

two years before the Civil war. Yet Judge Mason, with keen insight, and unusual prophetic vision, anticipated and pronounced some of the great principles which were only settled a quarter of a century later by a national and tragic war.

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THE STORY OF WINTHROP, IOWA, 1857-1957. By Diane Gail Dey. Winthrop News Press. 118 pages.

Fortunate is the community that has a resident who rates as a historian; and doubly blessed is one persistent and capable in research and with a knowledge of what is essential in framing a narrative replete with factual data covering an entire century of local history.

Advantageous also, was inspiration of the author drawn from the writing of a thesis originally in partial fulfillment of the Bachelor of Arts degree in the department of Sociology of Cornell college, Mount Vernon, Iowa.

An informative and illustrated volume, with adequate table of contents, detailing the record of Winthrop, Iowa, official and personal, well documented, covering a century's history of an enterprising town and its people, has been most capably produced and published by Miss Dey.

In addition to the record of early settlement, establishment of the settlement and organization of the town, fortunately there is included a complete listing of mayors, postmasters, pastors and priests of local churches, railroad station agents, school superintendents, with dates of terms of service, together with Civil war veterans buried there and those from the community serving in World wars I and II. -

The growth of the local schools, the social groups, organizations and recreations all are similarly treated, with the usual centennial summary and review, all most intelligently presented. The volume is a valuable addition to the history of Buchanan county and well worth a place in any library.

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