From The Archives:
One of Our Founders

William Lloyd Baily

DVOC    January 2013
January 22, 1890

- Seven young men met in the living room of 1624 Arch Street to form the DVOC
One of them was William Lloyd Baily

- Who was he?
- How did he end up at the 1890 meeting?
- What happened to him after that?
Who was William Lloyd Baily?

Born December 26, 1862 (from various sources - DVOC obituary lists it as 1861, headstone lists it as 1861)

Father - Joshua L. Baily
Mother - Theodate Lang
Third of 5 children

Father was a textile/dry goods merchant doing business as Joshua L. Baily & Company.
There is a textile company by that name today in the New York City area.
Student, Haverford College

Entered Sophomore Class 1880
President, Cricket Club.
Won following prizes in cricket (1883):
  First Prize for Bowling
  First Prize for Fielding
  First Prize for Highest Score (56),
Permanent Class Secretary
Graduated 1883

Student, Academy of Fine Arts, 1886
How did he end up at the 1890 meeting?
1881
A bird club was organized at Haverford College.

It consisted of six members, including a sophomore - William Lloyd Baily

It kept lists of the common birds, and these were regularly tabulated.

The club, however, was short-lived and soon disintegrated.
White-throated Sparrow x Dark-eyed Junco Hybrid
Haverford College 12/12/1882

There are 91 specimens collected by Baily in the collection at the Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia, PA
1884

A club was formed in Philadelphia without formal organization and without a name. It met at several houses about once a month for the comparison of notes and compiling monthly sheets. The club hardly lived the year out.

William L. Baily
H. Baily
Alban Cope
H. Stokes
A. Garrett
Will Haines
• Applied for a passport on January 19, 1889.
• Passport application describes him as –
  • Stature 5' 7 1/2"
  • Forehead: High
  • Eyes: Brown
  • Nose: Straight
  • Mouth: Medium
  • Chin: Round
  • Hair: Dark Brown
  • Complexion: Fair
  • Face Oval

Studied Architecture in Europe, 1889
In 1890 worked as an architectural draughtsman in Philadelphia. A chance remark about birds caught the ear of another draughtsman (J. Harris Reed),

Baily brought in the lists which he had been keeping and spoke of his collection of skins. The more they talked, the more excited Reed became. Reed purchased a notebook and began to record the birds of Tinicum.
January 22, 1890
First meeting of enthusiasts was held at 1624 Arch Street

- William L. Baily
- J. Harris Reed
- Spencer Trotter
- Samuel N. Rhoads
- George S. Morris
January 29, 1890 – ground work laid

- They met again at Baily's family house on Arch Street and, after a “most harmonious meeting”, agreed to form an ornithological society. Rhoads was appointed temporary secretary and Baily chairman.

- **William L. Baily - Chairman**
- J. Harris Reed
- Spencer Trotter
- Samuel N. Rhoads – temporary secretary
- George S. Morris
February 3, 1890

- The Delaware Valley Ornithological Club came into being at the 1624 Arch Street residence of William L. Baily's family

- William L. Baily
- George S. Morris
- J. Harris Reed
- Samuel N. Rhoads
- Spencer Trotter
- Witmer Stone (invited by Trotter)
- Charles Voelker (invited by Reed)

- All between the ages of 23 and 30
Where did he go from there?

- President 1890
- Treasurer 1891-1900
- Active in the DVOC for his entire life
Where did he go from there?

Personal Life

- Was married on April 27, 1893 to Sarah S. Boyd in Delaware County, PA
  - Son - William L, Jr born 1895
    - In 1942 he registered for the draft and was employed by Joshua L. Baily and Company, 40 Worth Street, N.Y.C.
  - Son - Livingston B. born 1899
  - Daughter - Sara B. born 1903
- Retired in 1930
- Died April 6, 1947 at his home in Haverford, Pa
• Involved with many significant projects including
  • The Beasley Building at 1125-31 Walnut Street, Philadelphia,
Residence at 527 Montgomery Avenue, Haverford PA 19041
In 1895 hired by Cyrus K. Curtis to design a new residence in Cheltenham Township which was named "Lyndon". The "Music Room" was built in 1903 and is still in use as "Curtis Hall" on the grounds of Curtis Arboretum, Wyncote, Pa.
• Residence Hall at Bryn Mawr College in 1913
• In 1900 he received a government appointment as Inspector of Birds and Mammals at the Port of Philadelphia.

• One of the earliest in America (1895) to take photographs of birds in their "natural haunts"

• Lecturer on Ornithology in schools, colleges, etc., in eastern states

• Red Cross and Liberty Loan Worker, 1917-18
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Where did he go from there?
Residence