

Iowa's Notable Dead . . .

GEORGE ALLISON WILSON, attorney, jurist, Iowa legislator, governor and U. S. senator, died September 8, 1953, at Des Moines, Iowa; born April 1, 1884, on the farm south of Menlo, Adair county, Iowa, to which his father, James H. ("Prairie Jim") Wilson, came from New York after service in the Civil war; rode a horse four miles to the public school in Menlo; attended Grinnell college from 1900 to 1903, waiting upon tables for his board and tending a furnace for his room; served as assistant secretary of the Iowa senate in 1904, and entered the law course at the State University of Iowa that fall; won his "G" at Grinnell and his "I" at Iowa, in basketball; while governor appointed John Chalmers, his Iowa basketball coach to the district bench in Dubuque county, where Chalmers is still serving as judge; began law practice in Des Moines upon graduation from law school in 1907; continued as assistant secretary of the Iowa senate in the sessions of 1906, 1907 and 1909, and as secretary of the senate in 1911; elected county attorney of Polk county in 1914, and appointed district judge in 1917, being 33 years of age when he went upon the bench; re-elected district judge in 1918 for a four-year term, but resigned in 1921 and resumed the practice of law; elected and served in seven sessions of the Iowa senate from Polk county, from 1927 to 1935; married Mildred Zehner in Des Moines, December 8, 1921, who with three sons, James, George Jr. and John, and a daughter, Mary Ann, survive; elected governor of Iowa in 1938, and served two terms; elected United States senator in 1942, serving one six-year term; resumed practice of law in Des Moines, which he continued in partnership with his son, George, Jr., until his death, concluding one of the notable official careers of leading Iowa public men.

JOSEPH H. ANDERSON, farmer, public official and legislator, died at his home in Thompson, Iowa, September 24, 1953; born on a farm in Winnebago county, Iowa, near Forest City, in 1871; received his education in the rural schools of his county and at the State Teacher's college at Cedar Falls, from which institution he was graduated in 1898; served two years as principal of the school at Fairbanks, Iowa, since which time he engaged in farming with exception from January 1, 1905 to January 1, 1913 during which time he served as clerk of the district court of his county; elected in 1914 as representative from the ninety-fifth district to the Iowa

state legislature and re-elected in 1916, 1918, 1920, 1922 and 1924, becoming speaker of the house in the Fortieth and the Fortieth extra session of the General assembly; became a widely known figure in co-operative creamery circles, being a past-president of the Iowa and National Associations of Co-operative Creameries; from 1928 to 1934 was a member of the Iowa state board of education; also served as a member of the board of education of Waldorf college at Forest City, Iowa, and in a similar capacity with the Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran church in America; survivors include the wife, two sons, Orland, of Thompson, and Merlin, of Ames; and four daughters, Mrs. Alfred Field, Forest City, Mrs. Ray Wunder, Sanborn, Joy Anderson, Cedar Rapids, and Mrs. W. O. Bowers, Long Beach, Cal.

PHIL HOFFMAN, editor and publisher, died at Oskaloosa, Iowa, October 1, 1953; born in Oskaloosa August 16, 1868, and spent his entire life in that city; attended Oskaloosa high school and William Penn college there; entered the *Oskaloosa Herald* newspaper office as a reporter in June, 1885, and quickly displayed talent as a reporter; the paper, then a weekly, became a daily two years later and he enjoyed expanded responsibilities; quit the newspaper after four years and for some years operated a steam laundry, but in 1896, with his brother, the late Charles V. Hoffman, purchased the *Herald* to which he literally devoted his entire life; named by the Iowa Press association in 1948 as a master editor-publisher; widely known for his many charities and strong advocacy of temperance; wrote and published a 100-year history of Mahaska county, giving the proceeds to the Mahaska county historical society; held several lay positions in St. James Episcopal church; was a past president of the Rotary club and was active in the Masonic lodge and Eastern Star; was a past vice-president of the Home Loan & Savings association of Oskaloosa and until his death was a member of its appraisal committee; for about three years was a sergeant in the old Company F of the Iowa National guard; besides his wife who resides at 807 High ave. E., Oskaloosa, is survived by one daughter, Mrs. William Smith, Chicago, Ill.

CHARLES EDWARD WILSON, laundryman and savings and loan banker, died at Clear Lake, Iowa, October 8, 1953; born at Putnam, Illinois, October 12, 1878; son of a pioneer Iowa Christian preacher and a resident of Des Moines more than 60 years; obtained his education in the Des Moines schools and entered the laundry business in 1895 with his brother, Howard Wilson, operating the University laundry and later consolidated with the Munger laundry and conducted the

merged company for many years being the president of the company at his death; prominent in the National Laundry Association, serving one year as its president; also chairman of the board of the Casmil Corporation, the production company for both the Cascade and the Miller laundries; president of the Polk County Federal Savings and Loan association; a prominent church leader of the Disciples of Christ, and early member of the University Christian church in which he had held many offices, a past chairman of its board of trustees and past president of the church corporation; a member of the Kiwanis having served as president of the Des Moines club, a thirty-second degree Mason of Scottish Rite, formerly a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Des Moines Chamber of Commerce and the Des Moines Y.M.C.A.; survivors include his wife, Mrs. Nellie Hawthorne Wilson; three sons, Ward H., vice-president of Cascade and Polk County Federal Savings and Loan Association; Clarke L., secretary of Cascade, and T. Wayne, Cincinnati, Ohio; a sister, Mrs. F. W. Weitz, Des Moines, and five grandchildren.

JAMES S. BURROWS, attorney, soldier and jurist, died at Keokuk, October 3, 1953; born in that city December 29, 1878, the son of John and Lillie Hixon Burrows, both natives also of Keokuk; received his education in the public schools, the State University of Iowa and completed his study of law in the office of Dan Miller; served in the U. S. armed forces in the Spanish-American war; married to Josephene Fuerst April 1, 1903, who died in December, 1935, and on March 18, 1937, married Marjorie Caldwell who survives, with a grandson, Frederick Burrows, who is with the U. S. navy in San Diego, California; practiced law in Keokuk from date of his admission to the bar in 1903; elected in that year as justice of the peace which he held for 17 years, resigning to become city solicitor of Keokuk serving four years, after which he devoted himself to the private practice of law until 1938, when he was elected judge of the district court, continuing in that position until November, 1952, when he resigned on account of the state of his health; bereaved in 1945 by the death of his only son, John F. Burrows, who was serving as deputy county attorney; a member of the Lee county and Iowa bar associations and the Masonic order.

MRS. BERTHA M. H. SHAMBAUGH, teacher and writer, died at Iowa City, Iowa, August 23, 1953; born in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, February 12, 1871; daughter of Kathrine Mosnat and Frank J. Horack; moved to Belle Plaine and then to Iowa City in 1878; graduated at Iowa City high school and later returned there as a teacher of natural science; received in 1893 her

B.A. degree from the State University of Iowa, where she was a member of the Pi Beta Phi sorority; married Prof. Benj. F. Shambaugh of the university, who preceded her in death, April 7, 1940; was especially interested in the Amana colonies and became an authority and writer upon that region and its people; contributed many articles to historical and biographical publications; a member of the Universalist church, the University club, Iowa Authors club and Federation of Women's clubs; assisted Professor Shambaugh in his work as superintendent of the State Historical Society and collected many pieces of historic woods and other relics with an Iowa background, together with paintings and photographs.

GRANT AUGUSTINE, physician and surgeon, died at Little Rock, Arkansas, November 15, 1953; born in 1873 at Agency in Wapello county, Iowa, son of a pioneer trader-freighter, who encouraged him to become a lawyer, but early days spent in a drugstore convinced him that he should be a doctor; entered the University of Iowa in 1896, and was graduated at the head of the first four-year class in 1900; started practice of medicine and quickly acquired renown as a surgeon; removed to Minden in Pottawattamie county, and became widely known as a practitioner, eventually in 1919 moving to Council Bluffs; married Ida Belle Gates, a nurse at Jennie Edmundson hospital at latter place; in World War I commissioned a captain in Mobile Hospital Unit 39, made up mostly of Boston, Massachusetts, residents, and became a major and the regiment's chief surgeon; was past president of Pottawattamie county Medical society and belonged to state and national medical groups, including a fellowship in the American College of Surgeons; had served as chief of staff of Jennie Edmundson hospital and on the Mercy hospital staff; became the third commander of Rainbow Post No. 2, American Legion; also a Mason, and Elk and a member of the Lions club; retired from active practice in Council Bluffs in December, 1946, and moved to Hamilton, Arkansas to make his home; survived by his widow, two sons, Grant, Jr., of Council Bluffs and Dr. Robert of Montgomery, Alabama; two daughters, Mrs. Margaret Laidly, of Cleveland, Ohio, and Mrs. Jane Johnson of Dallas, Texas.

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