C. Hartley Grattan, professor emeritus of history, died on June 25, 1980, in Austin. He was 77. A memorial service was held on October 6, 1980, to honor his accomplishments at the University.

Professor Grattan was born on October 19, 1902, in Wakefield, Massachusetts. He received his bachelor's degree from Clark College in 1923. He later embarked on a thirty-year career as a freelance writer in New York City, where he wrote for such influential magazines as American Mercury, Scribners, and Harper's. During his long writing career in New York, he also assembled the Grattan Collection of Southwest Pacificana. The collection emphasizes Australia but also includes New Zealand, the Pacific Islands, and Antarctica. It is considered the most comprehensive collection in the United States relating to this region. The collection was placed in the University's Humanities Research Center when Professor Grattan joined the UT Austin faculty in 1964.

A leading American authority on twentieth century Australia, Professor Grattan published a definitive two-volume study: The Southwest Pacific to 1900 and The Southwest Pacific since 1900. In 1977 he received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the Australian National University in recognition of his research on Australia.

In 1932 he published The Three Jameses: A Family of Minds, a study of Henry, Sr., Henry, and William, which "put formidable emphasis on their continuing influence," according to the New York Times (June 1980).

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