

**HARVEY STUART CHASE (1861-1946):
A PROGRESSIVE IN AN ACCOUNTANT'S CLOTHES AND
MUCH MORE THAN THE FATHER OF STUART CHASE**

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ABSTRACT

As 2000 is the centennial year of the Massachusetts Society of CPA's, it seemed fitting to do a paper on one of its key founders, Harvey Stuart Chase. However, he accomplished much in his about forty year long accounting career. Chase was a progressive leader of a uniform accounting system for municipalities at the turn of the century. Chase was considered by many, with some justification, to be the "Father of the National Budget." His accomplishments in the field of governmental accounting need to be noted now as this area of accounting seems to be drawing much more attention again.

Harvey Stuart Chase was the father of Stuart Chase (1888-1985), who, arguably, was the most prominent economic popularizer of the 1920s through the 1940s in the United States. The presenter of this paper has done much reviewing of Stuart Chase's life and writings. This paper both gives more indication of the interplay between father and son and also shows that Stuart chase had a strong role model in his father. The presenter believes you will agree that Harvey Stuart chase was much more than the father of Stuart Chase.

There are five appendices in the paper: (A) Data Base for Harvey Stuart Chase; (B) FDR and Harvey Stuart Chase; (C) Photos of the Chase family and of Harvey Stuart Chase; (D) Genealogy of Three Branches of Harvey Stuart Chase; and (E) an 1899 ad from the Boston City Directory for George S. Chase and Harvey S. Chase. These five items are useful in getting an overall feeling about Harvey Stuart Chase, his father (R. Stuart Chase) and Stuart Chase.