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Alan Giles James September 15, 1920 - June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Lawyer; Foreign Service Officer; Delegate for the Law of the Sea; Chairman of the Board of Appellate Review, State Department; WWII Veteran; Writer

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., Alan began his travels with his father, Isaac Giles James, during his school years at Hackley School, Tarrytown, N.Y. Alan graduated from Williams College as a history major in the accelerated class of 1943 before enlisting in the Army Air Corps at the onset of World War II, and served in North Africa and Italy in the 414<sup>th</sup> Squadron of the 97<sup>th</sup> Bomber Group. After the war, he earned his law degree at Yale Law School, and subsequently worked in Admiralty Law at the New York firm of Kirlin, Campbell, Hickok and Keating. His studies of history at Williams helped lead him to a career in the US Foreign Service which he joined in 1950 to fulfil what became a life-long interest in foreign countries and international problems. He served as a Kreis resident officer in Munich and Political Counselor at the US Embassies in Paris and London. Under Elliot Richardson, he served as Executive Assistant for The Law of the Sea Conference. He retired from the Foreign Service in 1980, but continued working for the Law of the Sea Treaty as part of the Delegation Staff. In 1982, he became Chairman of the Board of Appellate Review at the U.S. Department of State. In 1995, he and his wife retired to Bethesda, Maryland, where he had leisure to pursue his interest in the author Henry James, write several articles about him for the *Henry James Review*, and edit a collection of previously unpublished and rare letters that Henry James wrote to Field Marshal Lord and Lady Wolseley, a national British hero: editing **The Master, the Modern General, and His Clever Wife: Henry James's Letters to Field Marshal Lord Wolseley and Lady Wolseley, 1878-1913.** (University of Virginia Press, 2012.) In his final years, Alan enjoyed his family and garden. He died peacefully of heart failure June 13<sup>th</sup>, surrounded by loving relatives. He is survived by his wife of 68 years Marjorie, his children Gray Garland James of Houston, Alan Giles James Jr. of Luray, Virginia and Anne Clark James of Germantown, Maryland, and three grandchildren, Raina, David and Davis Finn, all of whom loved and respected him. He was truly a gentleman and a scholar.

