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EDWARD PARRIS BURCH 1870-1945

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EDWARD PARRIS BURCH

EDWARD PARRIE BURCH WAS BORN IN MENDMONIE, WISCONSIN, IN 1870. DURING HIS EARLY SCHOOL DAYS, HE TOOK PART IN HIS FATHER'S BUSINESS, AND EVEN AT THAT TIME DISPLAYED A LOVE OF GROER AND SYSTEM, IN THE MANNER IN WHICH HE KEPT THE BOOKS. HE ALEAS SHOWED A FONDERS FOR MATHEMATICS, SUBSEQUENTLY HE ENTERED THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA AND WAS GRADUATED AS AN ELECTRICAL ENGINEER IN 1892. WHILE PURBUING HIS STUDIES AT THE UNIVERSITY, HE TOOK MANY SUBJECTS NOT USALLY AVAILABLE TO ELECTRICAL SUBJECTS, AND IN THESE, HE HAS STATED, HE FOUND GREAT HELP AND ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE YEARS OF THE PROFESSIONAL WORK,

FOLLOWING GRADUATION FROM THE UNIVERSITY, HE ENTERED THE EMPLOY OF THE TWIN CITY RAPIO TRANSIT COMPANY, WHICH AT THAT TIME, WAS RAPIGLY EXPANDING ITS LINES AND POWER PLANTA TS. ANTHONY FALLS WHICH GENERATES TEN THOUSAND HORSEPOWER OF LECTRICAL ENERGY. THIS WORK WAS SUCCESSFULLY AND SATISFACTORILY COMPLETED UNDER GREAT ENGINEER NO DIFFICULTIES DUE TO ABNORMALLY HIGH WATER. IT WAS UNDER HIS SUPERVISION ALSO THAT THE FIRST UNDERGROUND HIGH TENSION ELECTRIC TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM IN THE UNITED STATES WAS INSTALLED IN MINNEAPOLIS, FOR THE SAME COMPANY.

IN 1900 HE OPENED AN OFFICE AS CONSULTING ELECTRICAL ENGINEER, STILL RETAINING HOWEVER, HIS CONNECTION WITH THE STREET RAILWAY COMPANY. IN THE SAME YEAR HE COMPLETED ONE OF HIS FIRST MAJOR PROJECTS BY INSTALLING THE ELECTRIC UTILITY IN STILLWATER, MINNESOTA. HE ALSO SERVED AS CON-SULTING ENGINEER FOR THE DETROIT, MICHIGAN, ELECTRIC RAIL-WAY COMPANY. WHILE SERVING IN THAT CAPACITY, HE GATHERED MATERIAL FOR TWO BOOKS WHICH HE LATER PUBLISHED. THE FIRST ON "ELECTRIC TRACTION FOR RAILWAY TRAINS" AND THE SECOND ON "TELEPHONE RATES IN DETROIT IN 1916". HIS WRITINGS IN-CLUDED ALSO A PROFESSIONAL PAPER UPON THE SUBJECT "RAIL-WAY PROBLEMS OF THE TWIN CITIES". IN WHICH HE PROPOSED SATISFACTORY SOLUTIONS OF MANY COMPLICATED ENGINEERING PROBLEMS. HIS PROFESSIONAL WORK TOOK HIM INTO EVERY STATE OF THE UNION, AND EVERYWHERE HE LEFT A RECORD OF SUCCESS-FUL ACCOMPLISHMENT, MARKED WITH HONESTY AND INTEGRITY.

HE BECAME A MEMBER OF THE ENGINEERING QUID OF MINNEAPOLIS IN 1900, AND WAS SHORTLY THEREAFTER ELECTED ITS SECRETARY. THIS SOCIETY IS AUTHORITY FOR THE STATEMENT THAT HIS MINNIES DURING HIS TERM OF OFFICE ARE A TESTIMONY TO HIS WHOLDHARATED INTEREST IN THE SUCCESS OF THAT SOCIETY. HE BECAME PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY WILL 1905 AND LIVED TO SEE ITS MEMBERGHIP EXCEED 1,000. HE WAS THE FIRST TO PROPOSE THAT THEIR MEETINGS INCLUDE DINNER WITH ONE OR TWO PROFESSIONAL PAPERS READ AFTERWARDS, WHICH MATERIALLY INCREASED THE ATTENDANCE AND INFLUENCE OF THE SOCIETY.

WHEN THE BUSINESS DEPRESSION FASTENED LIGHT HOOM THE COUNTRY IN 1932, HE RETIRED FROM ACTIVE BUSINESS WORK AND DEVOTED THE DEMAINDED OF HIS LIFE TO TRAVEL AND CULTURE. HE WAS NOT A PERSON TO MISS OR TO PASS BY THE WONDERS OF NATURE UNNOTICED. AS HE WAS ESSENTIALLY A STUDENT. HE DE-VOTED THE GREATER PART OF HIS REMAINING YEARS TO THE STUDY OF GEOLOGY PURELY AS A MATTER OF CHOICE: HE AGAIN ENTERED AS A STUDENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MINUSCOTA AND ORGHT THOSE VEADS IN THE STUDY OF REGIONS. THIS WAS BOLLOWED BY BOST GRADUATE WORK AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA. HIS OWN STORY OF WHY AND HOW HE CAME TO BE INTERPRETED IN THIS CHRISTOT WAS DELATED IN A CHARMING MANNER IN "THE MINNERGYA GEOLO-GIST" OFFICIAL BULLETIN OF THE GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF MINNE-SOTA, FOR JUNE 1943. IN 1936 HE READ A PROFESSIONAL PAPER BEFORE THE ENGINEERS SOCIETY ON "FNGINEERING G-0100Y OF THE TWIN CITIES". THIS SUBJECT WAS THEN OF PARAMOUNT INTEREST BECAUSE OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE TWIN CITY SEWAGE DRAIN-AGE PROJECT.

He founded the Geological Society of Minnesota in 1938, and incorporated it in 1939. This Society now has 191 members, and last year had an average attendance of 87 at its weekly metrings.

HIS TRAVELS HAVE TAKEN HIM FAR AND WIDE, AND THIS PART OF HIS WORK HE ENJOYED, ESPECIALLY AFTER HE WAS FREED FROM THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF HIS DUSINESS LIFE, HE TAUGHT GEOLOGY FOR PLEASURE AND THE SHEER ENJOYMENT OF 11. HE HAS MADE SEVERAL VALUADLE COLLECTIONS OF FOOK SPECIMENS, SHELLE AND FOSSILS. SOME OF THESE HE GAVE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESDTA AND SOME TO THE MINNESDTA AND SOME TO THE MINNESDTA AND SOME TO THE MINNESDTA OF THE SUBJECT OF GEOLOGY AND HOT THE SUBJECT OF GEOLOGY AND HAD THE FACULTY OF IMPARTING IT TO CHIEFS.

HE DEVELOPED AN ORIGINAL METHOD OF MAKING LANDSCAPE
MODELS, ACCORDING TO SCALE, USING CELOTEX BOARD, COMMON PINS
AND CASEIN. HE MADE MANY OF THESE MODELS AND THEY WILL DE
OF GREAT PERMANENT VALUE TO THOSE DESIGNING TO STUDY THEM.

HE MARRIED HARRIET JACKGON OF MINNEAPOLIS IN 1895. THEY HAVE ONE DAUGHTER, WAS, IMMOGRAF WOLDOTT OF EAST SANG-WICH, MASSAGHUSETTE AND NEW YORK CITY. ALSO SUMMYING, IN ADDITION TO HIS WIFE AND DAUGHTER, ARE A BROTHER, OR, FRANKING, E, BURGH OF SAINT PAUL, TWO SISTERS, WAS, H. E, MCWETHY OF SAINT PAUL, AND MAS, E, B, HILLO FY PRILAMTI, MIGHIGAN, AND AGRAMA PRISON CAMP.

THIS MEMORIAL IS MADE AS A PERMANENT RECORD OF OUR RE-SPECT AND REGARD FOR MR. BURCH, OF OUR OBLIGATION TO HIM AS FOUNDER OF THIS SOCIETY, AND OF HIS UNUSUAL AND FAITHFUL DEVOTION TO ITS ODJECTIVES AND DEMERAL MELFARE, AS WELL AS HIS LOVE OF THE SUDJECT OF GEOLOGY FOR ITS CULTURAL VALUE.

CHARLES PRESTON

JUNIOR F. HAYDEN

"Mr. Buron was a friend with clear out observation and far reaching interest in all things, Lending a helping hand to all. As we journey over our State He will always be with us."

ELSIE HINCHLEY

"Because of Mr. Burch's patient interest in amateur Geologists, I now enjoy a most interesting hobby."

MARGARET PASCHKE

ELMER H. BROWN

JOSEPHINE M. KING

"Our Society was fortunate in having Mr. Burch as its founder. Fortunately also he was able to give so much of his time and unsounded exergy to the Society ouring its formative period. It will be extremely difficult to repelade him, though his inspiration will continue to be of great influence."

GANA RYDER

THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH WILL BE REPEATED WITH EACH SET OF PALEOGROGRAPHIC MAPS. THESE MADE, EXCEPT THOSE OF FURDER, WERE CODIED FROM SCHICKERT, AS MODIFIED BY MILLER AND OTHER AUTHORS, AND ILLUSTRATE VARIOUS INVASIONS OF THE SEA UPON THE CONTINENT. IN PAST AGES, RESPONSIVE TO GREAT FORCES, THE SURFACE OF THE CON-TIMENTS BOSE, AND FELL AGAIN, MANY TIMES. WHEN THE SUBFACE SANK BELOW SEA LEVEL. THE SEA COVERED GREAT AREAS OF THE LAND. THE PROCESSES OF EROSION CONTINUED TO WEAD DOWN THE LAND DEMAINING ABOVE SEA LEVEL. AND THE DESIRETING MATERIAL WAS DEPOSITED IN THE SEA. TO SECOME SEDIMENTARY ROCK. THUS, LARGE AREAS OF THE CON-TINENT HAVE COME. IN TIME. TO BE COVERED WITH GREAT LAYERS OF LIMESTONE. SHALE AND SANDSTONE. BY A STUDY OF THE AREA COVERED BY THESE ROCKS, GEOLOGISTS HAVE BEEN ABLE TO OUTLINE. IN A GENERAL WAY, THE LIMITS OF THE VARIOUS INVASIONS BY THE SEA. THESE SEAS ARE KNOWN AS "EPPIPIC" AND "EPI-CONTINENTAL" SEAS. THAT IS. THEY WERE SEAS UPON THE CONTINENT, AS DISTINGUISHED FROM THE ABYSMAL DEPTHS OF THE OCEAN. THEY WERE NEVER VERY DEEP, PROBAGLY NOT MUCH OVER 600 FEET, YET MANY THOUSANDS OF VERTICAL FEET OF MATERIAL WAS COLLECTED IN MANY PLACES IN THESE SEAS. BECAUSE THE WEIGHT OF THE ACCUMULATED MATERIAL CAUSED THE FLOOR OF THE SEA TO GRADUALLY SINK, AS NEW MATERIAL WAS ADDED. FORTY TO FIFTY THOUSAND FEET OF MATERIAL WAS NOT UNCOMMON. IN THE GREAT SEA TROUGHS.

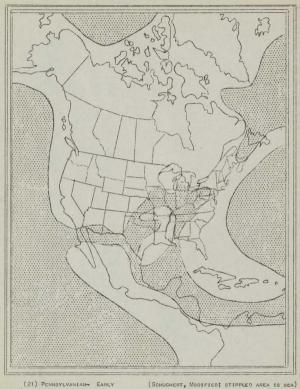
#### THE PENNSYLVANIAN PERIOD

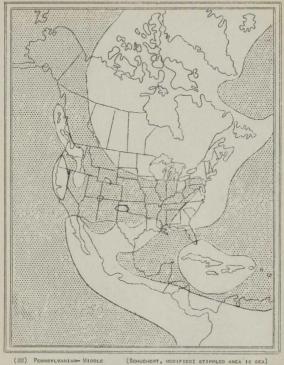
FOR MANY MILLIONS OF YEARS PRIOR TO THE CARBONIFEROUS PERIOD THE LAND SURFACE, ALTHO GOING THROUGH A LONG SERIES OF HISING AND FALLING, WAS PRACTICALLY
FREE OF ANY GREAT TETORIC DISTURBANCES. THE LAND WAS OF COMPARATIVELY LOW RELIEF,
THE CLOSE OF THE MISSISSIPPIAN PERIOD HOWEVER, BANDED THE SET OF GREAT CONCENTS
MOVEMENTS, WHICH WERE TO CONTINUE FOR A LONG TIME. THE COLORAGO PLATEAU SEGAN TO
RESE SOMEWHAT AND THE MACKETAL ROCKIES APPEARED. THESE MOVEMENTS CONTINUE INTO
PENNSYLVANIAN TIME. IN AMERICA GREAT COUSTRAL MOVEMENTS SEGAN TO CHANGE THE GEOGRANHY. IN EUROPE A GREAT CHAIN OF MOUNTAINS WAS FOLDED AND THEIR FOLDS AND
GRANHY STUMPS ARE VISIBLE TODAY IN GERMANY, FRANCE, BELGIUM, ENGLAND AND WALES,
THERE WERE LULIFIES ALSO IN AUSTRALIA, AFRICA, AND SOUTH AMERICA, THE CEPOTITION
OF PENNSYLVANIA ROCKS GOVERS A WICE AREA AND IN PLACES REACHED GREAT THICKNESS.

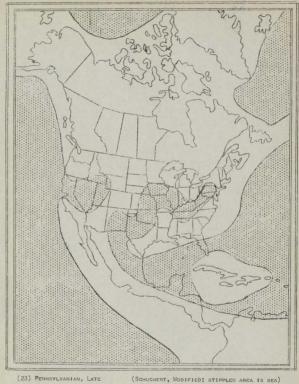
THE CHARACTERISTIC FEATURE OF GREATER NOTE HOWEVER, 18 THE FORMATION OF THE GREAT COAL MEASURES, PLANT LIFE BY THIS TIME WAS VERY LUXURIANT, IN EASTERN AND CENTRAL UNITED STATES THE SUMFACE WAS FLAT AND POORLY CHAINED SO THAT TREMENDOUS AREAS OF LOW FRESH WATER SWAMP, LANDS WERE GREATED. V CENTROL TO THESE SWAMPS, AND SLOWLY BUT GRADUALLY REQUIRED IN THE FORMATION OF GOAL. THE GREAT APPALAGHIAN FIELD EXTENDS 850 MILES FROM MOSTHEEN PENNSYLVANIA TO ALABAMA. THE MO-DONTINENT FIELD GOVERS ANOTHER SOOM MILES, IT IS SETIMATED THAT THERE IS AVAIL—

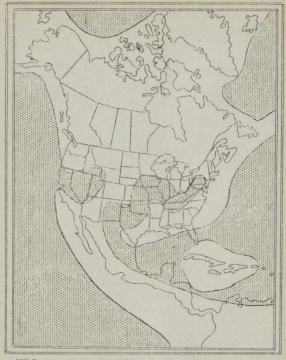
ABLE IN THE UNITED STATES 3,500,000,000,000 TONS OF COAL.

THE PLANT LIFE NOW DECAME COMMON AND AUUNDANT. AN EQUABLE CLIMATE AND EASY MIGRATION LED TO AN EXTENSIVE SIMILARITY IN PLANT AND ANIMAL LIFE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. THER DISTRIBUTION WAS FACILITATED BY THE FACT THAT MOST PLANTS HAD SPORES, OR MIGROSOFOIR REPRODUCTIVE GERMS WHICH COULD BE WIGELY PLOWS OR CARRIED BY AIR CURRENTS. INSECTS GREW TO ENGRMOUS SIZE, A DRAGON FLY 2S INDICED AGE OF COCK-ROACHES, SINCE MORE THAN 800 KINDS HAVE SEED FOUND, SOME 3 AND 4 INDICED FOR COMPAGED AND THE WAS PRESENTED TO AND THE MADE TO THE WAS PROLIFIED AND VARIED. BRACH POPOSS WERE MOST COMMON, CEPHALOPOES, WITH SHELLS, FORECAST THEIR GREAT DEVELOPMENT IN THE SUCCEEDING PERMIAN PERIOD. OF THE AUMPHISIA 88 SPECIES ARE KNOWN. SECLETAL REMAINS OF GOME REPTILLS, THE HIGHER CLASS, WHICH WERE TO DOMINATE THE LAND IN THE NEXT, PERMIAN, PERIOD ARE FOUND IN THE UPPER PENNSYLVANIAN GOODS, BUT THEY ARE EXCEPTIONALY RARE, THEIR DEVELOPMENT CAME IN THE MEST PERIOD AND THEY WERE DESTINED TO RULE THE WORLD FOR MANY MILLIONS OF YEARS.









(23) PENNSYLVANIAN, LATE

(SCHUCHERT, MODIFIED; STIPPLED AREA IS SEA)



(24) EUROPEAN-PENNSYLVANIAN (MILLER-F. X. SCHAFFER)

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This 10 the Last of this series on the History of the Great Lakes. We hope that you have enjoyed it and that it has been informative.

A GLANCE AT THE ABOVE MAR WILL SHOW THAT THE ICE HAS NOW RETREATED ENTIRELY FROM THE LAKE BASIN. THE ORRINAGE OUTLETS ARE NOW THE MORNAL ONES, EXCEPT THAT THE VALLEYS OF THE HUSSON AND THE ST. LAWRENCE ARE STILL ORDINAGE, AND IN EFFECT ARE STILL SEA-MAYS. LATER, AS THE LAND ROSE IN RESPONSE TO THE LITHOUGH OF THE WIGHT OF THE WILL SEA FOR STATE OF THE MUTTING THE WIGHT OF THE FORTH OF AND A THAT OF THE ST. LAWRENCE TO THE NORTH AT THE THE FLOW SIMPLETANT WHAN AS RESUMED. THE REPRESAY OF THE SURTH THE AND SEED THE RETREAT OF THE ICE, EXCEPT A GENERAL RISE IN THE LAND LEVEL NORTH OF THE GREAT LAKES. THIS RISE IS STILL IN PROGRESS.

MUCH OF THE DATA FOR DETERMINING THE DUT-LINES OF THE VARIOUS STAGES OF THE LEVELS OF THE SEVERAL LAKES HAS BEEN BECURED BY PATIENTLY SEARCHING OUT THE OLD BEACHES MADE BY MAVE ACTION OF THE LAKE MATERS AT THEIR VARIOUS LEVELS. THIS MUST HAVE SEEN A RATHER DIFFICULT TACK, BUT PATIENCE AND HARD WORK HAVE GIVEN US A PRETTY GOOD PICTURE OF WHAT HAPPENED AND WHERE.

WE SUGGEST THAT YOU PRESERVE THE MAPS OF THIS SERIES. YOU MAY WISH TO REFER TO IT FROM TIME TO TIME IN THE FUTURE AND YOU MAY FIND IT HELPFUL. WE WOULD APPREDIATE YOUR COMMENT.

FOLLOWING IS THE FIELD TRIPS SCHEDULE FOR THIS SUMMER. THE TRIPS FOR JUNE HAVE ALREADY SEEN ANNOUNCED. THE TRIPS FOR JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER ARE TENATIVE, SO WATCH FOR ANNOUNCEMENT AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH MONTH FOR CHANGES IN SCHEDULE AND DETAILS OF EACH TRIP.

- SUNDAY JUNE 10, 1945: MENDOTA: TIME 2 P.M.
  LEADER, JOS, W. ZALUSKY; PURPOSE, TO STUDY VALLEY AND
  CONFLUENCE OF RIVER WARREN WITH MISSISSIPPI RIVER, THE
  GLACIAL DRIFT; AND SECTIONS OF ORODOVICIAN ROCKS EXPOSED
  IN THE GROSE.
- SUNDAY JUNE 24, 1945: STILLWATER: TIME 10:30 A.M.

  LEADER, ELMER H. BROWN; PURPOSE, TO STUDY THE GEOLOGY AND
  PHYSIOPRAPH OF THE STILLWATER AREA, TO FIND TRILOBITES.
- SUNDAY JULY 8, 1945: JOHNSON STREET QUARRY (MINNEAPOLIS)
  TIME 2:00 F.M., LEADER, GEO. A. RICKET! PURPOSE, TO STUDY
  PLATTEVILLE LIMESTONE, AND TO FIND FORSIGE,
- SUNDAY JULY 22, 1945: MISS NOERENBERGIS LAKE MINNETONIA HOME AT WAYZATA; TIME 11:00 A,M., LEADER, AW. HIGHMIRE; PURPOSE, GENERAL GET-TO-GETHER, LECTURE SUBJECT, "PRECESSION OF THE EQUINOMES,"
- SUNDAY AUGUST 5, 1945: SHEELY GRAVEL PIT: TIME 2:00 P.M.

  LEAGER, MISS HELEME M. BECKER; PURPOSE, TO STUDY GLACIAL DRIFT

  AND ROCKS AND MINERALS FOUND THEREIN.
- SUNDAY AUGUST 18,19, 1945 JAY COOKE PARK, DULUTH, PURPOSE, TO STUDY THOMSON SLATES & RELATED ROCKS; LEADER, POSSIBLY DR. GEO. M. SCHWARTZ.
- SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 2, 1945: TAYLOR FALLS, LEADER, MISS ELSIE
  HINCHLEY; PURPOSE, TO STUDY THE POT HOLES, KEWEENAWAN LAVA FLOWS
  AND CAMBRIAN CONCLOMERATE.
- SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 16, 1945: LAKE MINNETONKA HOME OF CHAS. H. PRESTON;
  AND MINNETONKA MILLS GRAVEL PIT, LEADER, MR. PRESTON; SUBJECT:
  "Mexico" AND RELATED SUBJECTS.
- SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 30, 1945; NOT DETERMINED.



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