

County Attorney for Shelby County, from 1928-30 he was mayor of his town, in 1932 he was elected judge of the 15th Judicial District, the first Democrat ever to be elected in that district. Re-elected in 1935, he was appointed in 1937 to the Iowa State Supreme Court by Governor N. G. Kraschel to fill the unexpired term of the late Justice James M. Parsons, a position he held until 1939 when he returned to Harlan.

In the aviation service during the World War I, he was a member of the American Legion, and of numerous fraternal orders.

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JESSE A. MILLER, attorney and former public official, died August 25, 1941, from injuries received in an automobile accident the preceding day. Born August 8, 1866, on a farm near North Liberty in Johnson County, Iowa, he was the son of Alexander James Miller and Mary Louise McCollin Miller. He attended public schools at Oxford, Iowa, and was graduated from the State University of Iowa College of Law in 1891. Admitted to the bar, he immediately entered the practice of his profession in Des Moines, Iowa. He served as assistant attorney general of Iowa, 1895-1899, and was County Attorney of Polk County, 1903-1907, and was a district court judge of the Polk County District Court, 1907-1910. He re-entered the practice of law January 1, 1910, and continued in the active practice until his death.

He was president of the Polk County Bar Association, 1930, and of the Iowa State Bar Association, 1921. An active member of the American Bar Association, he served on its General Council, Executive Committee, and in its House of Delegates. A member of the conference of commissioners on uniform state laws, he served on its executive committee and was president of the conference, 1927-1930.

He was a staunch Republican and very active in party affairs, serving as delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1912 and again in 1936.

Married to Emily Williston Magoun, May 15, 1895, he is survived by three sons, Frederic M., Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Iowa; Alexander M., a partner in his law firm; and J. Earle, of the Employers Mutual Casualty Company, Des Moines, Iowa.

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WILLIAM F. MOUNTAIN, engineer and city official, died July 29, 1941, in Estherville, Iowa. He was born July 30, 1860, in Knoxville, Tennessee. Coming to Des Moines in 1895 as a building contractor he was elected to his first political office in 1914, as Superintendent of Public Safety. After returning to private business, he once more resumed public office in 1922 as Commissioner of Streets, a post he held eight years, being defeated in 1930 in a race for the mayoralty.

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