

Iowa's Notable Dead

CHARLES EDWARD SNYDER, minister, writer and historian, died at Portland, Maine, May 20, 1950; born at Hallowville, Columbia county, New York, October 13, 1877; son of Marshall and Maria P. (Jones) Snyder; attended the University of the State of New York, receiving a life certificate in 1900, and was graduated from the State Normal college at Oneonto, New York, in 1901; principal of the Uniondale school, New York, from 1901 to 1903, and master of the Lakewood, New Jersey, school for boys from 1903 to 1908; married Sara M. Reeder, August 31, 1904, who survives, and to them were born three children, Robert Gordon Snyder, of Iowa City, Iowa, Mrs. Charles E. Nero, of Portland, Maine, with whom he has been making his home the past year, and a daughter, Mrs. Phillip H. Murray, who preceded him in death; entered the Unitarian ministry and attended Meadville Theological school from 1908 to 1910, while at the same time serving as pastor in Franklin, Penna.; from 1911 to 1917 was pastor of North Side church in Pittsburgh, and from 1917 to 1931 pastor of First Unitarian church in Sioux City, Iowa, thereupon removing to Davenport, where he became a leader in state and national Unitarian church circles; served as secretary of the Iowa Unitarian association from 1918 until he resigned recently, and a director or official at various times of the General Confederation of Unitarian churches, and the Western Unitarian conference, and for a number of years chairman of the National Federation of Religious Liberals, besides being prominent in activities of various social, scientific, fraternal and civic bodies, in which he was an influential factor; became deeply interested in Iowa historical research and did much to rekindle interest in the history of eastern Iowa particularly; active in the Iowa Centennial observance, including the erection of a monument to the memory of Antoine LeClaire in 1946, in LeClaire park in Davenport; besides his aggressive service as a Kiwanian, he served as grand chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Iowa Masons and a lecturer for the Masonic service committee, and was one of the organizers of the Iowa Hygiene society, also of the Davenport mental health organization, and was a moving spirit in many movements for local welfare and community betterment objectives.

WALTER DUBOIS BROOKINGS, lumberman and natural resource authority, died at George Washington University hospital, at Washington, D. C., July 23, 1950; born at Keokuk, Iowa, February 28, 1873; son of John Emory and Emma DuBois Brookings; graduated from Phillips Exeter Academy in 1891, Harvard College in 1895

and Harvard Law School in 1898; in 1899, became secretary-treasurer of the Brookings Lumber & Box Co. in California, and from 1912 to 1917 he was secretary-treasurer of the Brookings (Oreg.) Land & Townsite Co. and the Brookings Timber & Lumber Co. During World War I, as a major in the Twentieth Engineers, was in charge of securing timber lands and lumber in France to supply American armies; investigated pulpwood and forest resources, and paper bag industry in France, Great Britain, Germany and Canada in 1919 and 1920, for the Union Bag & Paper Corp. of New York; in charge of six lumbering operations near the Pyrenees mountains; as representative of Herbert Hoover took first shipload of relief food to the Baltic region, landing at Libau, Latvia, in March 1919, remaining there for some months; moved to Washington in 1921, becoming manager of the natural resources department of the Chamber of Commerce, a position he held until his retirement in 1945: married Marian Kinney, Nov. 19, 1909, who died in 1926, and again married on August 27, 1929, to Martha Nutting Brooks, who survives, with three sons, Comdr. Robert S. Brookings 2nd, U. S. N., with the American Mission for Aid to Turkey; W. DuBois Brookings, jr., of Falls Church, Va., and H. N. Kinney Brookings, of Shreveport, La., a daughter, Mrs. Walter C. Imrie, of Alexandria; a sister, Mrs. George S. Henry, of Vista, Calif., and six grandchildren; was a member of the Cosmos Club, the Harvard Club of Washington and the Army-Navy Country Club.

JOSEPHINE JUNKIN DOGGETT, safety specialist, died at Washington, D. C., July 29, 1950; born March 23, 1898, in Red Oak, Iowa, daughter of Senator Joseph M. and Olivette Junkin; educated in the Red Oak public schools, graduating from the high school in 1915; attended Bradford academy, at Bradford, Massachusetts, and was graduated from Wellsley college, in the same state, in 1920; went to Washington, D. C. in 1921 as secretary of the General Federation of Women's clubs, and shortly thereafter was made executive secretary and held that position until 1938; married to Clinton L. Doggett, a Washington newspaper man, in 1929, and accompanied her husband to New York city, when he joined the *New York Journal of Commerce* staff; after Mr. Doggett's death in 1941 returned to Washington and in 1942 became director of the women's division of the Automotive Safety Foundation; specialized in organizing safety programs and developing the programs with women's groups throughout the country, but retired due to ill health in 1948; a member of the Cleveland Park Congregational Church, 34th and Lowell Streets Northwest, Washington, where the funeral services were held and the burial at Red Oak, Iowa; survivors are a niece, Sydney Junkin, and a nephew, Joseph Junkin, children of her brother, Chevalier Junkin, for whom she had made a home since their father's death six years ago. She was the last of her immediate family.

DENNIS P. HOGAN, banker and legislator, died May 28, 1950, at his winter quarters at San Antonio, Texas, where he had been seriously ill for many months; born August 29, 1869, near Farley, Dubuque county, Iowa; one of eleven children of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hogan; moved with his parents to Mercer township, Adams county, Iowa, the next spring; as a boy was handicapped with a crippled foot, that his activities overcame; attended the rural school, the Corning high school and St. Benedict's college at Atchison, Kansas; entered a bank at Wallace, Nebraska, in 1889, as bookkeeper and assistant cashier; returned to Iowa in 1894, and in 1897 organized and became cashier and active head of the Farmers Savings bank at Massena, with which he was connected over forty years; devoted much time to farm interests; organized and became secretary of the Massena District fair, and for a time was manager of the Massena Telephone company; married Dolly M. Snelson in 1901, who survives, also three brothers, John of Corning, Thomas of Massena and Michael of Great Falls, Montana, and three sisters, Sister Mary Clotilda, Des Moines, Mrs. Kate Sisson of Great Falls; and Mrs. Margaret Woodman of Idaho Falls, Montana; elected state representative in 1910, serving in the Thirty-fourth General Assembly, and placed at the head of the committee on agriculture; became president of the Federal Land Bank of Omaha after the enactment of the Federal Farm Loan act, and guided its growth for nineteen years until it became the largest in the Federal land bank system; was a member in 1913 of the Federal Agricultural Commission which was sent to Europe to study farm credit organization; always interested in farming and farm production and problems, his farm in Cass county was rated highest in Iowa in hog production in 1934 and previously was third for many years; a member of the pioneer group in the Rotary club at Omaha, where they have resided for many years, of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce, and a Republican.

JOHN NASH MACVICAR, civil engineer, contractor and city official, died at Rapid City, South Dakota, June 18, 1950; born in Des Moines, in the old family home originally built by his maternal grandfather, the Rev. John Nash, a pioneer Baptist minister, on November 26, 1890; son of John and Nettie Nash MacVicar; grew to manhood and resided in Des Moines the most of his life; educated in its public schools and Iowa State college at Ames, Iowa, where he was graduated in civil engineering in 1915; served in World War I as a captain of army engineers, returning to engineering and contracting activities in Des Moines; married Lucille A. Berry, of Des Moines, December 28, 1929; first elected commissioner of department of city streets in 1932; aggressive in securing government funds for public improvements, keeping workmen em-

ployed during the depression years, the first civilian works aid granted by the U. S. administration going to one of his sponsored projects; then followed grants for the Des Moines river retaining wall, sewage treatment plant, new street work and other improvements by similar means in co-operation with W. P. A. Director L. S. Hill, totalling over seventeen million dollars, the city adding ten percent of the cost; served as street commissioner from 1932 to 1934, and from 1936 to 1940; elected mayor of Des Moines in 1942, following the official footsteps of his father, who years previous had served the city both as head of the streets department and mayor, the two serving the city in official capacities over sixty years; sought lower housing costs and promoted postwar planning; ended his third term as mayor in 1948, and became the city manager of Rapid City, which position he still held at the time of his death; survived by his mother, who is ninety-two; his wife; a cousin, Arch, of Rapid City, and a sister, Mrs. J. Locke Macomber, of Des Moines.

WILLIAM HENRY BLANCKE, clergyman and lecturer, died July 7, 1950, at Newton, Iowa; born January 22, 1855, at Dangast, Grand Duchy of Oldenburg, Germany, son of Dirck and Maria Reiners Blancke; received his A. B. degree at Carthage, Ill., college, in 1883; studied in the theological course at Hamma Divinity school, Springfield, Ohio, and received his D. D. at Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio, in 1905; married Mary C. Steinbeck, October 5, 1885, their children being John Henry, deceased, Mary Edna Redeen, and Lillian Edith Holst; experienced a varied life, as a youngster of fifteen sailed as a seaman before the mast for three years, came to the United States in 1873; ordained in the Evangelical Lutheran ministry in 1884; served as pastor at Liberty, Illinois, 1883-1891, St. Paul's church, Davenport, Iowa, 1891-1916, and at Newton, 1918-1937, after which he had been pastor emeritus there; engaged three years as chautauqua lecturer while residing at Davenport; served as a member of the Carthage, Illinois, college board forty years and was made member emeritus on his retirement four years ago; was a former president of the Iowa synod and missed only three synodical sessions in the last sixty years; and was frequently the Iowa synod delegate to the national church convention; surviving are two daughters, Mrs. M. E. Redeen, Newton, and Mrs. Bertram P. Holst, Boone and three granddaughters.

S. JOE BROWN, attorney and teacher, died at Des Moines, Iowa, July 24, 1950; born at Keosauqua, Iowa, July 6, 1875; son of Lewis Brown, teamster and descendant of slaves, and Elizabeth Henderson Brown, the daughter of parents who had purchased their free-

dom before emancipation; first negro to be graduated from the State University of Iowa liberal arts college and first to become a member of Phi Beta Kappa there; was a member of Kappa Alpha Psi; received the bachelor of law degree there a year later in 1899, and in 1903 was awarded a master of arts degree there; served as principal of a public school at Muchakinock, Iowa, for one year, and taught Greek and mathematics for another year at Bishop college, Marshall, Texas; practiced law for forty-eight years; active in professional and community affairs and written articles on minority group problems for various periodicals, and author of the "History of the Negro Masonic Lodge in Iowa"; served with the 17th reserve officers training regiment at Fort Des Moines in World War I; married Sue M. Wilson at Buxton, Iowa, December 31, 1902, who became well known as a state leader in the National Association for Advancement of Colored People, and died in 1941; served as a member of the Iowa state Republican committee; a past president of the Iowa Negro bar association, and assistant secretary of the National Negro bar association; founder of the Crocker Street Y. M. C. A., and a past vice-chairman of the N. A. A. C. P.; also founder of its Des Moines branch and its president; a member of the Masonic bodies, St. Paul's A. M. E. church, and Lincoln post of the American Legion.

WILLIAM CORSE MCARTHUR, lawyer, legislator and insurance executive, died at Des Moines, Iowa, July 10, 1950; born at Burlington, Iowa, July 22, 1860, son of Martin C. and Virginia Corse McArthur, and a nephew of Maj. Gen. John Murray Corse, whose equestrian figure is one of those selected by the Iowa legislature and placed upon the Soldiers Monument at Des Moines; received his schooling at Burlington; in 1877 spent a year at old Chicago university; was graduated from Cornell university in 1881, where he was a member of the Zeta Psi fraternity; pursued a law course at Columbia university, graduating in 1882, and practiced law at Burlington twenty years; represented Des Moines county in the Iowa house of representatives in the Twenty-sixth and Twenty-sixth extra sessions, and in the state senate in the Twenty-seventh and Twenty-eighth assemblies, resigning to become clerk of the United States district court for the southern district of Iowa, and held that office for over twenty years; became president of the National Travelers Casualty Co. at Des Moines in 1923, and held that position until his death, at which time his first legislative service dated back farther than any former member save one, Gov. Frank F. Merriam, who survives from the Twenty-sixth General Assembly, and now lives in California; married Harriet G. Hanmer in May 1882, a native of Nashville, Tenn., their only daughter being the widow of LaFayette Young Jr. of Des Moines, both of

whom survive; a member of the Elks and the Episcopal church, and a past vice president of the Iowa Pioneer Lawmakers association.

LOUISE MILLER HENEY, past regent of the Iowa D. A. R., past president of the Iowa Federation of Women's clubs, of the P. E. O. sisterhood, and of the National Society of Parliamentarians, died at Grinnell, Iowa, May 27, 1950; born near North Liberty, Iowa, in 1873, the daughter of Lt. Col. Alex J. and Mary Louise McColem-Miller; taught school and was correspondent for the *Oxford Journal*, published by her father; married to Eugene M. Henely, superintendent of schools, in 1892, just as she was entering the State University of Iowa; later also studied at Grinnell college and the School of Social Research, New York, N. Y.; became national secretary of the American Pen Women, and member of the Daughters of 1812, the Iowa Press Women and the Eastern Star, as well as a local officer of many groups; served as chairman of the Republican state convention in 1944; active in political and civic circles and had a national reputation in women's activities; a member of the Methodist church and had filled the local pulpit in the pastor's absence; was a world traveler for some years, having toured Mexico, and South America since the close of World War II, and Europe within the last year; survived by one sister, Mrs. Laura Metcalf, Sioux City, one brother, Oliver H. Miller, Des Moines, and three grand children, her husband preceeding her in death in 1928, and two daughters also deceased, Inez Louise and Mrs. Margaret Kirkley Black.

JAMES WILLIAM KINDIG, lawyer and jurist, died at Sioux City, Iowa, May 12, 1950; born at Welton, Clinton county, Iowa, December 3, 1879; moved with parents David D. and Margaret Tully Kindig, to Woodbury county, at Kingsley, in March 1887; was graduated from Morningside academy in 1902, and from Morningside college in 1906, and received his LL. B. from the University of Washington in 1907, with the LL. D. degree conferred by Morningside in 1930; entered practice of law at Sioux City in June 1907; served as assistant county attorney of Woodbury county from January 1, 1915 to August 1, 1917, and assistant attorney general of Iowa in 1917 and 1918, then returning to the practice of law in Sioux City; appointed justice of the supreme court of Iowa in 1927 and elected in 1928 for six year term; was chief justice in 1933 and continued as high court justice until 1935; married Gertrude Crossan September 3, 1908, and they have two children, Burdette and Lowell; was a member of the law firm of Kindig & Beebe, the American bar association, Iowa bar association, the American law institute, the Masonic bodies, the Methodist church,

civic and professional organizations, former president of the board of trustees of Morningside college, a director of the Toy national bank and a Republican.

FRED P. HAGEMANN, attorney and legislator, died June 7, 1950, at Waverly, Iowa; born on Christmas day, 1869, at Maxfield, Bremer county, Iowa, of German parentage; after student days in various local schools and academies entered the State University of Iowa and was graduated in liberal arts department in 1896 and received his law degree one year later; served four years as superintendent of schools in Bremer county; practiced law at Waverly fifty years; married May 25, 1898 to Sophia Neverman; served as a member of the Iowa senate in 1913 and 1915, representing the Bremer-Butler district, and also appointed in 1934 a member of the Iowa highway commission, serving one term; was frequently a candidate of his party in unsuccessful campaigns as congressman, U. S. senator, justice of the Iowa supreme court and governor; for many years served as attorney, treasurer and a director of the Lutheran Mutual Life Insurance company; associated in the practice of law at Waverly with his son, Carl, and a nephew, Harry Hagemann; survivors include his wife, another son, Vernon, four grandchildren and two sisters; active in civic, educational and church matters; a member of the Lutheran church and a Democrat.

WILSON REED, tax consultant and legislator, died at Fairfield, Iowa, June 29, 1950; born at Fairfield October 13, 1873, son of Carson Reed, a Presbyterian minister; resided in Fairfield his entire life; attended school there and graduated from Parsons college in 1895, receiving an A. B. degree; served in Spanish-American and World War I; was deputy sheriff of Jefferson county from 1896 to 1902, and for a number of years thereafter was connected with Fairfield hotels; became deputy internal revenue collector in 1921, serving until 1940, when he was elected a member of the state legislature and served four terms, ending in 1948; married June 13, 1900, to Flora B. Bradley, of Fairfield, to whom were born two sons; in recent years conducted a tax consultant office; served as the first commander of the American Legion post at Fairfield; also a member of the Masonic order, the Elks, the Odd Fellows, the Walton club and the Presbyterian church; survived by his widow and two sons, Joe Bradley Reed, Belleville, Illinois; and Col. Allen W. Reed, chief of staff of the 7100th Wing of the army air force, stationed with his family at Weisbaden, Germany, two grand daughters, and two brothers, Robert Reed, Sherman, N. Y. and Dr. Paul Reed, Iowa City.

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