

Iowa's Notable Dead . . .

EDWARD McMURRAY SMITH, editor, legislator, educator and former Iowa secretary of state, died at Winterset, Iowa, October 26, 1953; born on a farm near Maquoketa, Jackson county, Iowa, October 31, 1870, son of John M. and Jane Courtney Smith, Scotch-Irish immigrants who first settled in New England and came to Iowa in 1869; at 16 years of age, moved with parents to a Madison county farm in Jackson township in 1886; attended old Dexter Normal School and Drake University; began teaching school in 1892 between farm seasons; served as Madison county superintendent of schools from 1898 to 1899; in 1900 became editor and publisher of weekly *Madisonian* at Winterset; owned and operated two farms in Madison county and was a charter member of the Farm Bureau organization in that county; elected to the Iowa senate in 1916 and served eight years from the Adair-Madison district; as chairman of the senate ways and means committee became an authority upon the subject of taxation; appointed in 1928 to succeed the late Walter C. Ramsey as secretary of state of Iowa, later elected to that office serving until 1930; postmaster at Winterset from April 1904 to August 1908; president Iowa Press association 1922 and 1923 and chosen as an Iowa Master Editor in 1933; married Evalyn Crossley, of Patterson, Iowa, June 1, 1898, who passed away in 1950; survived by three daughters, Mrs. J. C. Moore, jr., of Winterset, Mrs. P. K. Graening of Oklahoma City and Mrs. Wesley Fry of Berkley, California, six grandchildren and two great grandchildren; a member of the Presbyterian church, Masonic order, Knights of Pythias, Rotary club, Pioneer Lawmakers association, Des Moines club, Prairie club and Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalistic fraternity; enjoyed association of Mrs. Moore and her husband as co-publishers and half owners of the *Madisonian* for several years, as during latter years of Mrs. Smith's life they spent their winters at McAllen, Texas; a Republican in politics.

EUGENE ALLEN GILMORE, lawyer, educator and public official, died November 4, 1953, at Iowa City, Iowa; born July 4, 1871, at Brownsville, Nebraska; son of Andrew and Sarah Jane Allen Gilmore; educated in the Auburn, Nebraska, public schools; graduated from DePauw university with B.A. degree in 1893, and from Harvard university with LL.B. degree in 1899, where he had been secretary to the president; practiced law in Boston for three years, then served upon

the faculty of the University of Wisconsin law school from 1902 to 1922, one year of that period as acting dean; became vice-governor and secretary of public instruction in the Philippine Islands in 1922, where he remained until 1930, becoming acting governor general of the islands in 1927, serving to 1929; served the University of Iowa as dean of the college of law beginning in 1930, and elevated to presidency of the institution in 1934 and remained in that capacity until 1940; thereafter served two years as dean of the University of Nebraska law school, and completed his life as an educator by teaching part-time in the college of law at the University of Iowa and the last eleven years was active as counselor to students, receiving the title of president-emeritus in 1950; married December 27, 1899, at Rockport, Indiana, to Blanche Basye, who survives him, with two sons, Attorney John A. Gilmore of New York, N. Y., and Eugene Allen Gilmore, Jr., of the American Embassy in Lima, Peru, and one daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Holt, whose husband is in the American diplomatic office in Salonika, Greece; received an honorary LL.D. from DePauw in 1922, an LL.D. at the State University of Iowa in 1941, and a D.C.L. by the University of Pittsburg in 1899; a member of the First Congregational church at Iowa City, the Delta Kappa Epsilon social fraternity, Uhl Beta Kappa scholastic fraternity and Phi Alpha Delta law fraternity; a member of the bar of Massachusetts, Wisconsin, Indiana, Iowa and Nebraska; a member of the American Law institute, the American Bar association, Iowa State Bar association and the University Triangle club, a visiting professor of law at the University of California, University of Chicago and Columbia university during his career, and non-resident lecturer in law at the University of the Philippines; had been a member of the Advisory Council of the Philippine Research bureau since 1935, and a member of the board of trustees of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching since 1938, a fellow of the American Institute of Criminal Law and Criminology, former president of the American Law Schools, former member of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws from Iowa and Wisconsin and chairman of the Commission on Indonesian Customary Law of the American Council of Learned Societies since 1934; an author of a number of articles and pamphlets and several books dealing with law, including a law encyclopedia of fifteen volumes, "Modern American Law."

EDWARD G. BARROW, newspaper man and baseball executive, died December 15, 1953, at New York, N. Y.; born at Springfield, Illinois, May 10, 1868; moved to Missouri and then to a farm just outside Des Moines, Iowa, at an early age; be-

came mailing clerk and city circulator of the *Des Moines Daily News* at the age of 18; holding that position for two years and then moved over to the *Des Moines Leader* where he was advanced to the advertising department, later doing some reporting of news was named city editor at salary of \$30 a week; managed a Des Moines baseball team during that period known as the Des Moines Stars, which attained semi-professional status, including among its players such as Fred Clarke, Byron McKibbin, Billy Hunt, Ducky Holmes, Billy Johns, Herman McFarland, known both locally and nationally; in 1899 with his brother Frank bought the Pennsylvania state rights for sale of H & H soap manufactured in Des Moines, which enterprise he abandoned shortly and became a hotel clerk in Pittsburgh; became a partner of Harry Stevens in concession rights in the Pittsburgh and Columbus, Ohio, baseball parks, starting upon his baseball career; with two associates became owner of baseball franchise at Wheeling, West Virginia, of the Tri-State League, where he first saw Honus Wagner play; later managed the Patterson, New Jersey club, then manager of the Boston Red Sox in 1918, and in 1920 went with the New York Yankees as business manager and secretary of the club under Colonel Jake Ruppert; took his first big league managing job in 1903 as manager of Detroit and after two years moved to Indianapolis as manager and then to Toronto; gave up baseball in 1908 and 1909 and managed a hotel but in 1910 was back as manager at Montreal; elected president of the International league in 1910 and re-entered the majors as the Boston Red Sox manager in 1918, winning the pennant and world series that year; served as business manager, general manager and president of the New York Yankees 26 years, during which period the Yankees won 14 American league pennants and 10 world series championships, retiring in 1947; elected to the baseball Hall of Fame just before the last world series.

NATHANIEL GRAHAM ALCOCK, physician and professor emeritus in urological surgery and former head of the urology department of the State University of Iowa College of Medicine, died at Iowa City, Iowa, December 10, 1953; born in Plattsville, Wisconsin, January 18, 1881; son of Anthony and Isabelle Alcock; received his elementary and high school education there; received a bachelor of science degree in 1907 at Northwestern university, Evanston, Illinois, followed by a master of science degree in 1908, and from the same university received his medical degree in 1912, and interned for two years at Alexian brothers hospital, Chicago; married Marjorie Bates in May, 1913, at Yankton, South Dakota; practiced for the next 18 months in Pueblo, Colorado, com-

ing to Iowa City, and the University of Iowa as an instructor in 1915; became an assistant professor and in 1923 advanced to the rank of professor, also becoming head of the newly-created department of genito-urinary surgery; after his voluntary retirement in 1949 continued in private practice and was chief of urology at Mercy hospital at Iowa City until time of his demise; awarded the gold medal by the Mississippi Valley Medical Society which cited his international reputation and commended him for his practice of medicine in Iowa City and for his work in teaching students from all parts of the world; a member of the American Association of Genito-Urinary Surgeons, the International Urological Society and the American Medical Association. He also was an active member of the S.U.I. Quarterback club; survived by his wife, two daughters, Mrs. Margery McNamera of Cedar Rapids and Jane Alcock of San Francisco, Cal.; a son, Robert of Pasadena, Cal., and 10 grandchildren.

FRANK COLE, clergyman and educator, former financial secretary and vice-president of Cornell college, Mount Vernon, Iowa, died December 31, 1953, at St. Luke's hospital in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, having been hospitalized by a stroke since July 10, 1952; born October 28, 1867, at Wharton, Ohio; son of David D. and Catherine (Bell) Cole; educated at Little Rock University and Nebraska Wesleyan University, from which institution he received a Ph.B. (bachelor of philosophy) degree in 1897, and the honorary doctor of divinity degree from Cornell in 1908; married Mary Jane Caradine February 10, 1897, and besides his wife, he is survived by three children, Russell D. Cole, Mary Elizabeth Cole and Mrs. Michael Smith of Sauk Centre, Minn.; admitted on trial in the Arkansas conference of the Methodist Episcopal church at Monmouth Springs, Ark., in 1895; ordained a deacon in 1898 and an elder in 1900; served as pastor of churches in Monmouth Springs, Ark., Northwood, Waverly, Waterloo and Davenport, Iowa; became superintendent of the Cedar Rapids district of the former Upper Iowa (now the North Iowa) conference of the Methodist church in 1921, and in 1927 became vice-president of Cornell; had been a member of the board of trustees of the college since 1912, and of the executive committee since 1916 until his retirement in 1940, serving as president of the board from 1926 until 1940; during World War I served with the Y.M.C.A. and was attached to the American expeditionary force in France; previously had been a Chautauqua lecturer, and was a member of the board of foreign missions of the Methodist church from 1928 to 1936; announcement came in May, 1939, of his resignation from the post of financial secretary of the college and the appoint-

ment of his son to the post, and in 1943 his son was installed as president of Cornell.

PAUL SPENCER CLAPP, electrical engineer and utility executive, died at New York in his Central Park home, December 12, 1953; born at Adel, Iowa, July 20, 1890; son of Samuel E. and Nellie Morse Clapp; educated in schools of Toledo, Iowa, where the family afterward moved when he was a boy; later resided at Perry and Indianola; received his degrees in electrical engineering at Iowa State College, Ames, in 1913 and 1923; married Rosalind Wainwright June 24, 1912; employed in research work by Western Electric Co. Chicago and New York, in transcontinental line experimentation 1913 to 1917; became assistant purchasing agent of Allied Machinery corporation in 1917; with International Western Electric Co. 1918 and 1919; employed as managing director of National Electric Light association 1926 to 1932; vice president of Columbia Gas and Electric corporation in Ohio, the Ohio Fuel Gas Co. and the Cincinnati Gas & Electric Co. since 1932; served as first lieutenant and later as captain in the U.S.A. Signal corps in United States and France; with the Peace commission, Paris, and American Relief Administration in Central Europe and Russia, returning to the United States in 1923; served as special assistant in important role under Herbert Hoover becoming assistant secretary when latter was Secretary of Commerce in 1923 to 1926; a member of American Institute of Electrical Engineering, Tau Beta Pi, Delta Upsilon, Union League, Lotus and engineers clubs in New York and a Republican; surviving are the widow and two daughters.

JOHN BURNES BROWN, cattle breeder and Aberdeen-Angus authority, died at his El-Jon farms east of Rose Hill, Iowa, December 4, 1953; born in Boone county, Missouri, in 1879; at age of 18 years associated with Hugh Elliott in handling the livestock on the Elliott farm; later became herdsman in chief at the W. A. McHenry stock farm at Denison, Iowa, and remained there 17 years; associated with Cyrus A. Tows, breeder of Herefords and became a partner of Harvey Hess for six years in the Angus herd at Waterloo; removed to Mahaska county in 1924, to the Fred J. Jarvis farm near Rose Hill; started the Brown herd there, using the Earl Marshall foundation breeding for building one of the outstanding herds of Angus in the United States; took his son, Elliott, as a partner in 1929, the latter showing "Lucky Strike" at the Chicago International that year and won the grand championship, gaining national fame as breeder for the Browns, many first prizes and grand championships since won by them,

one bull being sold for \$50,000; president of the American Aberdeen Angus association in 1943 and served upon its board of directors from 1936 to 1942; became a judge at every major livestock show in the United States and in 1950 was a judge at the International Livestock show in Chicago; survived by his wife, two daughters, Mrs. Roger Stringfellow and Mrs. Leslie Stout of Rose Hill, a son Elliott Brown of Rose Hill, four grand children, two sisters, four brothers and a great-granddaughter.

JAMES A. HOWE, attorney and jurist, died December 23, 1953, at Daytona Beach, Florida, where he was sojourning for the winter; born at Attica, Michigan, April 26, 1865; descended from a family of farmers and lived there most of his early life until he entered college; the family removed to Grand Junction, Iowa, and in the high school there he developed a talent for debating which led to his decision to study law; entered the Iowa College of law affiliated with Drake university at Des Moines in 1887, was graduated in 1889 and admitted to the bar May 15, 1889; appointed by the district court in 1892 as the first regular probate referee of Polk county; in 1893 elected chairman of the Republican county central committee; became Polk county's youngest county attorney at age 29 in 1894, and elected district court judge in 1902; served eight years on the bench, returning to private law practice in 1911, the firm name being Howe & Miller; then a law partner of his son, Harold Howe, for many years until his demise; married Elizabeth Case, who died in 1920, and in addition to his son, is survived by a granddaughter, Mrs. Thomas B. Moore, of Des Moines and a great granddaughter; past president of the Des Moines Pioneer club, a member of the Masonic order, the Knights of Pythias and the Pioneer Lawmakers of Iowa, the membership of which includes qualified district and supreme judges.

REMLEY J. GLASS, attorney and historian, died at Mason City, Iowa, December 30, 1953; born in that city where he spent his entire life, December 22, 1894; son of former senator John D. and Alice Remley Glass, pioneers of Cerro Gordo county, Iowa; received his B.A. degree from the State University of Iowa in 1907, attended Western Reserve University at Cleveland, Ohio, a year and then returned to the University of Iowa, where he received his LL.B. degree in 1909 and was admitted to the bar; became a member of the law firm of Glass, McConlogue & Glass at Mason City, where he has since practiced law; served as historian for many local organizations and contributed writings on literary and historical subjects to magazines and the newspapers; past presi-

dent of the Cerro Gordo County Historical Society, a member of the Iowa State History Committee and an active member of the Friends of Libraries; past chairman of the Cerro Gordo county Republican committee, a charter member of the Kiwanis club, a member of both the Iowa State Bar association and the Cerro Gordo County Bar association, the First Baptist church, the Masonic order and the Elks; survived by a sister, Mrs. F. W. Lovell, Cleveland, Ohio, and nephew, Wheeler Glass Lovell, Detroit, Michigan.

JAMES R. HOWARD, farmer and past president of American Farm Bureau Federation and the Iowa Farm Bureau, died at his farm home near Clemons, Iowa, January 27, 1954; born on the same farm March 24, 1873; received a Bachelor of Philosophy degree at William Penn college, Oskaloosa, Iowa, in 1894 and a Master's degree at same college in 1897, and later studied at the University of Chicago; married Anna Pickerel in December, 1900, and except for a period as a bank cashier, had been a farmer, stockman and farm organization leader all his life; headed the Marshall county Farm Bureau from 1915 to 1918; became president of the American Farm Bureau Federation in 1919 and served until 1923; also was the first president of the Iowa Farm Bureau; a member of the St. Lawrence Waterways commission in 1924, and a long time member of the board of governors of the American Agricultural Institute; a member of the advisory committee of the Stanford University Food Research Institute; a Quaker and a Republican; survived by his widow and four children, Robert, of Winnetka, Illinois, farm editor of the *Chicago Tribune*, Henry of Clemons, John of Lanhan, Maryland, and Mrs. A. M. Patterson of Clemons, whose husband is head of the American Royal Livestock show at Kansas City.

FRED E. FERGUSON, professor and editor, died at Ames, Iowa, December 27, 1953; born on a farm near Laurens, Pocahontas county, Iowa, April 16, 1898; was graduated from Iowa State College with a bachelor of science degree in animal husbandry in 1922; served as field secretary of the Iowa State Dairy Association for two years, joining the Iowa State College faculty in October, 1924, and named July 1, 1944, publications editor of *Iowa Farm Science* a monthly magazine of the Iowa agricultural experiment station and the agricultural extension service, which has earned a national reputation as a leading exponent of simplified reporting of scientific information, particularly in the field of agricultural research; had been a member of the faculty of Iowa State College for nearly 30 years; will be honored by a fund to be

established in his memory for the journalism reading room at the college; survived by his wife and four children, Frank E., currently on a photographic assignment for the state department in Iran; Mrs. Frank R. Paine of State College, Penn.; John F., a junior at the State University of Iowa, and Elizabeth at home; also by two brothers, Lloyd E. of Laurens and Roland C. of Highland Park, Ill., and two sisters, Mrs. F. L. Kirkendall of Wichita, Kan., and Mrs. H. K. Young of Pocahontas.

CARL KELSEY, educator, author, emeritus sociology professor of Pennsylvania university, died at Mendenhall, Penn., October 15, 1953; born in Grinnell, Iowa, in 1870; was graduated in 1890 from Iowa College, now Grinnell college; after studying at Andover Theological Seminary and the universities of Goettingen and Berlin in Germany; earned a Ph.D. degree at the University of Pennsylvania in 1903; joined the staff of University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Finance and Commerce as an instructor in sociology in 1903; became an assistant professor a year later and was appointed Professor of Sociology in 1906; in 1926 was named a professor of Sociology in the university's graduate school of arts and sciences and in 1941 was elected an emeritus professor, having taught there 40 years; continued to serve, however, as a special lecturer in 1941-42, and was the author of several books in his field; also had served as assistant director of the New York School of Philanthropy from 1903 to 1913 and as district superintendent of War Risk Insurance from 1918 to 1920; during the bi-centennial in 1940 the University of Pennsylvania conferred upon Dr. Kelsey an honorary Litt.D. degree; was a member of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, of which he was secretary from 1906 to 1912 and vice president for many years thereafter; surviving are his widow, the former Gertrude Haldeman, and a sister, Miss Elizabeth Kelsey of Berkeley, California.

JOHN W. ANDERSON, lawyer and jurist, died at Sioux City, Iowa, January 29, 1954; born on a farm near Independence, in Buchanan county, Iowa, July 31, 1871, of Scotch and English parentage; attended the public schools and the Upper Iowa university at Fayette; studied law in the office of Judge A. S. Wilson and was admitted to the bar May 11, 1893; practiced law in Monona and Woodbury counties; served as county attorney of Monona county 1908-1912; also served as judge of the Fourth Judicial district 1914-1920, resigning the latter year and resumed the practice of law in Sioux City, continuing until 1933 when he was elected as justice of the Iowa Supreme court and served until 1939; a past pre-

siding officer of many fraternal organizations and active in the Masonic order and the B. P. O. Elks; a Democrat, and survived by his wife and one daughter, Mrs. Marjorie Schneider, Des Moines, another daughter, Mrs. Elma I. Bails, Sioux City, Iowa, having preceded him in death at Sloan Iowa, just two weeks.

JOHN J. HALLORAN, attorney and district judge, died at Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, February 3, 1954; born at Des Moines, Iowa, May 7, 1869; was graduated from the law school of Drake University, Des Moines, and admitted to the Iowa bar in 1895, immediately entering the practice of law; served as justice of the peace, assistant county attorney and city corporation counsel, and during a portion of his career was a member of the Des Moines law partnership of Parrish, Cohen, Guthrie, Watters, and Halloran; appointed district judge of Polk county in 1930, was reelected in 1934 and 1938, again appointed to the bench in 1943 and reelected in 1944 for the full term, completing 14 years upon the bench; a man of strong convictions and high standards of official conduct; resided in Des Moines until 1948, when with Mrs. Halloran, who survives him, moved to Wisconsin to reside with their daughter, Mrs. Donald Wilkinson, who with a son, Father John Halloran, a priest at St. Mary's college, St. Marys, Kansas, also survive; a Republican, a member of St. Augustine's church, Des Moines, state and county bar associations, and other organizations and clubs.

ALGERNON LEE, educator and journalist, died in the Long Island Home at Amityville, January 4, 1954; born at Dubuque, Iowa, September 15, 1873; son of James and Jane (Emmerson) Lee; educated at the University of Minnesota; married Blanche Kuappen of Minneapolis, who died in 1900; again married to Matilda Sinal in 1907, who passed away in 1953; actively identified with national Socialist movement from 1895 and during most of his entire life; edited various Socialist publications from 1898 to 1909; elected educational director of the Rand School of Social Science, becoming its president in 1909, in which position he served until his death; taught economics, American history and other subjects during that period; elected to board of aldermen of New York, N.Y., in 1917, and incurred some difficulty in being seated ultimately winning that right in the New York supreme court; left the Socialist party in 1936 and affiliated with the American Labor party; opposed entering of World War I, but heartily supported World War II, being a draft board member; during later years was a contributor to Socialist publications

and a professional reader of works on economics for book publishers.

DAN A. WALLACE, farm editor and writer, died at Park Rapids, Minnesota, February 11, 1954; born in Winterset, Iowa, December 23, 1878; son of "Uncle Henry" Wallace, an Iowa pioneer, and first editor of *Wallace's Farmer*, Des Moines, and uncle of Vice President Henry A. Wallace; attended Des Moines public schools, graduated from West high school and from Iowa State college at Ames, in 1903; engaged in farming in Minnesota; became editor of *The Farmer and the Farmer's Wife* in St. Paul, work he was to continue for 29 years; as young man worked upon *Wallace's Farmer* in close association with his father and brother, Henry C. Wallace, who became secretary of agriculture under Presidents Harding and Coolidge, attending agricultural conferences and conventions with him, and later prominent in midwestern agricultural movements, particularly during his nephew's tenure as secretary of agriculture during the Roosevelt administration; for a time was in charge of field work for the Farmers Union Grain Terminal Association of St. Paul, having become a practical livestock and grain man; following retirement from his farm paper resided at Walker, Minn., and especially interested in his large collection of Indian articles and lore of the northern frontier; survived by his wife, Cecil, two sisters, Miss Josephine Wallace, Tucson, Arizona, and Mrs. Newton Ashby, living in New Mexico.

JANE LLOYD WRIGHT PORTER, educator, died October 8, 1953, at the home of a friend, Mrs. Bertha Hansen, at Somers, New York; a daughter of the Reverend and Mrs. William C. Wright and a sister of Frank Lloyd Wright, the architect, and a resident of Tam-Y-Deri, Spring Green, Wisconsin; born at McGregor, Iowa, in 1870, and married Andrew T. Porter, Chicago investment banker, where they resided until his death; engaged in school work at the time of her marriage at the Hillside Home school in Spring Green; during married life continued interest in education, president of the Garden club and had other club activities at Oak Park, Illinois; besides the brother, whose home also is in Spring Green, leaves a son, Franklin of White Plains, a sister, Mrs. Maginel W. Barney of New York, and six grandchildren.

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