

all, that never deserted him to his last day. He was a devoted husband and father, a friend who enjoyed meeting and knowing those around him, yet withal modest in his evaluation of himself; a Christian gentleman who made his religion a practical part of his life.

One of the greatest pleasures of Mr. Noll's later life came when he was appointed representative of Iowa Civil war veterans to return the flag of Alabama to the capitol of that state. The cordial welcome shown him by the Daughters of the Confederacy and Governor Dixon and his wife touched him deeply. He was glad to stand, hands clasped with the State Adjutant of the Confederate veterans under the star where Jefferson Davis took oath of office. To him it symbolized the ideal that North and South were united. A charter member of the Wilson Post No. 71, Grand Army of the Republic of Grundy Center, Iowa, having joined March 22, 1882, he removed to Grinnell, Iowa in 1897 and was transferred to the Gordon Grander Post No. 64. He was elected Department Commander of Iowa, first in 1932 at Council Bluffs and again in 1943 at Davenport. He was appointed assistant adjutant and assistant quartermaster general of Iowa in 1938 when he moved to Des Moines and served in that office until 1942. Following the death of Judge James W. Willett in May 1940 he was appointed National Judge Advocate General and reappointed each year at each succeeding national encampment.

He is survived by four children, eight grand children and six great grandchildren. Of the children Grace E. Noll Smith was formerly a high school instructor at Grand Junction, Colorado; Ashley J. Noll, in the ship building industry at Tacoma, Washington; Amy Noll, Des Moines, state secretary of the Department of Iowa, Grand Army of the Republic, formerly a librarian; and Warren S. Noll, instructor in the Army Training School, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. His youngest grandchild, Robert Noll of Tacoma, Washington, graduate of Pacific university August 31, 1943, was on his way to Northwestern university for training as ensign at the time of his grandfather's death. Interment was in Hazelwood cemetery, Grinnell, Iowa on September 2, 1943.

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JOHN R. NEEDHAM, newspaper publisher, born March 3, 1873, Oskaloosa, Iowa, died October 21, 1943, Centerville, Iowa, the second of seven children of William H. Needham, a pioneer Iowa publisher, and Olive Knowlton Needham. His uncle, John R. Needham, once lieutenant governor of Iowa, was one of the founders of the Oskaloosa Herald. His father was a printer before the Civil war, but laid aside his work to volunteer in the Twenty-second Iowa infantry, becoming a lieutenant and commanded his company in critical undertakings. Returning from the war he was identified with the Oskaloosa Herald, married and with his

wife reared a large family, four sons becoming identified with Iowa newspapers and one of the daughters became the wife of J. M. Beck, editor of the Centerville Iowegian. As a Civil war veteran he became Department Commander of Iowa of the Grand Army of the Republic in 1924.

At five years of age the son removed with the family from Oskaloosa to Sigourney, the father severing his connection with the Oskaloosa Herald to become publisher of the Keokuk County News. After a brief career as a salesman and with the home newspaper in 1903 John R. Needham at the age of thirty moved to Centerville and with Mr. Beck purchased the semi-weekly Iowegian which they since have published continuously. The Iowegian acquired the daily and weekly Citizen in 1916 consolidating the papers. For forty years he has been an active factor in community development, civic enterprises and municipal affairs of every character, and at time of his demise was a director of the Centerville National bank.

He was married on June 9, 1920 to Bess Barton in Centerville where they have resided and she survives him, as do also his brothers and sisters—Charles K. Needham, formerly publisher of the Grinnell Register, Edna N., wife of J. M. Beck of the Iowegian, Emma J., wife of Wm. V. Minter, Los Angeles, Cal., Sherman W. Needham, of Ames, Iowa, publisher of the Ames Milepost and superintendent of state printing, Anna Belle, wife of John W. Axmear, Keswick, Iowa, and Will H. Needham, Jr., of the Keokuk County News, Sigourney, Iowa. He was a republican and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Burial was had in the Oakland cemetery in Centerville, the service being taken part in by the Elks lodge of which he was a charter member .

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WILLIS GAYLORD CLARK BAGLEY, banker and state treasurer, born in Magnolia, Wisconsin, October 29, 1873, died at Des Moines, Iowa, October 20, 1943; son of Shepherd S. and Louisa Cain Bagley; received education in the Mason City, Iowa, public schools; at seventeen entered employ of First National Bank of Mason City, occupying every position from errand boy to president, holding the latter position for ten years; in 1895 married Winifred Bogardus at Mason City; served as a member of Mason City school board twenty-two years, president sixteen years; president the Chamber of Commerce five years.

Mr. Bagley's entire business life was engaged in the banking business until 1938, as a republican he was elected state treasurer of Iowa, and at time of his death was serving his third term, having been re-elected in 1940 and 1942. He had not previously been a candidate for public office. He was treasurer and president of the Iowa Banker's association, and also served as vice president of the Iowa division of the American Banker's association and for

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