

In Memoriam

Jack W. Musgrove, 1914-1980

JACK W. MUSGROVE, director of the Division of Historical Museum and Archives, died at his Des Moines home on December 13, 1980.

Musgrove first joined the staff of the Iowa Historical, Memorial and Art Department (now the Division of Historical Museum and Archives) in 1938 as a temporary six-month appointee. He extended that original six-month commitment into a lifetime—over forty years—of service to the state of Iowa.

Jack was well-known for his expertise in many fields of Iowa natural history. He was a popular lecturer, author of several books and articles, and senior author of *Waterfowl in Iowa* (Iowa Conservation Commission, 1977) now in its fifth edition. State agencies and private individuals frequently referred to Jack and his comprehensive store of knowledge for identifications of different wildlife, plants, and rocks.

An interest in wildlife and the outdoors also permeated Jack's private life. During hunting season he spent much of his free time in a duck blind or stalking elusive wild turkeys. His painstakingly hand-crafted wooden duck decoys won many honors

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in national exhibitions. Jack's wide-ranging interests also included flora not native to Iowa; he raised exotic orchids in a greenhouse adjoining his home.

Musgrove continually struggled against overcrowded storage and exhibition facilities during his tenure as head of Iowa's state museum. He refused to limit the museum's growth, however, utilizing every possible area to nearly double the number of displays and never turning down donations for lack of space. He dreamed of and vigorously supported plans for a new modern museum facility to properly house Iowa's historical collections. Although his hopes for a new museum building were frustrated by budgetary limitations, he did guide the revitalization of the state archives and saw the valuable archival records housed in a new facility which ensures their preservation.

Jack Musgrove's dedication to collecting and preserving Iowa's heritage has been a vital link in the continuing history of this state.

Philip D. Jordan, 1904-1980

PHILIP D. JORDAN, an editorial consultant to the *The Annals of Iowa*, died at his home in Burlington on November 13, 1980. Jordan received his Ph.D. from the University of Iowa in 1935 and was a professor emeritus at the University of Minnesota at the time of his death. A noted scholar of American history with a special interest in the frontier, Jordan was the author of numerous books and articles. His most recent contribution to *The Annals* was "Iowa's Puzzling Jeremiah Smiths" in the summer 1980 issue.

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