



# CHARLES O. TERWILLIGER, JR.

1908-1988

## IN MEMORIAM

On February 17, 1988, Charles O. Terwilliger, Jr. died in Bronxville, NY, after a long illness. He was 79.

Charles Terwilliger, NAWCC #819, joined NAWCC in January 1950. During his 38 years as member he made numerous contributions to the Association. In recognition of his service to NAWCC he was made a Fellow in 1959 and became a Star Fellow in 1984.

In 1951 Terwilliger was appointed Membership Chairman and began the first active membership campaign. His campaign tactics included placing ads about NAWCC in various publications and devising a membership "prospectus." Every copy of the December 1951 BULLETIN contained the new membership "prospectus." Members were asked to help spread the word of NAWCC by putting up 14" by 17" membership display cards throughout their communities. This active campaign resulted in an increase of 429 members over a twelve-month period,

almost doubling the total number of NAWCC members.

Mr. Terwilliger has held various positions within the NAWCC hierarchy. He served two terms, 1953-55 and 1955-57, as one of three National Vice-Presidents. He was elected to serve three terms as an NAWCC Director: 1959-61, 1963-67 and 1977-81. He served as the Nominations & Elections Committee Chairperson 1955-57. He served on the Membership Committee for twelve consecutive years, 1957-69. He was selected as Co-Chairman of the Publicity Committee for the 1959-61 term, and served on the Committee from 1967-73. With the exception of four years (two terms 1969-71 and 1971-73), Charlie was a member of the Editorial Committee from 1963 to the present. His current term on the Editorial Committee was scheduled to end in 1989. While he would never accept top office he was certainly a dedicated worker.

Mr. Terwilliger was active in supporting the NAWCC Museum. He donated various items throughout the years, as well as served on committees associated with the Museum. He

served on the Special Committee for Organizational Study from 1973-75. He was appointed to the Acquisitions Committee to serve from 1985-87. He served two terms as a Museum Trustee from 1981 to the present. During his 1981-83 term he was Treasurer of the Trustees.

Not only has Charles Terwilliger been active in the governing body of NAWCC but he has interacted with the members. He served for over 16 years as an Answer Box team member. His first Answer Box reply was published in the February 1972 BULLETIN, and the February 1986 BULLETIN noted that he had replied to 700 Answer Box questions. Terwilliger was known to be an expert in the field of 400-day clocks. He wrote several books and BULLETIN articles on this subject. He also shared his knowledge with other NAWCC members by presenting programs at Chapter meetings. On July 11, 1987 at a Chapter #89 meeting, he completed his 18th presentation on 400-day clocks to a Chapter. With so many friends, this gentle man will be greatly missed.

Dr. James W. Gibbs, FNAWCC

## Old Clocks in the U.S. Capitol

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In the corridor just outside the entrance to the Senate is the large clock represented in the drawing, says F. B. Brock, in *The Decorator and Furnisher*. This has been in the Capitol so long that the memory of man runneth not to the contrary. Guides, in escorting visitors about the building, always point it out and say that it was originally from Independence Hall in Philadelphia. Employees of the Capitol discredit this story. The severe plainness of the solemn looking old frame is relieved by a shield surrounded by a

carved wreath, one side of laurel and the other of oak leaves. This shield displays 17 stars and the same number of stripes. Those stars certainly indicate the number of States in the Union when the clock was made. Ohio was the seventeenth State and was admitted in 1802. The name Thos. Voigt, Philadelphia, appears on the face. Compared with an ordinary tall clock this is what might be called heroic size, bearing about the same relation to the usual hall clock that a heroic statue does to the life size.

Another very old clock hangs in the clerks' room, opposite the entrance to the Supreme Court. It was ordered by Judge Story from a Massachusetts firm and hung in the old Supreme Court downstairs. It has an enormous round face, nearly a yard across, with an ornamental gold frame and base, now slightly tarnished, and, like all the old clocks, is a good timekeeper.

Editors's Note: An article on the Voigt clock appears on page 208 of this issue.