

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

(Jack) Perjue and located on what is now the Doggett farm in Douglas township. Only recently the cabin was moved to the city park under the auspices of the Daughters of Union Veterans to become a memorial to the pioneers and Union veterans. Mrs. Cate was the daughter of Andrew and Louisa Perjue and at the time of her death was one of the oldest living natives of Appanoose county.

She was united in marriage with Thomas Cate on February 13, 1868. Mr. Cate died in 1873 and the wife was married to H. E. Ehrmin on May 31, 1877. A large family of children and grandchildren with two half sisters survive her. The Perjue family has been linked with the earliest pioneer history of Appanoose county.

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GEORGE P. MITCHELL, minister, author and educator, born in 1857 in the province of Ontario, Canada, of American parents; died August 21, 1943 at Des Moines, Iowa; ordained a Baptist minister at Plainfield, Ill., in 1891, and held pastorates there, in Michigan and at Shenandoah, Iowa, before becoming secretary of the Iowa Baptist convention, a post from which he retired in 1926; served as a member of the board of trustees of old Des Moines University and the Northwest Baptist Hospital association, St. Paul, Minn.; represented the Iowa Baptist convention at the Baptist World Alliance meeting in Stockholm, Sweden, in 1923, later touring Europe. He was the author of two books, one a story of his trip abroad, and the other a history of Iowa Baptists. His first wife died four years ago. Later he was married to Mrs. Dora Stephan, who survives. His two surviving children are Hazel, Lincoln high school teacher, and Philip D. Mitchell, Chicago, Ill.

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JOHN H. JACKSON, attorney and legislator, born at Albany, Wis. on June 30, 1863; died in Sioux City, Iowa, on October 7, 1943; attended college at Ripon, Wis. and in January 1884 went to Jefferson, Iowa, where he studied law in the office of A. Church; served as deputy clerk of courts in Greene county two terms; graduated from the law department of the University of Iowa in 1888; removed to Sioux City from Scranton, Iowa, in 1890 and formed a law partnership with William Milchrist, and in 1906 practiced law with J. L. Kennedy; served as a member of the Iowa state senate from the Thirty-second district two terms, being first elected in 1903; was active in local political circles as secretary of the Woodbury county Republican central committee and later as chairman of the county and city committees.

Senator Jackson married Moe Isabelle Mangold in 1906 who survives him with one brother, Fred Jackson, Madison, Wis.

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