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This number of *The Bulletin* is most respectfully dedicated to the many donors of gifts to the Museum and to the benefactors of the Society. To all of you, THE PASSAIC COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY is most grateful.

The first donor to our Museum was Mrs. Bryce Bunnell, one of the incorporators in 1926 and a respected trustee of the organization until her death. This gift was a framed lithograph of a locomotive made in Paterson in the 1850s. From this beginning, many thousands of gifts have been received through the interest and the generosity of hundreds of friends. While many of the donors gave one or a few objects, others contributed collec-

tions, varied and numerous. Among the many "single" donations are two outstanding works of art, valuable and unique and both occupied prominent places in Mr. Lambert's home. I refer to the lovely statue of *Pandora*, made from Carrara marble in Rome by the sculptor Chauncey Ives. This was the gift of Mr. Benjamin Garfinkle of Passaic—head of the Bengar Corporation; and to the exquisite, 13-foot clock made by Eugene Cornu in Paris, from The First National Bank and Trust Company of Paterson.

Among the many collections received through bequests was a group of old, rare pictures of the falls of the Passaic from our first president, the late Vice Chancellor Eugene Stevenson; the vast and



**JENNIE TUTTLE HOBART**

**Benefactor**

varied collection of manuscripts, books, curios and Indian artifacts from our first curator, the late Albert Henry Heusser; the lovely collection of lusterware, pewter, fine china, Staffordshire and other porcelains from the late Le Grand Parish and Miss Mary Gledhill. The most recent bequest, and a most substantial one, the complete furnishings, linens, glass, china, silver, etc. from the mansion of the late Mrs. Helen Sterrett Mc Burney formerly of Paterson and late of Atlanta, Georgia.

Among the many outstanding collections received as gifts are the extensive manuscript and published music collection from the pen of the late John G. Zabriskie;

the valued genealogical collection from our late treasurer, Mattie M. Bowman; the vast collections of pictures, negatives and photographic material from the Reid and Doremus studios; the collections of military materials consisting of flags, clothing, equipment, books, pamphlets, diaries, pictures, etc. from the families of Andrew Derrom and Augustus Van Giesen.

Then too, Joseph Appel's gift of thousands of silk samples, is without doubt, the largest and the most varied exhibit of its kind in the world. The large collections of clothing and house wares from Miss Carey of West Milford, from Miss Anna Sisco and from Mrs. Peter Ryle are invaluable for the

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#### HOBART-TUTTLE FAMILIES

*"Over a hundred years ago two little boys used to sit on the same bench of a country schoolhouse in northern New Hampshire. They fished the same trout stream, wandered together down the white birch lanes by summer and trudged through the snowdrifts of the long New England winters."*

The above quotation is from "Memories," by the late Jennie Tuttle Hobart and the story which follows is intimately connected with the "two little boys" from New Hampshire for their names were Addison Hobart and Socrates Tuttle.

Both the Hobarts and the Tuttle had come to America in the middle of the 17th century and after living a short while in Massachusetts, both removed to New Hampshire. After many generations, Addison Hobart was born in the little village of Columbia in Coos County, New Hampshire. This village lay in the Connecticut River valley in the northern part of the state.

Here too, Socrates Tuttle lived and attended the village school with Addison Hobart. Both of these boys desired

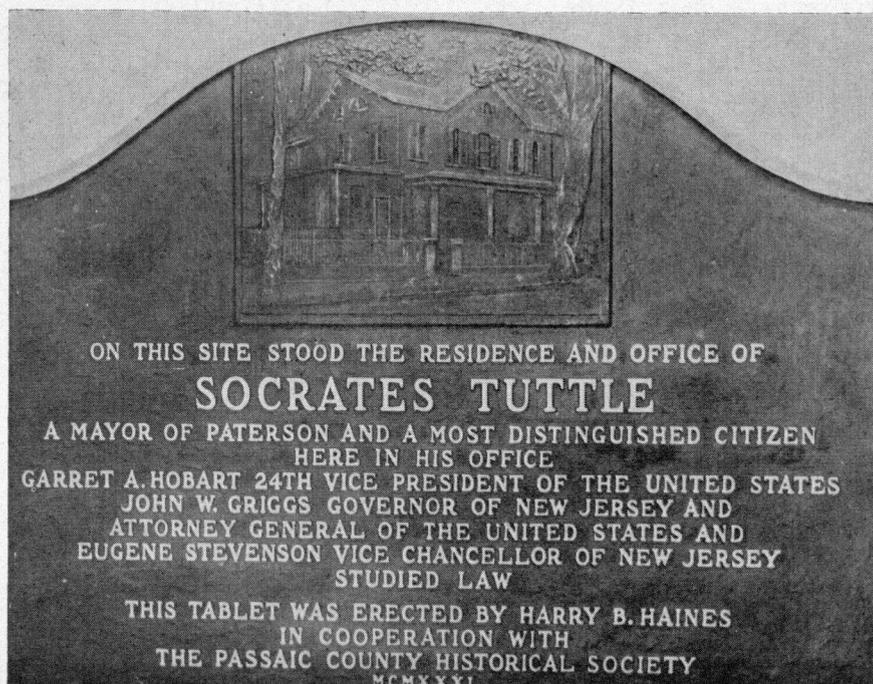
to leave their native New Hampshire when they became old enough.

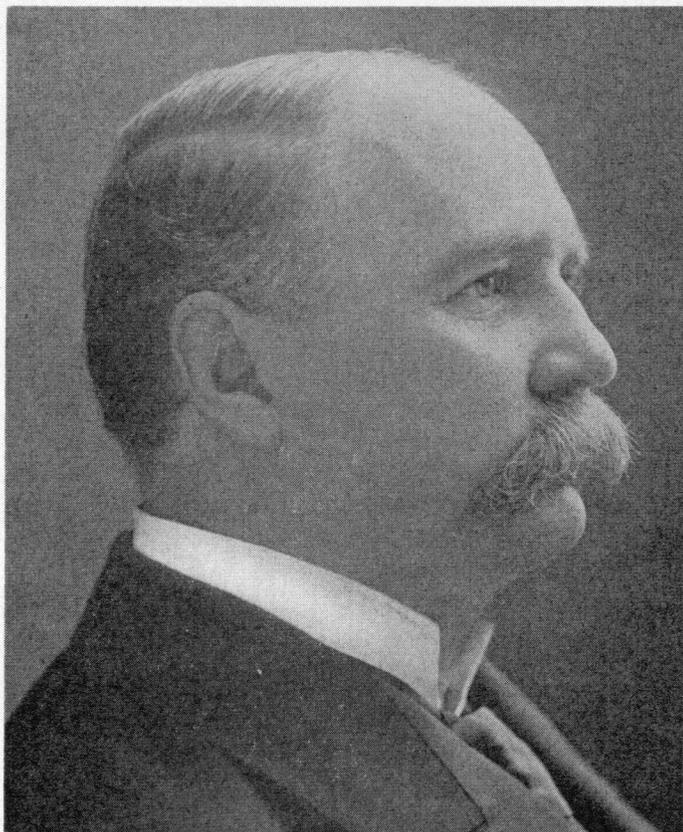
As young men, Socrates Tuttle came to New Jersey where he secured a job at school teaching in the village of "Blue Ball" (now Adelfia) in Monmouth County. Here he received "\$13 monthly and board around." His tenure was limited however, for the school board learned that they could secure the services of another young man for only \$12.00 monthly.

Addison Hobart, preceded young Tuttle to New Jersey. He taught school in Long Branch for a while and the young school teacher subsequently fell in love with the attractive Sophia Vanderveer of Freehold. They were married and on June 3, 1844 Addison and Sophia Hobart became the proud parents of a son, *Garret Augustus Hobart*.

Meanwhile Socrates Tuttle quit school teaching and in March 1844 he came to Paterson where he worked in the law office of James Speer. Later, he was employed in the law office of Benjamin W. Vandervoort where he remained until April 1848. By this time, Socrates Tuttle had discovered his life work. He not only became a successful lawyer but an eminent one.

One Sunday afternoon, Mrs. Jennie Hobart relates, Socrates Tuttle was visiting his good friend Addison Hobart on his Monmouth County farm and while sitting under a favorite apple tree Mr. Hobart remarked, "When my boy grows up I'll send him to Paterson to study law with you. That's a promise." This promise was fulfilled in 1863





VICE PRESIDENT HOBART



THE SECOND LADY

when young Garret A. Hobart, fresh out of Rutgers, entered the law office of Socrates Tuttle.

On June 1, 1869 Garret Augustus Hobart entered into a partnership with the lovely daughter of Socrates Tuttle. A daughter, Fannie, and a son, Garret Junior, were born to the union of Garret A. and Jennie Tuttle Hobart. While on a visit to Italy in 1895, Fannie Hobart contracted diphtheria and died there. Garret A. Hobart, Jr. lived until recently and for many years was a most respected citizen of Paterson.

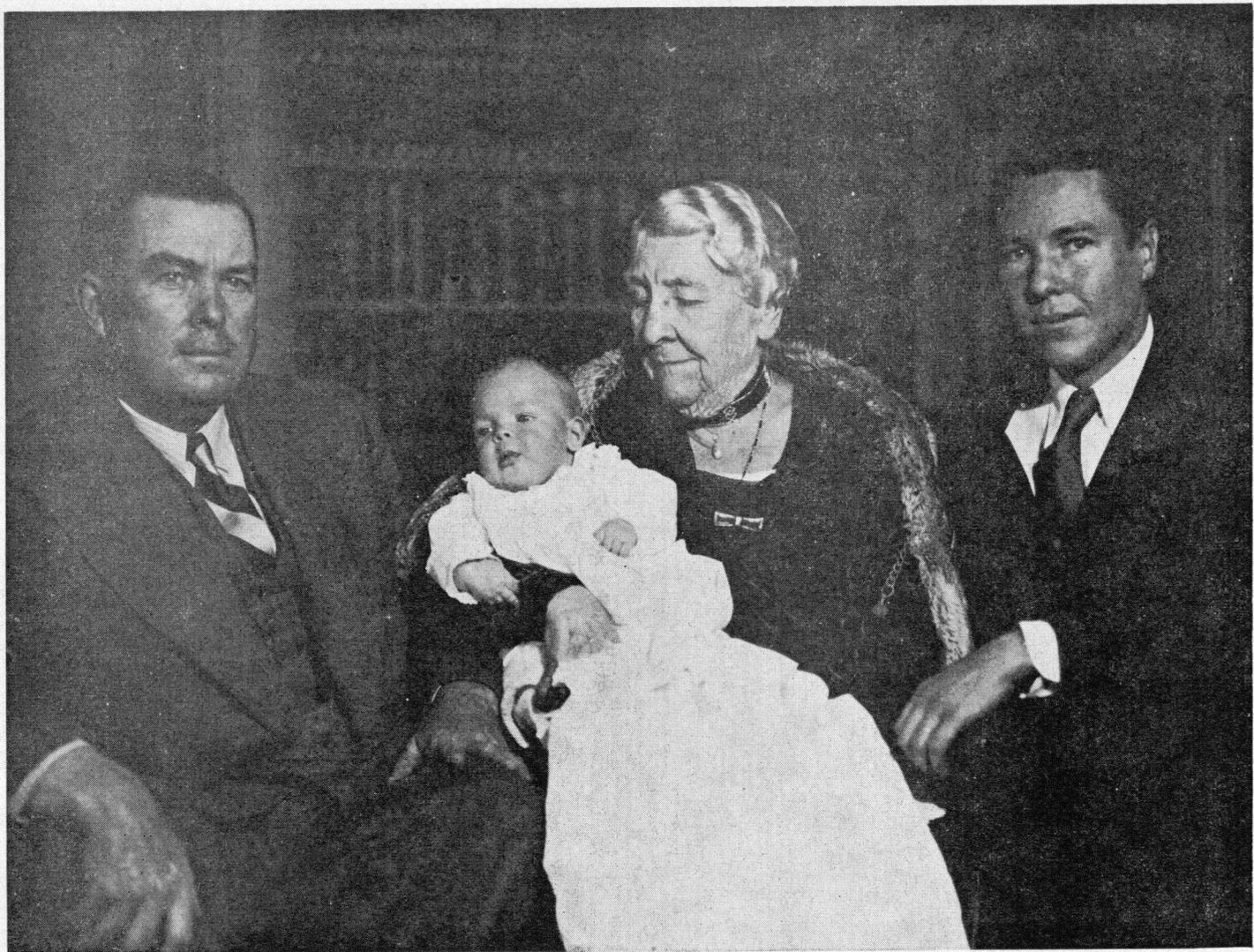
#### HOBARTS IN WASHINGTON

The rise of G. A. Hobart, Sr. in the political life of his city, state and nation was rapid. From the office of City Solicitor in 1871 he rose to the high office of Vice President of the United States in 1897. With his election to the Vice Presidency Mr. Hobart's attitude towards politics changed. He dropped all private interests and took his new office very seriously—a startling innovation in American politics. He was not a mere trailer to the ticket—a fifth wheel in the national band wagon, by which many a capable man was rolled painlessly to oblivion. Quietly and unostentatiously, Mr. Hobart did much to promote and maintain harmonious

feeling between the President and the Senate. Then too, there was a very close relationship between President Mc Kinley's family and the Vice President's family. This relationship was one of intimate friendship which perhaps no Vice President and his wife, before or since, have had the privilege of sharing with their chief executive.

Mrs. William Mc Kinley was an invalid when her husband was elected to the Presidency. Her health made it impossible for her to assume the heavy social burdens of First Lady. Because of the perfect accord between the President and the Vice President and the close friendship between the two head families, Mrs. Hobart as Second Lady was frequently called upon to assume or lighten the social burdens of Mrs. Mc Kinley. Mrs. Hobart had always loved people and politics. From the time she was a little girl, she was fascinated by political discussions heard in the home when prominent state and national figures were being entertained by her father and mother. The obligations placed upon her as Second Lady "were no hardship to me but a pleasure," said Mrs. Hobart in later life, and her response was ever generous and most gracious.

March 4, 1897 was a sunny and warm day—the inauguration day of William Mc Kinley of Ohio and



G. A. HOBART, JR.

G. A. HOBART IV

MRS. GARRET A. HOBART

G. A. HOBART, III

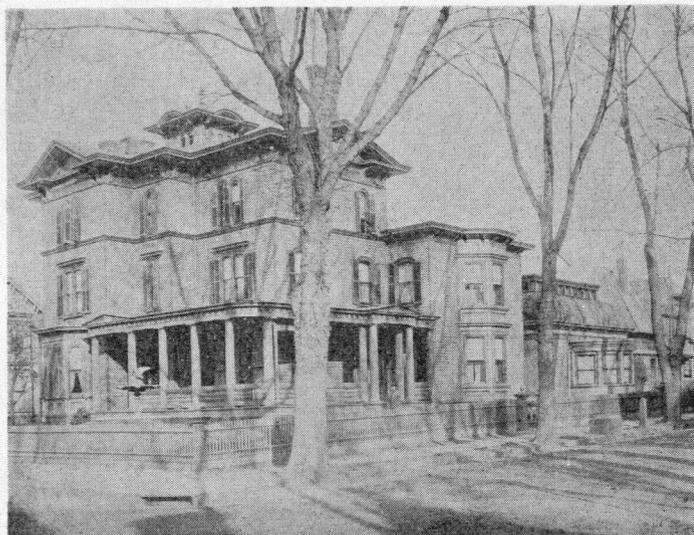
Garret A. Hobart of New Jersey, President and Vice President of the United States. The great ball was regarded as the greatest ever held in Washington up to that time. The decorations were under the direction of F. E. Crane of Paterson and Mr. Crane left nothing undone in the way of color and artistic effects. Music was supplied by the renowned John Philip Sousa and his band and the ever popular orchestra of Victor Herbert. This great event was entirely too rigorous for the President's Lady so Mrs. Hobart with great tact and delicacy received in her stead while the First Lady remained seated in an easy chair to avoid greater fatigue.

From the beginning, President Mc Kinley took Vice President Hobart into his confidence and made him a valued adviser. Mr. Hobart was treated by the President as though he were a member of the Cabinet as well as a member of the Senate, which he was neither constitutionally. For the first time

since the earliest days of the Republic, the office of the Vice President was clothed with appropriate dignity.

During the summer of 1899, Mr. Hobart became gravely ill. He and his family spent that summer at their seaside home, Norwood Park, between long Branch and Elberon on the Jersey coast. Failing to recover from his illness, the Hobarts returned to Carroll Hall, their home in Paterson, where on November 21, 1899 he died.

Speaking of the late Vice President, President Mc Kinley said, "His private life was pure and elevated while his public career was ever distinguished by large capacity, stainless integrity and exalted motives. He has been removed from the high office which he honored and dignified, but his lofty character, his devotion to duty, his honesty of purpose and noble virtues remain with us as a priceless legacy and example."



CARROLL HALL

Former President Benjamin Harrison, in a letter to Mrs. Hobart (the letter now owned by the Society) said in part, "Mr. Hobart had, in a most unusual degree, won the respect and admiration of the men with whom he has been associated in high public office."

#### MRS. JENNIE TUTTLE HOBART

The work of Mrs. Hobart has extended to many branches of human need. Many years before Jennie Tuttle Hobart resided in Washington as Second Lady, she was engaged in various philanthropic activities in Paterson. In many respects, she was like her father for Socrates Tuttle was always interested in children and the "little fellow" who would have had little chance for success without help and encouragement. Early in life Mrs. Hobart ministered to the many requiring assistance—especially children and the aged. To those whom the word "home" meant but little, Mrs. Hobart with her unique approach helped to supply the spirit to a host of citizens thus endearing herself to a great many persons. She was particularly interested in the welfare and the problems of the under privileged and orphaned children and it was she who was honored to lay the cornerstone of the new building for the Paterson Orphan Asylum. She was also the devoted "Mother" of the Paterson Children's Day Nursery and most interested and active in the affairs of the Old Ladies' Home in her city.

When called to the Nation's capital as the wife of the Vice President, Mrs. Hobart devoted herself to the assistance of her husband and his great success as a Vice President was made possible, in no small degree, by the support and assistance given

him by his devoted wife. Her great resources of wisdom, tact, caution were brought into play during her residency in Washington. But Mrs. Hobart did not neglect her duties, which were ever calling upon her for a share of her time, in various fields of relief work occasioned by the Spanish American War. In the Nation's capitol there were many in distress and homeless and the Second Lady personally supervised many of the manifold activities in the various forms of relief and rehabilitation work, both in Washington and on a national level.

Upon the return to Paterson and to private life the bereaved widow resumed her various philanthropic activities. One of her greatest and best known activities in the field of assistance to those in need was her help given to France and to Belgium during and after the First World War. Mrs. Hobart writing in her book of memories said, "Among the echoes with which Carroll Hall is filled come the voices of Belgian men and women who gathered here to aid their countrymen so cruelly stricken by war." In the Hobart residence, vast quantities of garments were cut and sewed and shipped to Belgium. All of the work was personally supervised by Mrs. Hobart and the great work done in Carroll Hall in Paterson greatly surpassed all other units engaged in a similar capacity. In appreciation for the great assistance which the Paterson unit contributed to the Belgians, Mrs. Hobart was decorated by King Alfred of the Belgians with the Chevalier de l'ordre Leopold II,—the highest decoration of the Belgians. This royal document was signed and sealed by his majesty, King of the Belgians on September 10, 1932 and was forwarded to her by the Belgian Ambassador in Washington accompanied by a most impressive letter.

Another great honor was bestowed upon Mrs. Hobart in less than a year for on June 3, 1933, Rutgers through its president Dr. Robert W. Clothier, conferred the degree of Doctor of Philanthropy upon Jennie Tuttle Hobart. On this occasion, President Clothier remarked: "It is our privilege today to express our regard and affection to one who has ever taken a living interest in worthy social enterprises . . . As a helpmeet of your distinguished husband, you have graced with charm the places to which your official duties called you. Since his death, you have, in a sense, filled his place as well as your own in the hearts of your fellow citizens. You have been wise, understanding and generous. Yours has been a life which has found its richness of meaning in deep religious faith. Our country needs more women like you, who modestly and unassumingly, exert great influence toward

appreciation of those values of life which are real and Eternal."

Mrs. Hobart was most generous toward the great work of rehabilitation of war torn France and in appreciation of her interest in the French cause, she was decorated by the French government.

Only a few of Mrs. Hobart's activities are generally known as most of her philanthropies were made anonymously. In an address on the "Life and Work of Mrs. Garret A. Hobart" given to the Passaic County Historical Society, Mrs. Mollie C. Winchester an intimate friend of Mrs. Hobart, said in part: "Mrs. Hobart has vast capacities of a born leader. She is a seer . . . She visioned the greater good for the far future of our citizens, not alone this generation. Hers is and was, a creative personality—creative because she understands the social process and administers for the state which is to be. Her soul is ever reaching out to help, to understand, to do good, to plant sweet blessings where want and sorrow have left scars and call for a noble woman's aid. She is widely known for her magnificent generosity, but this is not her greatest gift to her city. Her name will go down on history's scroll for greater characteristics."

When The Passaic County Historical Society was organized in 1926, Mrs. Jennie T. Hobart and Mr. and Mrs. Garret A. Hobart, Junior were charter members. From the beginning, Mrs. Hobart has been a friend of the Society. At one time, when its museum and headquarters were housed in one small room in the Paterson Free Public Library, the Hobart residence, either whole or in part, was considered very seriously by the president, the late Eugene Stevenson, as a new home for the Society. It was very largely through the interest of Mrs. Hobart in the Society that she urged her son, Garret A. Hobart, Jr., to lend his assistance a few years later toward securing a more adequate home for the organization.

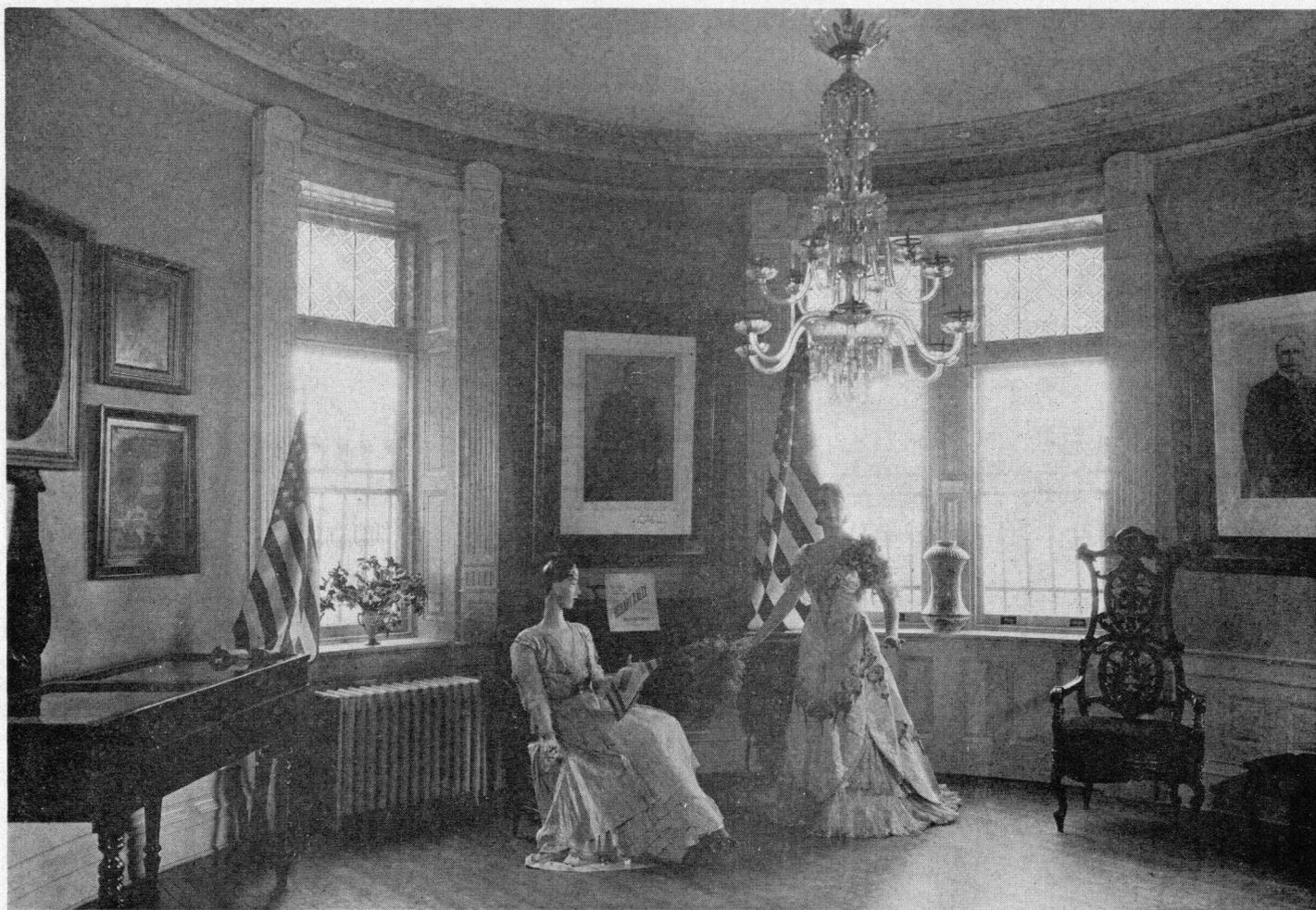
Mr. Hobart was one of the five members of the Preliminary Park Commission appointed by Mr. Justice Black in 1926. He was elected vice president of the permanent commission the following year and as its president in 1931. From 1931 until his death in 1941, Garret A. Hobart, Jr. served in that capacity. To him and to the other commissioners the citizens of Passaic County are indebted for the great recreation areas, the preservation and rehabilitation of the historic Dey Mansion, the Lambert Castle and the spacious quarters for the museum and library of The Passaic County Historical Society.



GARRET A. HOBART, JUNIOR  
1884 - 1941

Shortly after being elected president of the Passaic County Park Commission, Mr. Hobart with the urging of his mother, conceived the idea of offering space in the Lambert Castle to the County Historical Society. After discussing the matter with his fellow commissioners, Mr. Hobart invited the Society to accept rooms on the ground floor and cellar of the Castle. The Park Commission agreed to considerable renovation and construction in order to make the headquarters of the Society adequate for its then present needs as well as reasonably safe. They also provide heat and light and caretaker service.

Before the Museum was formally opened, Mrs. Hobart made a most generous gift to the Society in donating the Mc Kinley-Hobart Room. This shrine of the Spanish American War period, located in the former Drawing Room of the Lambert home, is filled with art treasures from Carrol Hall as well as many objects, pictures, documents and relics of great interest and value both locally and nationally. The photograph shown on the next page depicts the



THE MCKINLEY-HOBART ROOM

Mc Kinley-Hobart Room as it originally looked with the gowns worn by Mrs. Hobart. The one on the left being worn by the Second Lady at the wedding of Alice Roosevelt Longworth, while the other, made in Paris, was worn by Mrs. Hobart at the foremost diplomatic reception in Washington in 1898. There have been many additions and changes in this room since it was first opened. This is due to many other valued gifts among them being the large portraits in oil by the artist A. Benziger of President Mc Kinley and Vice President Hobart and also the lovely portrait of Mr. Hobart done in 1874 by J. Hagney and presented to him by members of the New Jersey Legislature. Among the lesser articles may be seen the gavel, made from wood from the apple tree which once stood on the Hobart farm in Monmouth County and under which Addison Hobart told Socrates Tuttle that the boy Garret should be sent to Paterson to study law in Tuttle's office. In this room one will see the decorations granted Mrs. Hobart by France, the Belgians and Rutgers. The note books containing data of the

Belgian Relief work in 1914 and 1915, pictures of many members of William Mc Kinley's cabinet, various books, curios and the lovely replica of the Capitol on a silver base, which served as an ink stand for the Vice President, are on display with many, many other interesting objects.

#### OPENING OF MUSEUM AT LAMBERT CASTLE

The new museum and headquarters were formally opened on the night of October 25, 1934. President Charles E. Dietz represented the Passaic County Historical Society while the Passaic County Park Commission was represented by Mr. Garret A. Hobart, Jr. A goodly number of both organizations, many of the first citizens of the county, and several out of town guests, who spoke briefly, were in attendance.

President Hobart in the course of his address said, "I wonder what Catholina Lambert would say were he here tonight? Would he commend me? I think so. When I invited the Society to come here

and to take the first floor as their new home, I was doing what was right with the concurrence of my fellow commissioners. It was our pleasure to do this, for we saw in the past the faithfulness and the assiduity of their members, their earnest search for objects of value and the many interesting articles written by their studious members. Such provoke culture and are desirable to serve as a medium of education to us and our posterity."

President Dietz noted in his closing remarks that "the accumulation of relics and the enlargement of the museum are not our greatest aims. Such are but means of that greater objective—the arousing and the cultivating within ourselves and in our citizenry that historic consciousness that will learn, love and perpetuate the history so abundantly made in our county. Also honoring and emulating the men and the women who made *that* history locally and nationally from the colonial days up to the present. Such appreciation we have long neglected."

Both President Hobart and President Dietz have passed on as has Mrs. Jennie Tuttle Hobart. In the 21 years since that eventful opening night in the fall of 1934 many additions to the Museum have been received through the generosity, and friendliness of many people. The Passaic County Park Commission, the Passaic County Board of Freeholders and numerous friends as well as the members and officers of our Society have all assisted very materially in bringing to generous fruition many of the ideas expressed by Presidents Hobart and Dietz. Since October 1934, more than 310,000 guests have signed the guest book. In 1954 alone, 30,194 persons recorded their names as guests.

The Museum is growing materially in its service to its many visitors and to those whose prime purpose is inquiry. Time has taken a heavy toll upon the charter members of the organization; their absence must be filled by new members and new workers if the work is to continue.

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interpretation of Passaic County in past days. The large collection of correspondence to and from the Colt family recently received from E. E. Eberstadt and the very extensive collection of letters, papers, documents, notes, pictures from our late historian, Henry W. Gledhill, give an insight in the founding and early history of Paterson. The Harry B. Haines memorial to his father, Edward B. Haines, in the form of a reference library consisting of more than



PHOTOGRAPH AT THE UNVEILING OF THE TABLET  
ON THE  
PATERSON EVENING NEWS BUILDING

In front, left to right: John O. Benson, orator; Harry B. Haines, donor of tablet; C. A. Hobart, Jr. representing Tuttle family; Charles E. Dietz, president of The Passaic County Historical Society.

1500 volumes beautifully encased in fire-proof steel cases has only recently been opened for use.

Again, may we say to the countless friends who have been donors to the Society, *Thank You*. And to the several great friends, who have not only been donors but have indeed been great benefactors, the Society is most appreciative. Unfortunately most of these have passed on. We take this opportunity to cite Mr. Harry B. Haines as one of our most outstanding friends and his friendship has been shown in a multitude of ways.

To the Hobart family—we refer particularly to the late Mrs. Garret A. Hobart and her son, the late Garret A. Hobart Junior, and his wife, Carolyn Frye Hobart the Passaic County Historical Society is eternally grateful and the Editor of *The Bulletin*, R. P. Brooks is happy to contribute some of the high lights of their history and their contributions to their city, state and the nation and to our Society.