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Biographical Notes

A. O. H. Grier

Delaware journalist and local historian A. O. H. Grier (1867-1953) worked sixty years for the News Journal papers, retiring on June 30, 1945.

On the occasion of his retirement, his book *This Was Wilmington: a veteran journalist’s recollections of the "good old days,“* was published by the News-Journal Company. The volume is a collection of reminiscences based on Grier's observations of Wilmington since 1875. The articles, which appeared regularly in the *Every Evening*, were written from 1935 to 1945.

Born on March 4, 1867, in Milford, Delaware, Albert Oliver Herman Grier was a graduate of Wilmington High School. He worked his way from printer's apprentice on the Wilmington *Every Evening* to become editor of the paper in 1934.

Blanche L. Swayne

Wilmington native Blanche J. Swayne was a friend to several of Howard Pyle's students, particularly Stanley Arthurs, N. C. Wyeth, and Frank Schoonover.

In a 1976 interview, Swayne mentioned that she had posed for both Frank Schoonover and Stanley Arthurs. She posed as several of the women in Stanley Arthurs's mural, "Colonel Hazlett Leaving Dover Green."

During much of her life, Swayne was drawn to social work, especially settlement work. She worked at several settlement houses and at one point, "took observation" under Jane Adams in Chicago. Later she was a state investigator with the Children's Bureau. She also worked for fourteen years for Wilmington's legendary Greenwood Book Shop.

Sources:

Grier, A. O. H. *This Was Wilmington: a veteran journalist’s recollections of the "good old days."* Wilmington, Del.: News-Journal, 1945.


Scope and Content Note

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Written on July 5, 1945, Grier also thanked Swayne for her help with his study of "Old King's Road," on which he hoped to do more work.
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Swayne, Blanche J., correspondent.

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