

GEORGE MINCH WEBER 10-18-1891 to 8-4-1977

At a Memorial Service for George M. Weber at the Friends Meeting of Washington on August 14, 1977, recollections of his personal warmth, enthusiasm and friendliness were exchanged. In addition, the contributions he made to his Quaker concerns and causes through the generous giving of his time, professional skills and possessions leave us full of gratitude.

George Weber was born 85 years ago in Paris, where his father was United States consul. He grew up in Washington, D.C. During World War I he was commissioned First Lieutenant and saw service in the army of Occupation in Germany. Upon his return, he was graduated from George Washington University and the Harvard School of Business Administration and received in 1933 a PhD. in Political Economy from the University of California, Berkeley. For brief periods he worked at Stanford University, the University of Michigan, and the University of California at Berkeley. He worked as an economist or statistician at various government agencies; The Tariff Commission, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of Labor, as well as the Brookings Institution.

He and his first wife, Marjorie Sheets Weber, became members of the Friends Meeting of Washington in 1945. He served with the American Friends Service Committee in Europe from 1948 to 1951, especially in Darmstadt, Germany. Moving to California in 1951, he helped organize in that state a Friends Committee on Legislation and devoted five years to lobbying for social causes in Sacramento while active in Palo Alto and Carmel Monterey Meetings.

In 1967, he retired to Friends House, Sandy Spring, Maryland and in 1970 to the Roosevelt Hotel Home for Senior Citizens to be closer to F.C.N.L.'s activities on Capitol Hill. Marjorie, also an economist, died in 1972. He married Josephine Reid Weber in 1974. She survives him, as do two nephews, Roderick Duncan of Wake Forest, S.C. and Hugh Duncan in West Germany.

He gave generously to such Quaker projects as Friends World College, Quaker House, the John Woolman School in Nevada City, CA and the Ben Lomond Quaker Center in California. The Webers gave their own home to the Palo Alto Meeting, still known as the Weber House. In both Meetings he is remembered with deep affection and appreciation.