

George Avery Rich

George Avery Rich, a charter member of the Business Historical Society, died at his home in Attleboro, Massachusetts, on November 7.

A native of Maine, where he was born at Charlotte on October 20, 1863, Mr. Rich received his college education at Wesleyan College in Middletown, Connecticut, where he received the B.A. degree in 1886 and the M.A. in 1889. In 1886 he entered newspaper work in Boston as a reporter. From 1887 to 1898 he was with the *Boston Daily Journal*, first serving as financial editor and later as business manager. In 1898 he entered the brokerage business, with Tower, Giddings & Company, and became a member of the Boston Stock Exchange. He was a member of the governing committee of the Exchange from 1913 to 1927 and again from 1934 to 1938, and he also served as secretary from 1916 to 1937.

George Rich was one of that small group of Boston business men who were in a large measure responsible for the establishment of the Business Historical Society in 1925. He was president in 1935-37 and a member of its Council from the beginning until his death in 1941, having been made an honorary member.

The Society owes much to him for his faithful work, particularly during the dark days of the depression. There is no measure of his full contribution as a member of the Society. He was a quiet, unassuming man, but those who were close to him felt the warmth of his interests. He imparted to others something of his own enthusiasm for business history and his belief in its value as an avocation for the business man and as a subject worthy of serious study by the scholar.