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For the second time in a single issue we have the sad duty to announce the death of a Contributing Editor to the magazine. At Newport Beach, California on 8 February 1981 died Lewis Daniel Cook, FASG, FGSP, of cancer after a mercifully short illness. Mr. Cook was born at Asheville, North Carolina, on 8 Dec. 1895, eldest son of Helen Craven (1870-1971) by her first husband, Lewis Skillman Cook (1864-1905). His mother's second husband was Eugene DuBois Latourette who died in 1945. Mr. Cook is survived by his sister, Mrs. Helen Craven Craig, and her daughter and granddaughter, with whom Mr. Cook had lived in Newport Beach for the past two years.

Mr. Cook was a graduate in architecture from the University of Pennsylvania, and for many years was associated with the famous architect, Ralph Adams Cram, but after the bottom fell out of the construction business in the Great Depression, as some of us can remember, he served as Philadelphia business manager for the Theater Guild of New York. Some years ago he retired from this post and afterwards devoted his time to practice as a professional genealogist, specializing in Pennsylvania and central New Jersey, and contributing to TAG a great many articles of a high quality, of which the most extensive was on his own Cook family, printed in vols. 47-48.

For many years Mr. Cook lived just around the corner from the Historical Society of Pennsylvania where he usually spent most of the day in research in the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania in the same building. When the plans of the owner of the building in which he had lived many years contemplated the possibility of destroying the building for what is sometimes called "progress," Mr. Cook moved to Newport Beach where he spent his last years with his sister and her family. These new surroundings were enjoyable but it was not possible for him to carry on genealogical research as formerly.

My own debt to Mr. Cook is very great because he was always ready to dig in the Collections of the Genealogical Society at any time, most of this assistance being rendered gratis. He was a devout member of the Episcopal Church and would have called himself a "high churchman." There remain in my files a great many letters from him, all written on ruled paper punched for a three-ring binder, with the signature and his address written at the top of sheet 1. The principal virtue of all his work consisted of thoroughness of documentation. He was certainly one of the ablest of the Philadelphia School of Genealogists, and he will be sadly missed, not only by many others but chiefly by

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