

Iowa's Notable Dead . . .

CAROLYN CAMPBELL PENDRAY, first woman to serve in the Iowa legislature, died November 23, 1958, at Mount Pleasant, Iowa; born on a farm near there, December 9, 1881, the daughter of Thomas Franklin and Harriett Emily Dutton Campbell; graduated from the Mount Pleasant high school in 1899; taught rural schools near Mount Pleasant and in Des Moines county for twelve years, was Henry county superintendent of schools from 1913 to 1920, also holding classes on primary methods three summers at Iowa Wesleyan college; became active in the Democratic party, serving as county chairwoman for Jackson county and member of the state central committee as chairwoman for the Second Congressional district; married to William James Pendray at Mount Pleasant, March 24, 1920, and moved to Maquoketa in 1923 where his merchandising business was established; elected to the Iowa house of representatives from Jackson county in November 1927, two years after women became qualified to sit in the General Assembly; took the same seat her father occupied at the 28th General Assembly; re-elected in 1929, and was a successful twenty-third district candidate for the senate in 1931; noted for her speaking and debating ability in support of legislation on education and women's rights; retained an interest in political affairs and cultural events on returning to Mount Pleasant after the death of her husband in 1938; was a member of the Federated Congregational church, the Daughters of the American Revolution, and P.E.O. society; survived by a sister, Mrs. Besse Kizer, Texarkana, Texas.

WILLIAM GALT KERR, retired attorney and former legislator, died October 31, 1958, at Traer, Iowa; born in Grundy Center, September 2, 1871, the son of Daniel and Clara T. Estabrook Kerr; graduated from the local high school in 1891, enrolled at Coe College in Cedar Rapids, transferred to Cornell College in Grinnell for two years, and entered the State University of Iowa law school in 1895; married to Grace R. Sprague of Grundy Center, September 25, 1895, moving onto a farm west of town; admitted to the bar in 1896, and the next year became a law associate of his father, former fifth district congressman; soon was active in the Republican party being elected state representative in 1899, and introduced one of the first bills to regulate the financing of political campaigns during his two terms in office; gave valued counsel to the leaders of his

party for many years while devoting himself to real estate investments and representing such long time clients as the Rock Island and Chicago & Northwestern railroads; maintained an active interest in public affairs and was a frequent contributor to newspaper columns; had a deep appreciation of local history, authoring an extensive and respected history of Grundy Center; was a frequent representative of the Presbyterian church to its General Assembly and the Iowa Synod; survived by three sons, Roscoe, Des Moines, Laurence W., Detroit, Michigan, and the Reverend Daniel E., Huron, South Dakota.

ROLLIE L. PEMBERTON, prominent farmer and swine judge, died at Iowa City, Iowa, October 21, 1958; born in Greenville, January 10, 1891, the son of Albert and Mattie Pemberton, and was a first cousin of Herbert Hoover; graduated from Palmer College at LeGrand in 1909 gaining prominence in athletics; married to Electa Schoch, November 30, 1911; began farming in 1912, first showing purebred Hampshires at the Iowa State Fair two years later, and started his judging career in 1916; became hog buyer for the Eastern Iowa Market Association at Toledo in 1929, building the business to 500 carloads a day; promoted swine improvement programs and was a leader in the production of meat-type pigs; honored at the 1952 International Live Stock Exposition in Chicago, Illinois, when his portrait was hung in the gallery of the famed Saddle and Sirloin Club; recently resided in Knoxville, Iowa, as secretary of the Hampshire Swine Registry at Peoria, Illinois; was a birthright member of the Friends church; survived by his wife.

HALLECK J. MANTZ, retired attorney and former Iowa Supreme Court justice, died, November 14, 1958, at Guthrie Center, Iowa; born in Iowa county, September 23, 1877, the son of Samuel and Harriet Mantz; moved with his parents to Audubon county in 1881, working on a farm and attending the public schools there; taught in the rural schools of the county for three years and studied law at Drake University in Des Moines, graduating in 1904; married to Dorothy Sandberg in Kansas City, Missouri, August 27, 1910; began the practice of law in Audubon taking an active part in civic and governmental affairs; served as county attorney from 1909 until 1913, was twice elected mayor of Audubon, was a Republican member of the house in the Thirty-seventh and Thirty-eighth General Assemblies, and represented the Seventeenth district in the senate during the Thirty-ninth, Fortieth, and Fortieth extraordinary sessions; became judge of the Fifteenth judicial

district in 1925, and supreme court justice in 1943, serving till his resignation in 1953; belonged to the masonic fraternity, and was a former trustee of the First Presbyterian church; survived by his wife, one son, Paul, Van Nuys, California, and a daughter, Mrs. Gordon Luce, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

LEON BROWN, businessman, former newspaperman, and state official, died September 17, 1958, in Des Moines, Iowa; born November 24, 1870, at Sergeant Bluff, Iowa, later moving with his parents to Jefferson, and graduating from high school there; graduated from the State University of Iowa in 1890, and became a reporter with the old Des Moines *Daily News*; successively served the Des Moines *Leader*, Des Moines *Register and Leader*, and Des Moines *Register*, becoming managing editor, state editor, and respected political writer for the latter paper; married to Zilpha Popejoy, June 16, 1917; was state publicity director for the federal food administration for a year during World War I; joined the staff of State Budget Director E. L. Hogue in 1925, leaving that work about 1931 to become associated with his wife in owning and operating the Iowa Press Clipping Service; supported the Republican political party, was a member of Beta Theta Pi, the Masons, the Za-Ga-Zig Shrine Temple, and attended the Plymouth Congregational church; survived by his wife.

ROBERT BUCHANAN McCANDLESS, former federal official and banker, died March 11, 1958, in Washington, D. C.; born at Montezuma, Iowa, November 1, 1885, the son of John and Kate Buchanan McCandless; moved with his family to Sheldon about 1891 and after graduating from high school there in 1902, attended Grinnell College for three years; married to Clara Lanning of Sheldon, July 15, 1908, and after her death in 1950, married Allie Krahling of near George, Iowa; began seventeen years in the banking business near Mitchell, South Dakota; joined the United States Treasury Department in 1924 as a receiver of closed national banks, serving in South Dakota, South Carolina, Louisville, Kentucky, and Chicago, Illinois, later made supervising receiver in charge of the plan for speeding up payments to depositors with money advanced on the security of closed banks' assets; appointed deputy comptroller of the currency in 1941; traveled widely after his retirement in 1951, and had been studying advanced Latin at Catholic University; was a Mason, and associated with the Congregational church; survived by his wife.

LYLE L. SCHMITTER, economist and former federal official, died in Washington, D. C., April 10, 1958; born on a farm near

Rubio, Iowa, about 1907; graduated from the high school at Richland, Iowa, and Penn College at Oskaloosa, attended the University of Chicago, the International Institute at Geneva, Switzerland, and received advanced degrees in economics and political science from the University of Maine and the University of Geneva; taught economics at the University of Maine from 1927 to 1929, and at Iowa Wesleyan College from 1929 to 1931; entered government service with the Interstate Commerce Commission in 1936, was one of the first employees of the Social Security Board, becoming senior economic analyst and finance chief; was chief of the conference planning section of the Department of State from 1942 until 1951, surveying the site of the first United Nations meeting in San Francisco; later served as principal economist with the Department of Commerce in the Office of International Trade; had recently been managing director of Fiducia, Inc., and manager of the Washington office of Investors Consultants, Inc.; survived by his wife, the former Laure Babut of France, two sons, Philip Charles, a student at the University of Mexico, Eric Dean, a student at Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana, and a daughter, Susan Amy.

RAYMOND MOLLYNEAUX HUGHES, former college administrator, died at LaGrange Park, Illinois, September 22, 1958; born at Atlantic, Iowa, January 14, 1873, the son of Melancthon and Emily Mollyneaux Hughes; graduated from Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, in 1893 as valedictorian and Phi Beta Kappa; taught science two years in the high school at Hamilton, Ohio, before earning a M.S. degree at Ohio State University in 1897 as a fellow in chemistry; completed a year of graduate study at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and became professor of physics and chemistry at Miami; also became registrar in 1899 while remaining professor of chemistry from 1904 to 1913; was made dean of liberal arts in 1908, acting president in 1911, and president of Miami University in 1913; accepted the presidency of Iowa State College in 1927, and retired as president emeritus in 1936; married July 11, 1901, to Ella Brainerd Rogers, and following her death, married Helen Idsardi Richardson in 1938; served as trustee of McCormick Theological Seminary from 1939 to 1942, secretary-treasurer of the Association of American Colleges from 1918 to 1921, secretary to the Commission on Higher Education of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools from 1923 to 1928, secretary of the American Council on Education from 1924 to 1927 and chairman in 1932-33, and secretary of the National Association of State Universities in 1926-27; was author of *A Manual for College Trustees*, published

in 1943, *Education, America's Magic* (with W. H. Lancelot) in 1946, and *A Study of American Graduate Schools Conferring the Doctorate* also in 1946; was an active Presbyterian, and a Republican; survived by his wife, and a daughter, Mrs. Joseph C. Boyce of Hinsdale, Illinois.

Guy L. Bush, federal official and former editor, died at Alexandria, Virginia, September 15, 1958; born in Greenfield, Iowa, about 1889; studied animal husbandry at the University of Nebraska, returned to Bushville farm in Grand River township to conduct swine experiments, becoming a pioneer in the development of meat-type hogs; was active in organizing the Adair county Farm Bureau, and visited the Soviet Union in the twenties as an internationally recognized swine expert; joined the staff of *Wallace's Farmer* magazine in 1925 advancing to associate editor; assisted in policy planning when Henry A. Wallace became Secretary of Agriculture in 1933; named to head the regional office of the agricultural attache in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and Havana, Cuba; since 1955 had been special assistant to the Foreign Agricultural Service's assistant administrator in charge of agricultural attaches; survived by his wife, Louise Gibbs Bush, formerly of Greenfield, one son, Guy Jr., a post-graduate student at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, Virginia, and a daughter, Mrs. Lola Munson, Mainz, Germany.

ROBERT HENDERSON, former state official and newspaperman, died in Des Moines, Iowa, September 16, 1958; born in Burlington, March 22, 1873, but moved with his parents to a farm near Creston in 1876, and into town with his family eight years later; attended the public schools there though forced to quit at the age of fifteen to help support the large family; learned the printer's trade and had become editor of first one and then the other Creston daily by 1895; worked on the *Waterloo Courier* as a reporter for a year before enrolling at the University of Iowa where illness soon forced him to give up further formal education; returned to newspaper work and was editor of the Council Bluffs *Nonpareil* for three years before serving as private secretary to Congressman Walter I. Smith from 1900 to 1902; lost his sense of hearing and attended the Iowa School for the Deaf at Council Bluffs for several months; married to his teacher there, Myrtle Long, in the spring of 1905; accepted the editorship of the *Nonpareil* again and during his seven years in that position gained a reputation for strong, thoughtful editorials; elected state printer on the Republican ticket in 1911, serving until 1933 though the superintendent of printing was made an appointive office in

1921; operated the John M. Jamieson Bindery Company in Des Moines for several years before retiring about 1954; member of the Plymouth Congregational church; survived by his wife, one son, John W. Henderson, with the American embassy in Indonesia, two daughters, Mrs. Harry Hartwick, Princeton, New York, and Mrs. Jane Johnson of New York City.

WILLIAM CHAPIN HUNTINGTON, former State Department official, writer, and industrial engineer, died at his summer home near Bluemont, Virginia, October 6, 1958; born in Des Moines, Iowa, April 13, 1884, the son of Clarence William and Edith Chapin Huntington; obtained his M.E. degree from Columbia University in 1907, and was a metallurgist with the United States Steel Corporation for four years; studied and traveled in Europe receiving a doctorate in engineering from the Royal Technical College of Aix la Chapelle (Aachen), Germany, in 1914; was United States Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce commercial agent for the Chicago district for two years before becoming commercial attache to the American embassy in Petrograd, Russia; observed the development of the Russian revolution, returning in 1918 to become chief of the Russian division of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce; married to Frances A. Carpenter, April 6, 1920; served as commercial attache at the American embassy in Paris, France, for two years, before returning to establish an industrial engineering consulting practice in 1923; devoted himself to research on Russian economic conditions after 1925, lecturing on Russian history in the graduate school of American university from 1937 to 1939, and serving as a consultant on Russia to the geographer of the Department of State during World War II; became editor-in-chief of the Russian Translation Project conducted by the American Council of Learned Societies in 1944; was author of *Homesick Million— or Russia Out of Russia*, published in 1933, and *Prospects of American Trade with the Soviet Union* in 1935; was an Episcopalian, member of the Cosmos and Chevy Chase clubs, and Washington Literary Society; survived by his wife, and two daughters, Mrs. Huntington Noel of Washington, and Mrs. David Benton Williams of New York.

MRS. FLORA COTTON ETTER, political worker and community leader, died at Sigourney, Iowa, September 4, 1958; born in Scott county, Iowa, April 22, 1870, the daughter of Dr. Newton Brown and Ellen Crane Cotton; attended school at Inland in Cedar county, and Drury college at Springfield, Missouri, when the family later moved to Bentonville, Arkansas; taught

school a short time before being married, December 20, 1894, to William Luther Etter, her former teacher; lived in Tipton, Iowa, during his administration of the schools there, and moved to Sigourney in 1899 upon his purchase of the *Sigourney Review*; long active in the Iowa Democratic party serving as the party's nominee for secretary of state in 1930, and was national committeewoman for Iowa for many years; was a faithful member of the Presbyterian church, active in the P.E.O. for more than fifty years, member of the Daughters of American Colonists, and was a past president of the American Legion auxiliary in Sigourney; widowed since 1935, survived by a son, Cotton Etter of Sigourney, and two daughters, Mrs. E. E. Sleeper, Brooklyn, New York, and Mrs. Karl L. Seliger, Orange City, Iowa.

FRANK B. WHINERY, dentist, died at Iowa City, Iowa December 1, 1958; born in Hardin county June 3, 1886, the son of James L. and Cecelia McDill Whinery; attended high school in Marshalltown and received his dental degree from the State University of Iowa in 1909; practiced in Marshalltown before joining the dental college faculty at the university in 1912, and was a member of the board in control of athletics while there; married to Helen Swisher in Iowa City June 13, 1911; began a long private practice in 1916; served on the Iowa City school board in the 1930's, the state board of dental examiners, and was a past president and director of the Iowa State Dental society; chosen Iowa dentist of the year in May, 1958; belonged to the Presbyterian church, the Elks, and was a charter member of the local Lions club; survived by his wife; a son, Dr. John G. Whinery, Amarillo, Texas, and a daughter, Mrs. Jackson Casey, Rochester, New York; one son, Frank Jr., preceded him in death.

CARLETON R. BALL, retired agronomist and botanist for the federal government, died February 2, 1958 in Washington, D. C.; born in Lyon county, Iowa in 1873; joined the department of Agriculture in 1899, rising to become principal agronomist in charge of the office of cereal crops, bureau of Plant Industry; became a research associate with the bureau of Public Administration, university of California, in 1930, returning to Washington in 1934 as executive secretary of the coordinating committee of the Tennessee Valley Authority, department of Agriculture, and State Experiment Stations; retired in 1943 but remained an officially designated collaborator on federal-state relationships; was a founder and past president of the Organization of Professional Employees; authored nearly two hundred scientific papers and a two-volume work

on federal-state-local government cooperation in the field of agriculture; long active in church work as a member of the legislative committee of the Council for Social Action of the Congregational Christian churches; belonged to the Cosmos club and several honor societies.

EDWIN R. ROCHESTER, retired pioneer organizer and conductor of western tours, died June 14, 1958 at his home in Silver Spring, Maryland; born about 1868 in Lime Springs, Iowa; worked for the State, War, and Navy Department in Washington, D. C. from 1897 to 1915, when his first 39-day tour of the west was organized guiding people through the national parks, west coast, and Canada; conducted his early trips through Yellowstone national park by stagecoach, and was there when the first automobile was driven through; his later tours included the West Indies, Europe and Mexico; retired from active business during World War II; survived by his wife, Edna, a step-daughter, Mrs. Bryce Holcombe, Silver Spring, and a step-son, Robert Claflin, Miami, Florida.

FRANK R. DAHN, attorney and former principal examiner of the United States Patent Office, died June 2, 1958 at his home in Chevy Chase, Maryland; born in Floyd county, Iowa, about 1879; joined the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Washington, D. C. in 1904, entering Columbian college (now George Washington university) at the same time; received the bachelor of science, bachelor of laws, and master of patent law degrees, and began the practice of law in 1911; appointed principal examiner of the Patent Office in 1920, serving for a number of years; was a member of the board of managers of the American Patent Law Association; survived by his wife, Norrine Norris Dahn, two daughters, Mrs. William E. Hauver Jr., and Mrs. Bernard R. Linkins, both of Silver Spring, Maryland.

HARRY EARL WATSON, state legislator, land owner and farm operator, died December 1, 1958 at the hospital in Sheldon, Iowa; born on a farm near Archer June 27, 1906, the son of George and Erma Watson; graduated from the Archer consolidated school in 1924 and started farming while still at home; married Elbie Hanefield of Sanborn December 31, 1928, and moved to farm near there in the spring of 1930; as a Republican represented O'Brien county in the house of representatives during the 51st, 52nd and 52nd Extra General Assemblies; elected to the senate from the Forty-seventh senatorial district in 1948; made chairman of the good roads study committee that year, and also served as chairman of the govern-

ment reorganization committee, the toll road research committee, the highway senate committee, and the state board of control among others; received the Iowa Good Roads Association Award of Merit for his work as chairman of the roads and highways committee in 1956; and during the last two sessions was the first to ever serve as chairman of the senate appropriations committee for more than one term; was an elder in the Presbyterian church, a member of the Eastern Star, Masonic lodge, Consistory and Abu Bekr Shrine; survived by his wife, five daughters, Mary Glee, Sibley, Mrs. Walter Lehmann, Hopkins, Minnesota, Mrs. John J. Getting, Ames, LaVonne Raye, a freshman in high school, and Laura Lea in the sixth grade.

MORAY L. EBY, businessman and retired athletic coach, died at his home in Cedar Rapids, Iowa November 25, 1958; born at Adair October 15, 1877, and entered the university of Iowa in 1897 achieving wide recognition as a member of the school's outstanding football teams of 1899 and 1900; married to Pearl Nichols at West Liberty, Iowa January 14, 1911; successfully coached football at Woodbine college and West Liberty high school before joining the university coaching staff in 1909; went to Cedar Rapids to practice law in 1913 but accepted the position of head football coach at Coe college instead, compiled an outstanding record over the next 29 years, his teams being conference champions eight times and their few defeats usually coming at the hands of much larger schools; named one of the ten top coaches in the nation by Knute Rockne in 1926; resigned in 1943 to become head of the sporting goods department at Armstrong's store, and later opened his own business; continued an active interest in sports, serving as commissioner of the Iowa conference from 1951 to 1957; named to the Hall of Fame of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics in November, 1958; was a member of the First Presbyterian church, the Lions club, and the Masons; survived by his wife, and a daughter, Mrs. Frank P. Jakoubek, Cedar Rapids; a son, Robert N. Eby, died in 1942.

ISAAC FRANK NEFF, retired professor of mathematics, died July 23, 1958 in Des Moines, Iowa; born in Madison county about 1873, and attended the Earlham Academy, Earlham, Iowa; received his B.P. degree from Drake university in 1900, his B.S. in 1902, and M.S. in 1904, also serving as an instructor in mathematics; did graduate work at the university of Chicago the next year while a student assistant in mathematics, and later studied at Columbia university and the university of Wisconsin; was professor of mathematics at Bethany College,

Bethany, West Virginia for three years before accepting a similar post at Drake university in Des Moines in 1908; became one of the builders of that institution as head of the mathematics department, respected and remembered by hundreds of students down through the years; declined an appointment as instructor in mathematics at Columbia university in 1916 and an offer to head the department of mathematics at Texas Christian university in 1921; provided leadership in many administrative activities, and was active in several mathematic and scientific societies; as a charter member of the Mathematical Association of America, helped to organize the Iowa section, holding every office at different times, and co-founded the Iowa Mathematics Teachers' Association; retired from teaching in 1944; was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Adelpic Mason lodge, and served as an elder in the University Christian church; survived by his wife, Effie Margaret, four daughters, Mrs. W. B. Chase Jr., Des Moines, Mrs. Robert W. Burns, Atlanta, Georgia, Mrs. David Hess, Davenport, and Mrs. Carson B. Murdy, Aberdeen, South Dakota.

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