Anne Hollingsworth Wharton obituary, 1924

A Pennsylvanian
Anne Hollingsworth Wharton, author, historian; born at South-
ampton, Fulton County, Indiana, July 30, 1835; died at her home in Phila-
adelphia, Sept. 17, 1924. The daughter of Benjamin and Sarah (Hollings-
worth) Wharton, she was educated at the private school of Mrs. Gertrude G.
Gray. Early developing an inclination for authorship, she published her first book, "St. Bartholomew's Day," in 1854, followed by "Colonial De-
motion of 1776," which did so much to inspire American historical research, form-
ning a basis for the Wharton Historical Association. In 1882 she was in-
vited to Boston, where she delivered a series of lectures before the Conven-
tion of the Sons of the Revolution, giving an intimate and accurate picture of the life, manners and events of the times of the Independence War, which she described with great skill and fidelity. In 1890 she was elected to the Board of Managers of the Pennsylvania Society of the Colonial Order of America, the year of the founding of the Society, and was elected historian. At the Chi-
nic National's World's Fair she secured with distinction a Medal of the Ameri-
can Historical Association, and has long been prominent in the work of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania. She was a member of the Century Club, the New Century Club, the American Library Association, the PEN
Club, and the Civic Club. In recognition of her attainments as historian, the University of Pennsylvania last June conferred upon her the degree of Doctor of Laws.