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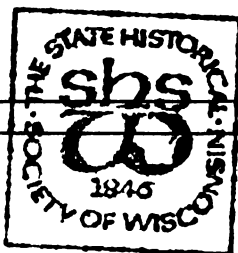
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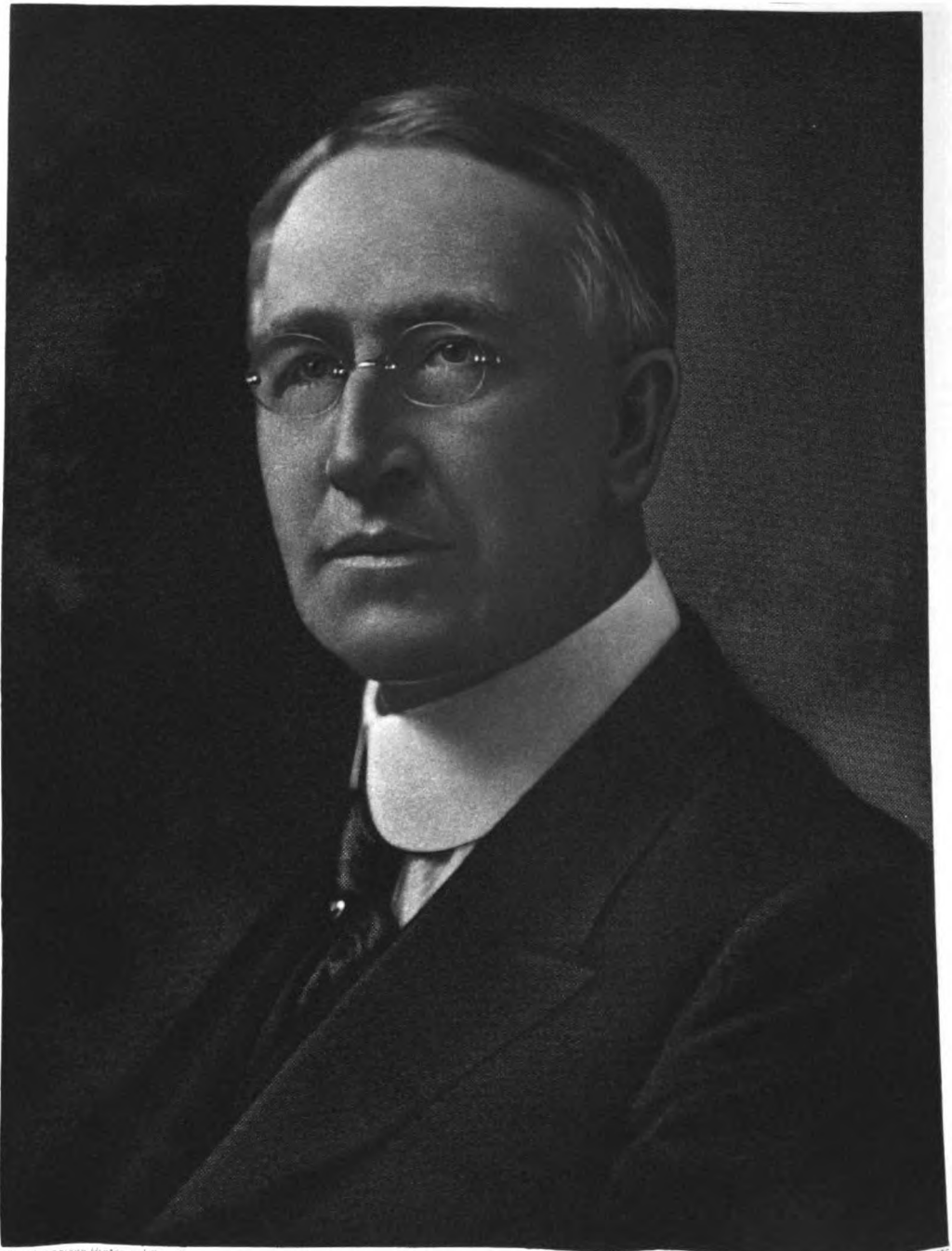
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GRAHAM, Alexander C.,

Man of Great Enterprise.

The life of Alexander C. Graham was spent in what is now the city of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, the consolidation of the three boroughs that now form the city having been a dream of the elder Graham which his son was an important factor in making come true. To James and Alexander C. Graham, who were business partners until the death of the father, Bethlehem owes a debt of gratitude, for they were prime factors in the real estate development of the Bethlehems for half a century. Several of the now popular residential sections of the boroughs and city were added through their enterprise, and when the father, James Graham, laid down life's responsibilities, the son, Alexander C. Graham, assumed the double burden and continued the business for nine years, until his own passing in 1918.

Alexander C. Graham was deeply interested in civic affairs, gave much time to the public service, and was widely known as a man of high ideals and as an official who strove for the attainment of those ideals in the practical everyday administration of city affairs. His public spirit and patriotism found full vent during the stirring period of the World War and every call of that period met with a ready and generous response from him. He died in the full prime of his splendid manhood, but he had not lived in vain.

James Graham was born in Scotland, and about 1861 came to the United States, settling in South Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, in 1864. There he became the head of a large real estate business, and for forty-five years labored in the cause of good government and civic improvement. He was widely known and very popular, his genial, kindly manner winning even those who were not acquainted with the sterling quality of his character. He died in South Bethlehem, August 9,

1909, on his seventy-ninth birthday. He married Eliza Ferris, also born in Scotland, and they were the parents of five children: James F.; Alexander C., to whose memory this review is tendered; Elizabeth J.; George Tinsley, deceased; and Mildred.

Alexander C. Graham was born in South Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, July 31, 1865. He was educated in Bethlehem schools, and began his business life with Wolle & Leinbach, real estate dealers. He remained in that employ until 1886, then having arrived at legal age he was admitted to an association with his honored father, which soon resulted in a partnership, James Graham & Son, Real Estate, which continued until the death of James Graham, in 1909. This firm conducted a very large business and among the many properties which they developed and added to the residential area of the Bethlehems is the exclusive Fountain Hill district. After the death of his father, Alexander C. Graham, continued the business of James Graham & Son with the same success it had long enjoyed. His operations were extensive but carefully considered, and he was the acknowledged leader among the men of his business. He had a keen sense of values, was sound and sure in his decisions, and not afraid to trust his own judgment nor to lead where it dictated. In addition to his private business Mr. Graham was a director of the E. P. Wilbur Trust Company, the Brown-Borhek Lumber Company, owner of the Halcyon Knitting Mills, and president of the South Bethlehem Knitting Mills, these corporations all important ones.

Prior to consolidation, Mr. Graham was a member of South Bethlehem Borough Council for several terms, and in 1900 was the Democratic candidate for burgess. So popular was he that party lines ceased to exist and he was elected for a three years' term by a vote which might almost be called "unanimous." He went on record during his administration as a strong supporter

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of street paving, abolishing grade crossings, and the furnishing of a pure and abundant water supply. In that body his talents were recognized by appointment as superintendent of the department of accounts and finances, an office he capably administered.

An active working member of the Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Graham gave energetic support to the famous "hill to hill" bridge project and was appointed a member of the Bethlehem Bridge Commission, of which he was chosen vice-chairman. He was a trustee of St. Luke's Hospital, and guarantor of the Bach Choir. He aided every war "drive or campaign" with boundless enthusiasm, and was a tower of strength to every cause he advocated. He was a member of the Masonic order, holding the thirty-second degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and was affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His clubs were the Lehigh Country, Northampton and Manufacturers' (Philadelphia). He was a member of the Pennsylvania Society of New York City, and a communicant of the First Presbyterian Church of South Bethlehem.

Mr. Graham married, May 27, 1891, Georgia C. Chrisman, daughter of John and Caroline (Reifsnnyder) Chrisman, and their children are: Katharine, married Lieutenant Carl Siebecker, who served with the American Expeditionary Forces during the World War, now manager of the Halcyon Knitting Mills; George T.; and Ruth Jackson, deceased. Mrs. Graham survives her husband, a resident of South Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

WEIS, Albert,

Civil War Veteran.

The late Colonel Albert Weis, of Galveston, Texas, and a figure prominent in the business and theatrical affairs of the

South, whose death occurred May 2, 1918, at the Sherman Square Hotel, New York City, was a native of Essengen, Bavaria. At a very early age, Colonel Weis came with his parents to the United States, and his early home in this country was made in New York City, where he attended the local public schools. During his youth the Civil War between the North and the South broke out, and he enlisted in Captain Peck's company of the Wallis Battalion, which was recruited in Colorado county, Texas, in 1861. This body formed one of the units of what was known as Wallis' Legion, under the command of General Wallis, and very shortly after being mustered into the service it was sent across the Mississippi river in the vicinity of Vicksburg and at once took an active part in the fighting there. Somewhat later, Wallis' Legion was divided into several parts and the cavalry was placed under Brigadier-General McCullough and formed a part of the command of General Forrest until the close of the war. Colonel Weis took part in the battles of Price's Crossroads, Fort Pillow, the Raid of the Holly Springs, Memphis, and numerous other important engagements. Toward the latter part of the war he was commissioned a scout for General Forrest, and did some excellent work in this capacity, it being he who brought news to his commander of the strength of the Federal army occupying Memphis.

After the close of hostilities, Colonel Weis returned to civil life, and early in the seventies took up his abode at Galveston, Texas, where he engaged in a general mercantile business. From 1870 until 1880 he was one of the partners of a large clothing establishment of that city and during the decade that followed he maintained a dry goods establishment, where he sold dry goods, notions, boots, shoes and hats, and similar articles at wholesale. In this enterprise he was associated with his brother, the name