

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.

A hard, efficient worker, he achieved much in the development of the street system in Des Moines, the construction of Keosauqua Way, Avenue Frederick M. Hubbell, and many other projects of similar design, widening, improving, constructing. His terms of service in the streets department were notable also for the marked improvement in the lighting of the city streets.

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HERBERT CLARENCE RING, jurist, died in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, July 20, 1941. Born on a farm near Center Point, Iowa, March 31, 1870, he was the son of Richard C. and Harriet A. Ring. Educated in the Center Point high school, he was graduated from the State University of Iowa in 1893, receiving his law degrees from that institution one year later. Entering the practice of law in Center Point, he served as clerk of the Linn County District Court 1904-08, after which period he settled in Cedar Rapids to practice. A member of the Thirty-fifth and Thirty-sixth general assemblies, 1913-17, Mr. Ring was elected in 1929 to the 18th Judicial District Court to which he was thrice re-elected and which position he held at the time of his death.

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HARRY E. WILKINS, U.S. army officer, retired, died in Des Moines, August 15, 1941. A graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, he shortly rose to rank of captain; he went to the Philippines as assistant to the chief commissary in 1901. Assigned to different posts upon his return to this country, he served in Cuba from 1905-08, with the rank of Major. He was with the American expeditionary force which crossed the Mexican border in 1914 to Vera Cruz, as chief quartermaster. In May, 1917, as chief quartermaster and Lieutenant-Colonel, he sailed with General Pershing to France with the A.E.F. On his return to the United States in August, 1918, he was depot quartermaster in New York City, where he spent most of his time until his retirement in 1919, with the rank of Brigadier General.

Returning to Des Moines, Mr. Wilkins was associated with the Wilkins Bros. department store, served on the Iowa bonus board, and was a supervisor for the Des Moines Street Railway until his resignation in 1930. He was active in politics as well. He was buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

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