George P. Garrison, professor of history and member of the second faculty of The University of Texas at Austin, died on July 3, 1910. He was 56.

Professor Garrison was born on December 19, 1853, in Carrollton, Georgia. He received a certificate of literate in the arts from the University of Edinburgh. He also earned certificates of merit in mathematics, natural philosophy, logic, metaphysics, rhetoric, and English from Edinburgh. He received a PhD from the University of Chicago in 1896.

Professor Garrison joined the faculty of the University in 1884. He served as chairman of the Department of History from 1888 until his death in 1910. He offered the department's first courses in graduate studies in 1897. He also encouraged women to pursue graduate work at a time when they could not yet earn a doctoral degree from the University.

Professor Garrison wrote several books, among them The Civil Government of Texas and Texas: A Contest of Civilizations. He also edited the three-volume Diplomatic Correspondence of the Republic of Texas. Professor Garrison was a founder of the Texas State Historical Association and helped win passage of legislation that established the Texas State Library. He also helped acquire the Bexar Archives for the University.

Tributes to Professor Garrison were published in the Cactus and in The Quarterly, a publication of the Texas State Historical Association, in 1909 and 1911, respectively. Garrison Hall, which houses the history and American studies departments, is named in his honor.

John R. Durbin, Secretary
The General Faculty

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