

only sister, Betty Washington. The only child of Sarah Lewis and James Van Pelt she received her education in Dubuque, but leaving to accept a position in the Installation department of the World's Fair in Chicago. A few years later she had a similar position with the Paris Exposition. Altogether she made five trips to Europe returning to Chicago when her duties in France ended. When Mr. Barker died she returned to Dubuque. Later, during the administration of Gov. Boies, she served as journal clerk in the Iowa legislature. She was active in religious, social, musical and patriotic circles; a member of the Episcopal church and secretary of the Dubuque chapter of the D. A. R. The only surviving relative is a cousin, Miss Mary Van Pelt, Los Angeles, Cal.

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D. A. CORCORAN, biologist, archaeologist and anthropologist, born in Madison township, Jones county, Iowa, December 17, 1858, died July 15, 1943 at his home in Anamosa, Iowa; married in 1905 to Anna Commey of Anamosa and farmed in Macon county, Missouri, until 1920 when they returned to Anamosa, and he devoted himself to his studies.

Mr. Corcoran had the distinction of providing the first clue to cave dwellers in the eastern Iowa territory with his discovery of prehistoric skeletons buried in Horse Thief cave at Wapsipicon state park, which were transferred to the museum at the University of Iowa at Iowa City. An extensive report on Iowa caves which he prepared was later published in the *Iowa Journal of History and Politics*. He is survived by his wife and a daughter, Sister Mary Irma, B. V. M. Mundelein college, Chicago.

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CHRISTIAN WILLIAM RAMSEYER, jurist and former congressman, born March 13, 1875, near Collinsville, Ohio; died November 1, 1943, at Washington, D. C.; a graduate of the old Southern Iowa normal school, Iowa State Teacher's college and the college of law at the University of Iowa; engaged in the practice of law at Bloomfield, Taylor county, Iowa; elected to congress in 1915 and served continuously as a member until 1933 when the state was redistricted and the number of congressmen reduced; appointed by President Herbert Hoover in 1932 as a commissioner of the Court of Claims at Washington.

Judge Ramseyer was buried at Bloomfield. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ruby Phillips Ramseyer whom he married June 2, 1915, two daughters, Mrs. James L. Cameron of Washington and Mrs. Frederick H. Walton, Jr., of Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

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JANE PERJUE CATE EHRMIN, daughter of Appanoose county's first sheriff, died September 8, 1843 at Perry, Iowa, born January 1, 1847 in the log cabin which now stands in the Lane Height's municipal park at Centerville when it was the home of Andrew

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