

## DUNHAM JACKSON

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**1. Introduction.** My first meeting with Dunham Jackson occurred in September, 1916, at Cambridge, Massachusetts, on the day when I arrived to begin an interesting period as a Benjamin Peirce Instructor in the Department of Mathematics at Harvard University. At that time, Jackson was one of the youngest permanent members of Harvard's mathematical staff. I recall that he immediately made me feel as if we were old friends, and I never lost that reaction to him. Later, he and I served together briefly in the United States Army, and thereafter we were colleagues in the Department of Mathematics at the University of Minnesota from 1919 until his death. I am confident that my warm personal feelings for the man were typical of those held by all members of the Society who knew him intimately.

**2. Biographical remarks.** Dunham Jackson was born on July 24, 1888, son of William Dunham Jackson and Mary Vose Jackson, in Bridgewater, Massachusetts, where his father was a teacher in a normal school. He attended the elementary and secondary schools in Bridgewater and entered Harvard University in 1904, where he obtained his bachelor's degree in 1908 and his master's degree in mathematics in 1909. At the various stages in his academic training at Harvard University, he received all possible honors and scholarships due to the excellence of his work. In 1909, he was awarded a Sheldon Fellowship from Harvard University for graduate study in Europe, where he attended the University of Göttingen in 1909-1911, and the University of Bonn, briefly, in 1911. He received his Ph.D. in mathematics at Göttingen in 1911, with Professor Landau as his adviser. He returned to Harvard University as an instructor in mathematics in 1911 and became an assistant professor there in 1916. He performed valuable mathematical work for the U. S. Army during 1918-1919 as a captain in the Ordnance Department, where he served in the Ballistic Unit organized in Washington, D. C. by Dr. F. R. Moulton (then a major in the Ordnance Department). On June 20, 1918, Jackson married Harriet Spratt Hulley, whom he had met in 1917 while she was a graduate student in English at Radcliffe College. They had two daughters, Anne Hulley and Mary Eloise (Mrs. William J. Thorpe). He went to the University of Minnesota as a professor of mathematics in 1919 and held that position until his death on