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Herbert Dwight Page 1953-2022

A Remembrance by Albert Winkler

Our dear personal friend and close associate of the Swiss American Historical Society, Herbert Dwight Page, died on Wednesday, February 2, 2022, in the Sweetwater Hospital in Sweetwater, Tennessee, of complications from the COVID virus. He was 68 when he died. He was survived by his cousins, Melanie Todd Hoyle (Bence) and Faye Todd Lakey (Dale).

The hospital staff provided excellent care and did all they could to make Dwight comfortable while in their care. He fought hard to get well. He was alert during his stay, and he spoke with his cousin, Melanie Hoyle, on the phone just a week before his passing and seemed to be optimistic about his possible recovery. Melanie Hoyle was most kind in contacting the SAHS with the news of his passing. Unfortunately, friends and family members could not visit him in the hospital, since he had been placed in quarantine.

A graveside service was scheduled for February 17, 2022, at the Hillsdale Memorial Park. Rev. Dr. Susan Margaret Hudson was scheduled to officiate at the ceremony. Dwight was a member of Madisonville Presbyterian Church in Madisonville, Tennessee. He lived in Madisonville, Tennessee, at the time of his passing. Dwight originally came from North Carolina, where he was born at Laurinburg on September 3, 1953. His parents were Herbert Conroy Page and Connie Maxwell Todd. He was an avid scholar who achieved much in his academic career. He earned a bachelor of arts degree in European Studies

from Davidson College, North Carolina. His excellent academic record helped him gain entry into Harvard University where he earned a Master of Arts in the French Language and a Doctorate of Philosophy in French Literature. Additionally, Dr. Page studied German and Spanish at Middlebury College in Vermont.

Dr. Page was an effective instructor who taught French and German at the University of Tennessee and at Hiwassee College where he taught Spanish and French. He also taught at Bryan College for many years, from which he recently retired. He was also an excellent pianist. Dr. Page did much work for the Swiss American Historical Society over many years, and served as the editor-in-chief of the *SAHS Review*. His contribution in locating articles for the *Review* was essential in making sure that the Society functioned well.

It was my pleasure to know Dwight personally for many years, and I assisted him as one of the editors of the *SAHS Review*. At the annual meetings of the SAHS, the two of us often spent time together, which included attending plays. For many years, Dwight would often call me at my office or at home, and we frequently talked twice a day. He had many issues on his mind from issues relating to the Society to his thoughts on history and his attitudes on his employment. Dwight was friendly by nature and was a dear friend. He will be sorely missed.