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In Memory of Dr. George Woodbridge

Dr. George Woodbridge, a friend, mentor, and former Vice-President of the Newport Historical Society, died at Raleigh, North Carolina, on March 27, 1995, at the age of 86.

Dr. Woodbridge was a scholar, teacher, and public servant, and a well-known lecturer during his residence in Newport. He graduated from Columbia University when he was only sixteen years of age, and eventually earned a Master's Degree from that institution and a Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin. His varied career took him to Washington, where he worked in the Lend-Lease Administration, to Egypt, where he coordinated supplies for the war effort, and to London, where he worked for the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration and later for the Marshall Plan.

In 1960, he returned to Columbia University, where he taught European history until 1974, at that time moving to Newport. He contributed articles to Newport History on the Vernon House, Rochambeau, Bishop Seabury, and George Washington's visits to Newport. Dr. Woodbridge was greatly admired among his fellow Newporters for his profound knowledge of history. His interesting and scholarly lectures often included accounts of his extensive travels.

Dr. Woodbridge was a driving force behind the professionalization of the Newport Historical Society. He led the Society in the development of its first Long Range Plan and, along with Beth Everett, helped to initiate its successful oral history program. Dr. Woodbridge's boundless energy motivated the staff and the rest of the Board in all of their activities.

It was my privilege to have visited Dr. Woodbridge a few days before he was taken ill and heard him speak on a complicated period of European history, the Balkan Wars of 1912-1914, which he did in his usual insightful and interesting way.

Dr. George Woodbridge will be sorely missed by the Newport Historical Society and his many friends in Newport.

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