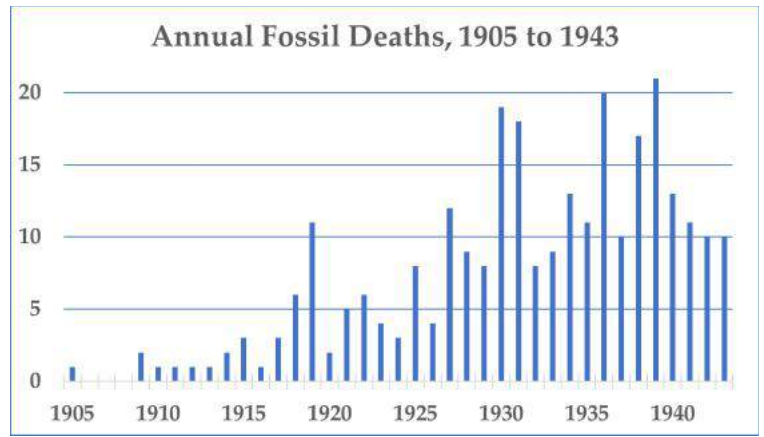


Chart B

(1847 - 1931) and Cyrus H. K. Curtis (1850 - 1933), had published their boyhood papers independent of organized amateur journalism. The six deceased Fossils born after 1880 died mostly in 1943 at fairly young ages (55 to 61). For all deceased Fossils, the average birth year was 1861, about three years older than Ken's calculation for the group of 62 boys who founded the National Amateur Press Association in 1876.

The number of Fossil deaths per year (see Chart B) started low, only totaling 16 through 1917. The toll during 1918-19 jumped by 17. Obituaries reveal several were directly due to influenza, with the pandemic a likely contributor to others. The number of annual deaths rose above 15 five times: in 1939 (21), 1936 (20), 1930 (19), 1931 (18), and 1938 (17).

The average age at death was 70, with eight living longer than 85 years. The oldest, Lorenzo H. Abbey, lived three months beyond his 89th birthday.

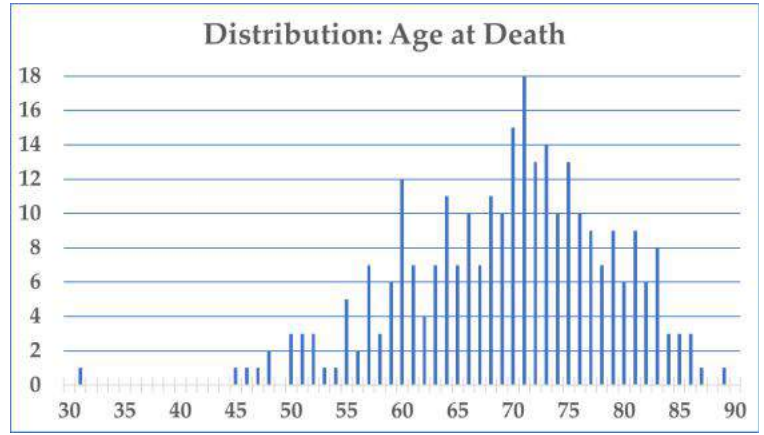


Chart C

I can email my spreadsheet to anyone who wants to see all the data.

Here, 80 years later, is the revised and resorted In Memoriam list of Fossils who died before 1944:

*Name, death date, and age at death:*

Abbey, Lorenzo H. ....	Jul 17, 1942 (89)	Briggs, J. Edson .....	Sep 4, 1928 (70)	Crissey, Frank F. ....	Nov 1, 1931 (71)
Allen, Clarence Gale .....	Aug 4, 1930 (71)	Brigham, William E. ....	Nov 25, 1934 (69)	Crockett, George L. ....	Oct 10, 1932 (67)
Antisdell, William Rogers ....	Feb 8, 1916 (48)	Brown, George S. ....	Nov 11, 1941 (70)	Crosby, C. Fred: .....	Feb 6, 1923 (60)
Appleton, Everard Jack .....	Feb 19, 1931 (58)	Buch, Frank E. ....	Jun 4, 1931 (71)	Cross, Dudley A. T. ....	Feb 11, 1939 (80)
Austin, Richard W. ....	Apr 20, 1919 (61)	Burger, Charles R. ....	May 31, 1939 (74)	Curtis, Cyrus H. K. ....	Jun 7, 1933 (82)
Babcock, William F. ....	Apr 15, 1931 (72)	Burgess, Everett A. ....	Jul 15, 1938 (62)	Darr, Charles W. ....	Jan 3, 1932 (70)
Baildon, George W. ....	Mar 20, 1911 (51)	Burton, George D. ....	Jan 7, 1918 (62)	Davis, Isaac .....	Oct 29, 1943 (82)
Balfe, Thomas F. ....	Aug 12, 1927 (70)	Butler, William Tobias .....	Jun 18, 1943 (61)	Davis, Robert H. ....	Oct 11, 1942 (73)
Bamburgh, William C. ....	Sep 25, 1927 (60)	Calwell, James S. ....	Oct 19, 1925 (69)	Day, Frank Edward .....	Dec 23, 1937 (73)
Barler, Augustus C. ....	Oct 14, 1919 (63)	Canis, George Franklin .....	Oct 29, 1923 (67)	Day, George Edward .....	Oct 31, 1919 (55)
Bartlett, Stephen S. ....	Jun 3, 1942 (61)	Carter, Howard Marshall .....	Feb 19, 1936 (66)	DeGrange, Joseph T. ....	Sep 1, 1936 (71)
Batchelder, Mark D. ....	Aug 20, 1935 (66)	Case, Carlton Britton .....	Jul 22, 1936 (79)	Delaney, William W. ....	Feb 22, 1930 (66)
Beardslee, Robert W. ....	Mar 8, 1936 (59)	Challis, Frank H. ....	Mar 23, 1930 (75)	Dennis, Harriet Caryl Cox ..	Apr 20, 1936 (68)
Beck, James M. ....	Apr 12, 1936 (74)	Champlin, George G. ....	Apr 2, 1937 (74)	Dennis, William Henry ....	Mar 23, 1919 (63)
Benedict, Harold .....	Jan 7, 1934 (71)	Chase, Clement .....	May 7, 1922 (62)	Dimon, John N. ....	Oct 19, 1939 (77)
Benjamin, Morris W. ....	Jul 27, 1922 (65)	Chiles, Walter C. ....	Jun 15, 1940 (69)	Dingwall, Alexander W. ....	Jul 27, 1918 (60)
Bieh, George W. ....	Dec 17, 1920 (65)	Clark, Daniel D. ....	Jun 26, 1941 (70)	Disosway, Harry Hamilton ..	Aug 8, 1934 (73)
Black, Alexander R. ....	May 8, 1940 (81)	Clark, William Hepburn .....	May 3, 1935 (77)	Doblin, Henry .....	Jan 3, 1930 (64)
Black, John V. ....	Aug 13, 1935 (79)	Class, Charles Hepburn .....	Oct 6, 1935 (78)	Dohme, John L. ....	Oct 12, 1940 (71)
Blanchard, Isaac Harry .....	Dec 11, 1931 (69)	Clemens, William M. ....	Nov 24, 1931 (71)	Dole, Charles Edwin .....	Jun 9, 1935 (72)
Blood, Earl N. ....	Aug 11, 1938 (77)	Clossey, Joseph P. ....	May 25, 1905 (45)	Downes, William Howe ....	Feb 19, 1941 (86)
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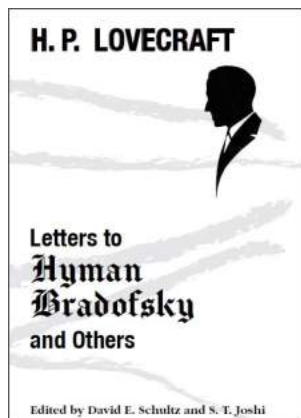
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## Lovecraft's AJ Correspondence

by Dave Tribby

*H. P. Lovecraft: Letters to Hyman Bradofsky and Others*  
edited by David E. Schultz and S. T. Joshi  
(Hippocampus Press, 595 pp, \$30; available soon)

MY FIRST exposure to the letters of H. P. Lovecraft came via Fossils John and Hal Shepherd. As John describes in his April 2019 article for



THE FOSSIL, in 1936 their father Wilson, then a teenager, wrote to the noted horror author to send an amateur paper and ask for advice. In twelve letters over ten months, the first of which is reprinted in that issue, HPL is a patient, knowledgeable mentor. Wilson found the letters worth preserving, as did numerous other Lovecraft correspondents. This large corpus provides significant insights into

Lovecraft's thinking, opinions, and personality.

David E. Schultz and S. T. Joshi have researched these letters for decades. Since 2003 they have produced 19 books of Lovecraft letters for Hippocampus Press (four of those titles required two volumes each) plus one for the University of Tampa Press in 2007. When the one remaining volume is completed, nearly 3,500 letters will have been published in the series. Each book contains correspondence with either an individual or a group of connected people, plus extensive explanatory material and an index.

The main thread connecting this latest volume is our own hobby of amateur journalism. In the January FOSSIL, David Schultz describes his painstaking research over eight years, including visits to the Library of Amateur Journalism at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, to understand the context and meaning of the 246 letters in this volume written to (and in a few cases, received from) nine individuals. I was familiar with three future Fossils, Helm Spink, Ralph Babcock, and Hyman Bradofsky, and concise biographies in the 27-page introduction brought me up to speed on the others: Richard Ely Morse, Jennie K. Plaisier, Margaret Sylvester, Frank Utpatel, Virgil Finlay, and John J. Weir.

The 431 pages of letters cover mainly the years 1932 until Lovecraft's death in 1937. Spink is the exception, with correspondence starting in 1925. HPL offers opinions on subjects as diverse as national politics, German folklore, personal travels, weird fiction authors, and writing, although comments on National Amateur

Press Association publications, personalities, and politics predominate. Since Lovecraft served as an NAPA Executive Judge in 1935-36, much of that year's correspondence deals with controversial actions and comments by President Bradofsky and his predecessor, Babcock.

Our editors help us navigate the minutiae with endnotes on each letter, a 75-page appendix containing reprints of key articles referenced by the letters, and a glossary identifying over 100 frequently mentioned names. The comprehensive index requires 13 pages.

The titular letters fall into two broad categories: Lovecraft's submission of material for Bradofsky's *Californian*, and comments on NAPA administrative and political issues. Here's his suggestion on how to deal with mounting attacks from Babcock:

You can literally rip him to pieces—but do it *suavely & ironically*, keeping an appearance of amused tranquility & avoiding the display of excitement or of a sense of injury.

Although covering similar ground, the Spink letters are more revealing, perhaps because HPL considered him a friend. One dated June 30, 1936, offers particularly frank assessments of Babcock, Bradofsky, and Edwin Hadley Smith and the role each played in perpetuating a divisive argument. A brief sample:

As a general specimen of *homo sapiens*—in intellect, ability, stamina, & balance—Babcock is undoubtedly far superior to Bradofsky. ... while Hymie was trying to serve the best ends of amateurdom in his crude, blundering way, Babcock was giving free rein to a savage, juvenile personalism for purely private ends & with a distinctly anti-social effect. (Just as the Potomac Polecat [Smith] was doing toward him!)

This section benefits from the inclusion of letters Spink sent to Lovecraft. The Spink letters were preserved by Fossils Sheldon and Helen Wesson and deposited with Brown University in the 1990s.

The third major section includes 41 letters to Richard Morse, a poet who was not closely tied to amateur journalism but had verses published in the *Californian*. Their correspondence focuses on weird literature but touches many other topics. The remaining six sections hold thirty letters, some gems.

Due to the overlapping topics in the various *Letters* books, Lovecraft's amateur journalism correspondence is spread across a number of volumes. For example, the dozen letters to young Wilson Shepherd are part of *Letters to Robert Bloch and Others*. To learn more about Lovecraft's views on United and National APA elections in the mid-1920s I turned to *James F. Morton*. David Schultz notes there is much *ajay* content in the volumes named for Maurice W. Moe, Reinhart Kleiner, and Alfred Galpin, all of which can be ordered from [www.hippocampuspress.com](http://www.hippocampuspress.com) ♦

# Ten Years On

by Dave Tribby

LAST MONTH marked ten years since I completed my first issue as editor of THE FOSSIL. Issue number 356 was a special one commemorating the life of Leland M. Hawes, Jr., known as "Mr. AAPA," who died May 18, 2013, one month short of his 84th birthday.

After editing volumes 101 through 108 and producing some of the largest issues ever, Ken Faig had retired as FOSSIL editor the previous July and the Fossil board had not found a replacement. (Gary Bossler prepared the October and January issues as "interim editor.") I had recently replaced Barry Schrader on the board, so volunteered to put together one issue in honor of my friend Lee. I was also "acting" editor for the next issue, a modifier removed beginning with issue 358.

Having agreed to edit the "official publication of The Fossils, the historians of amateur journalism," I had the burden of filling four to sixteen pages every three months. Amateur journalism is the beat, whether it is information about our own group's procedures and finances, a story or profile from ajay's distant past, the reminiscence of a current Fossil, a description of recent events in an amateur press association, information on collections of amateur papers, or just about anything else that can be tied to the hobby.

Needing to fill those empty pages motivated me to write articles of my own, a few I consider valuable in documenting amateur journalism for future researchers (such as the demise of the United APAs, rivalries that rocked NAPA in the 1920s, or the controversies surrounding AAPA e-journals in 2004-2010). Other pieces simply satisfied my own curiosity (What happened to NAPA's Presidents Field? What became of the 1939 AAPA convention delegates?). Over the years I also got to write about my ajay mentors Lee Hawes, Sheldon Wesson, and Russ Paxton.

I always value relevant articles written by others, not only by fellow Fossils but also by academics whose research touches on our hobby. Since 2014 I have appreciated the regular quarterly columns by President Faig. Another frequent writer, David Goudsward, has contributed ten major articles since July 2015. If you would like to write an article - or even a letter to the editor - for THE FOSSIL, please let me know. The more voices, the better.

All of my 41 issues, as well as Ken's 32 and the two in-between, are available as PDF files on The Fossils' website ([www.thefossils.org/fossil/](http://www.thefossils.org/fossil/)).



## Hawes Endowment

Speaking of Lee Hawes, it is sobering to realize how much has changed since his death. His employer for over fifty years, the *Tampa Tribune*, ceased publication in 2016. His former Tampa home was torn down and has been an empty lot since 2018 (according to Google Maps street view). Amateur journalism has kept his name alive with the Leland M. Hawes, Jr. Fund for the Library of Amateur Journalism, an endowment managed by the University of Wisconsin Foundation. As of December 31, 2021, its assets were valued at \$28,874, and over the previous six years it provided \$4,300 to support the organizing, cataloging, and other work related to the LAJ. (I have not yet received the fund's latest financial statement, but see online that UW Endowment investments had a rough year in 2022, with a 15.1% drop in market value. Even with that difficulty, the ten year average annual return is 6.7%.)

Donations to the Hawes Fund are tax-deductible. You can find information on how to make a contribution on The Fossils' website.



## Online FOSSIL Bonus

If you go to The Fossils' website and access the online version of this issue you will find a bonus at the end: the 1943 In Memoriam list from pages 8 and 9 resorted to be in death date chronological order, as was the original list.

Before closing on the list, here's an oddity: the name C. Fred: Crosby included a colon in the earliest versions of the list, but was later dropped. Looking more closely, THE FOSSIL used a period (as was used for other name abbreviations such as Geo., Chas., Jos., or Wm.) up to 1914, but switched to the colon in 1915 when Fred: became a member of the press committee. Thereafter the colon was used consistently in the membership list, list of officers, or article references to him. The colon was also used in the January 1908 issue of *The Gothamite* (official organ of the Gotham Press Club, found on Marc Brosey's "Jake's Journals" website), in a 1905 caption to his picture for his Masonic lodge, and in *Tobacco Record*, a trade paper he edited beginning in 1919. When his name cropped up in the professional press it was just plain Fred, although his byline in the December 17, 1921 issue of *The Billboard* (a weekly theatrical digest) did include the colon.

Fred:'s name punctuation was years ahead of the Black Eyed Peas singer will.i.am.



## More Artificial Intelligence

Following up on last issue's discussion about AI and AJ, I asked a couple of new chat-bots to write a poem about amateur journalism in the style of H. P. Lovecraft. This is what Microsoft's Bing produced:

In the dark of night, when all is still,  
And the world is quiet, save for the chill,  
There comes a sound, so faint and low,  
A whisper of words, that start to grow.

It's the sound of pens, scratching away,  
On paper and parchment, night and day,  
The sound of writers, who dare to dream,  
And share their thoughts, in a printed stream.

They call it amateur journalism,  
A hobby so pure, it's like a prism,  
That takes the light, and breaks it down,  
Into colors bright, that astound.

For in these pages, you'll find a world,  
Of stories and poems, that are unfurled,  
From minds so bright, they light up the night,  
And make us see, with new sight.

So let us celebrate this art,  
This craft so pure, that sets us apart,  
And let us write, with all our might,  
And share our words, with all our sight.

And Gipp AI:

In amateur journalism, a craft so strange,  
The words they publish, in print they arrange,  
A madness creeps in, as ink stains the page,  
A feeling so eerie, it defies age.

The depths of their minds, they seek to explore,  
The perversions they find, they cannot ignore,  
Their pens they wield like daggers of old,  
Creating horrors, that cannot be told.

Their words, so blasphemous, they don't dare to speak,  
As if written in blood, so dark and unique,  
The letters align, to form a great curse,  
A chilling remembrance, of things much worse.

A sickening sound, like a creaky old door,  
Echoes through the pages, with terror galore,  
The truth they reveal, is far too obscene,  
Their thoughts too deranged, to ever be seen.

In this world of amateur journalism,  
The truth they discover, yields no optimism,  
Instead they find, the darkest of things,  
And fear how it shakes, the very soul of all beings.

So beware, dear reader, and stay far away,  
From the terrors these amateurs, put down on display,  
For their words are but madness, that threatens to kill,  
And the horrors they write, will give you a chill.



## Lovecraft's Letters

Even though letters in the Lovecraft book reviewed on page 10 are more than 85 years old, I personally knew two of the amateur journalists he mentions.

I met Ralph Babcock in 1972 when he visited Tampa to use Lee Hawes's Sigwalt press as part of a "tramp printer" project. The recently retired master printer was an active NAPA elder statesman, not the 20-something "adolescent bully" of Lovecraft's letters. But HPL saw something more: "Babcock has good stuff in him, & I sincerely hope he'll have a brilliant & successful career. ... He has brains & energy & a taste & skill in typography which approach real distinction. If he'd cooperate instead of fight he'd make one of the pillars of the institution — & I'm hoping he will in the long run."

Another future Fossil, Jack Bond, my Florida neighbor and among the first to welcome me into AAPA in 1970, is described by Lovecraft as one of the "young fellows in amateurdom [who] have been thoroughly decent & civilized." I guess Jack was always a Southern gentleman. ♦



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## In Memoriam

AS A bonus for our online readers, here is the 1943 Fossils In Memoriam list presented in chronological order. It differs from the original list in the following ways: 1) age at death has been added; 2) death dates have been corrected as needed, and the entries resorted; 3) deaths occurring before 1943 but not on the original list have been added; and 4) all deaths from 1943 are listed (the last name on the original list was Arthur Seitz.) The original, set in a smaller type size, filled a single page.

*Name, death date, and age at death:*

Clossey, Joseph P. ....	May 25, 1905 (45)	Morris, Frank M. ....	Mar 27, 1925 (67)	Eldridge, William J. ....	Oct 10, 1930 (70)
Waller, C. Ridgely .....	Apr 13, 1909 (47)	Perkins, Walter E. ....	Jun 3, 1925 (64)	Milton, Samuel Burleigh ...	Oct 22, 1930 (66)
Sullivan, Dennis A. ....	Jun 16, 1909 (48)	Huffington, George B. ....	Sep 27, 1925 (63)	Fique, Carl .....	Dec 6, 1930 (58)
Snyder, John Winslow .....	Apr 15, 1910 (55)	Calwell, James S. ....	Oct 19, 1925 (69)	Ortman, Rudolph .....	Dec 8, 1930 (66)
Baildon, George W. ....	Mar 20, 1911 (51)	Hoadley, Edgar R., Jr. ....	Nov 1, 1925 (66)	Eberle, J. Frederick, Jr. ....	Feb 9, 1931 (73)
Wills, Anthony E. ....	Jul 25, 1912 (31)	Vondersmith, Frank K. ....	Nov 11, 1925 (68)	Seaver, Frank L. ....	Feb 19, 1931 (68)
Hall, Edward E. ....	Feb 18, 1913 (58)	Elgutter, Charles S. ....	Dec 31, 1925 (64)	Appleton, Everard Jack ....	Feb 19, 1931 (58)
Fernald, George H. ....	Sep 17, 1914 (52)	Kendall, William M. ....	Feb 23, 1926 (71)	Spink, Thomas F. ....	Mar 4, 1931 (65)
Kendall, Correl .....	Dec 18, 1914 (57)	Holmead, Alfred .....	May 30, 1926 (64)	Babcock, William F. ....	Apr 15, 1931 (72)
Hoeber, Arthur .....	Apr 29, 1915 (60)	Pereyra, Jules .....	Jun 3, 1926 (61)	Maloney, Michael C. ....	May 15, 1931 (63)
Weinberg, Gustave .....	Aug 14, 1915 (55)	Spencer, Robert M. ....	Jul 13, 1926 (53)	Martin, Frank J. ....	May 25, 1931 (71)
Tracy, James Perkins .....	Dec 15, 1915 (62)	Filer, Herbert A. ....	Feb 10, 1927 (57)	Buch, Frank E. ....	Jun 4, 1931 (71)
Antisdell, William Rogers .....	Feb 8, 1916 (48)	Parker, Barnard George ....	Feb 11, 1927 (68)	Ginsburg, Bernard .....	Jun 5, 1931 (67)
Emery, Brainerd Prescott .....	Mar 12, 1917 (50)	Collier, Allen .....	Jun 16, 1927 (64)	Edison, Thomas Alva .....	Oct 18, 1931 (84)
Legler, Henry Edouard .....	Sep 13, 1917 (56)	Hays, Lynn M. ....	Jun 17, 1927 (64)	McDowell, Whitford L. ....	Oct 20, 1931 (73)
Gleason, James Roosevelt .....	Sep 23, 1917 (51)	Van Vechten, Ralph .....	Jun 28, 1927 (64)	Crissey, Frank F. ....	Nov 1, 1931 (71)
Burton, George D. ....	Jan 7, 1918 (62)	Van Culin, Clayton .....	Jul 29, 1927 (69)	Larner, John B. ....	Nov 9, 1931 (73)
Munro, James H. Ives .....	Jan 16, 1918 (56)	Balfe, Thomas F. ....	Aug 12, 1927 (70)	Clemens, William M. ....	Nov 24, 1931 (71)
Edmunds, Charles Welsh .....	Apr 26, 1918 (46)	Russell, Willis W. ....	Aug 26, 1927 (65)	Wilson, Howell F. ....	Dec 7, 1931 (71)
Griggs, Wilfred Elizur .....	Jul 24, 1918 (52)	Bamburgh, William C. ....	Sep 25, 1927 (60)	Blanchard, Isaac Harry .....	Dec 11, 1931 (69)
Dingwall, Alexander W. ....	Jul 27, 1918 (60)	Sherlock, Charles R. ....	Oct 28, 1927 (69)	Sempers, Charles T. ....	Dec 14, 1931 (72)
Ludwig, Oswald C. ....	Oct 17, 1918 (60)	Turner, Kelly M. ....	Nov 7, 1927 (68)	Patrick, Fred A. ....	Dec 16, 1931 (74)
Frye, George Edgar .....	Mar 5, 1919 (59)	White, Frank .....	Nov 28, 1927 (71)	Darr, Charles W. ....	Jan 3, 1932 (70)
Dennis, William Henry .....	Mar 23, 1919 (63)	Sproul, William C. ....	Mar 21, 1928 (57)	Kelsey, William A. ....	Jan 5, 1932 (80)
Austin, Richard W. ....	Apr 20, 1919 (61)	Smith, Edgar Fahs .....	May 3, 1928 (73)	Smith, William Orlando ..	May 12, 1932 (72)
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Graff, William K. ....	Apr 30, 1919 (63)	Harvey, George .....	Aug 20, 1928 (63)	Crockett, George L. ....	Oct 10, 1932 (67)
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Merritt, Henry K. ....	Sep 26, 1919 (60)	Jenkins, Clarence N. ....	Sep 12, 1928 (67)	Sayer, J. Fred .....	Dec 11, 1932 (81)
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Young, Charles H. ....	Oct 26, 1919 (59)	Sprubb, William N. ....	Dec 4, 1928 (76)	Livingston, Robert E. ....	Jan 29, 1933 (71)
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