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Garret A. Hobart has been associated prominently with the Passaic County Park System since its inception. He was one of the original five members of the preliminary survey commission appointed by the Hon. Charles C. Black, Supreme Court Justice, on July 3, 1926 and served as Vice-President thereof.

Following the adoption of the park referendum at the general election on November 8, 1927, Mr. Hobart was again appointed by Justice Black a member of the permanent Passaic County Park Commission on November 18, 1927 for an initial term of two years, and was elected Vice-President. At the expiration of this appointment, Mr. Hobart again was named for a full term of five years. On September 14, 1931 Mr. Hobart became head of the Commission, succeeding the late Robert Dix Benson who was the first President. Mr. Hobart was reappointed to the Commission for five years in 1934 and continued as its head until June 24, 1938 when he relinquished the office and was succeeded by Commissioner Arthur J. Sullivan, of Clifton. Mr. Hobart accepted a reappointment in 1939 for his third full term of five years from the Hon. Harry Heher, Associate Justice of the New Jersey Supreme Court presiding in Passaic County.

Mr. Hobart is a member of a prominent Passaic County family, his father being the late Vice-President of the United States, Garret Augustus Hobart. Vice-President Hobart died in office. His widow, Jennie, was the daughter of the late Socrates and Jane Winters Tuttle. Mrs. Jennie T. Hobart continued her residence at Carroll Hall, Paterson, where for many years she was a prominent leader in social, religious and philanthropic activities of the community. She died at Ailsa Farms, on January 6, 1941, at the age of ninety-one years and was buried in the Hobart mausoleum in Cedar Lawn Cemetery, Paterson.

On January 1, 1926, Mr. Hobart was appointed by Mayor Colin L. McLean a member of the Board of Public Library Trustees of Paterson and he was reappointed by Mayor John V. Hinchliffe for a second five-year term on January 1, 1931 and a third term on January 1, 1936. He resigned however, after serving three years and was succeeded for the balance of the term by Ellsworth Tompkins. Mr. Hobart was a member of the old Paterson Board of Trade Committee that initiated the movement for the elimination of the Erie Railroad's grade crossings in the City of Paterson.

Mr. Hobart's home is at Ailsa Farms, Pompton Turnpike, Wayne Township, N.J. and he has an office at 129 Market Street, Paterson, N.J. He is a Vice-President of the Paterson Savings Institution and a director of the Public Service Corporation of New Jersey. He is an amateur enthusiast in flying and golf. He is a member of the Arcola Country Club and a partner in the Carlouel Yacht Club at Clearwater, Florida where he maintains a winter home, Casa De Solana. Mr. Hobart also has a summer home, Abenaki Lodge, at Echo Cove on Rangely Lake, Maine.

On June 6, 1906, Mr. Hobart married Miss Caroline Frye Briggs, who was born in Auburn, Maine, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Briggs and the grand-daughter of the late United States Senator William P. Frye, of Maine. Three children were born of the marriage, namely, Garret A. Hobart 3d, Katherine Grey Hobart and Elizabeth Frye Hobart.

Garret A. Hobart 3d married, September 3, 1931, Miss Manette Marie Jeanne Seeldrayers, of Brussels, Belgium, at Brussels. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph W. Seeldrayers, of Brussels, Belgium. Garret A. Hobart 3d and his wife are the parents of two sons, Garret A. Hobart IV and Alfred Loomis Hobart.

Katherine Grey Hobart married at Belleair, Florida, on February 7, 1933, David William Hand, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Hand, of Paterson. The Rev. Thomas Colreavy, pastor of St. Cecelia's R.C. Church, Belleair, Florida, officiated. Mr. Hand attended Princeton University. They have a home on the Ailsa Farms estate. On September 18, 1940 they adopted a three-months old baby girl who was born June 27, 1940 and named her June Elizabeth Hand.

Elizabeth Frye Hobart was married on July 20, 1935 at Ailsa Farms to Henry Augustus Kingsbury, M.D., son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Hutchinson Kingsbury, of Montclair. Mrs. Kingsbury was graduated from the Westover School at Middlebury, Connecticut, in 1931 and made her debut at Ailsa Farms. Dr. Kingsbury prepared at Hill School for Princeton University where he was graduated in 1932. He completed his professional studies at Cornell University Medical College, New York City, in which city he established his practise. Dr. and Mrs. Kingsbury reside in Englewood, N.J. and are the parents of a son, William Frye Kingsbury, born January 21, 1937 at Doctor's Hospital, New York City.

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