

Iowa's Notable Dead

ANSON MARSTON, dean emeritus engineering division, Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa, died October 21, 1949, in an automobile accident in a car driven by his brother, Walter S. Marston, on highway No. 30, four miles west of Tama, Iowa; born May 31, 1864, on a farm near Seward, Illinois, from which community the brothers were returning at the time of the accident which cost the dean his life; educated in the high school at Rockford, Illinois, graduating in 1883; attended college one year at Berea, Kentucky; after period of teaching to earn money for furthering his education entered Cornell university at Ithica, New York, and received his degree in civil engineering in 1889; married Mary Alice Day at Seward, December 14, 1892, who survives him; did location work as an engineer for the Missouri Pacific railway from 1889 to 1892, coming to Iowa State college the latter year as professor in civil engineering; in 1904 was appointed first dean of the engineering division, and the same year director of the experiment station, a member of the first Iowa state highway commission and its first chairman, remaining in his educational position actively until 1937 and on the highway commission for 23 years, there being irony in the fact that he was killed on one of the state highways that was a part of the 6,000 miles of surfaced roads in Iowa for which he was more responsible than any other one man, and generally regarded as the pioneer of hard surfaced roads in the state; distinguished not only as a teacher and an administrator, but as a construction director of a number of the larger buildings on the Ames institution's campus, including Central building, Engineering hall, Agricultural hall, Engineering annex and the Campanile; had been a directing force in many major engineering projects throughout the country and abroad, designing many municipal sewer systems, sanitary and sewage plants and as consulting engineer for commercial firms; a member of the engineering board of review of the sanitary district of Chicago in 1924 and 1925, and consulting engineer in construction of the Miami, Florida, sewage plant from 1925 to 1927; a member of a commission appointed in 1927 by President Coolidge to investigate reclamation of the Everglades, and as a member of the interoceanic canal commission appointed in 1928 by President Hoover; became a major in the engineering corps of the U. S. army in 1917; advanced to the rank of lieutenant colonel in 1918 and commanded the 97th regiment of engineers in the field until demobilization December 14, 1918; became a colonel in the officers reserve corps since 1924; served during 1929 as president of the American Society of Civil Engineers, a

position carrying the highest honors of his profession; in 1928 was president of the Association of Land Grant colleges and universities; served as a member of the National Research council representing the American Society of Civil Engineers, as a member of the executive committee of the American Society for Testing Materials, as president of the Society for the Promotion of Engineering Education, as president of the Iowa Engineering society, and a member of the administrative board of the American Engineering council; awarded in 1903 the Chanute medal of the Western Society of Engineers, and in 1904 the Fuertes medal of Cornell university; besides during his professional career published more than 200 technical articles in various engineering publications, many of which were read at various scientific meetings; awarded in 1948 an honorary doctor's degree by Iowa State college, having himself a few years previous established the Anson Marston medal, which is awarded annually to a professional engineer who has contributed materially to the betterment of mankind; served Iowa in a thousand and more ways in forwarding the movement for its hard surfaced road system, and practical and scientific service in standardized plans for road drainage, culverts, bridges and revolutionary system of grading that gave Iowa one of the best network of highways in the nation; contributed invaluable service to his local community; a member of the Masonic bodies, college fraternities, community clubs, engineering organizations, and the Ames city council; survived by the widow and two sons, both in active duty with the U. S. army, Brig Gen. Morrill Marston, now in Austria, and Col. Anson Marston, Jr., now at Alexandria, Virginia, besides two grandsons and his brother, Walter, with the highway commission at Ames.

FORRESTER CALL STANLEY, educator, scientist, editor and legislator, died at Oskaloosa, Iowa, November 5, 1949; born on a farm near Ackworth, Warren county, Iowa, November 26, 1881; removed to Indianola, Iowa, in 1890; graduated from Indianola high school in 1899; interested in stock farming a few years; attended Simpson college at Indianola and graduated in 1907 with a B. S. degree; read law with O. C. Brown and became a partner in the publication of the *Indianola Herald*; attended the University of Wisconsin and received his master's degree in chemistry in 1910; married to Ada C. Whitney of Beaver City, Nebraska, July 27, 1915; was head of the department of chemistry of William Penn college, Oskaloosa, since 1910 until appointed president interim of the institution April 1, 1949, and elected president by the board of trustees September 1, 1949; on leave of absence spent a year in 1913-1914 in Europe specializing in chemistry at the University of Berlin, in Germany; traveled extensively

through Europe, Egypt, Palestine, and Turkey; completed a four-months round-the-world trip by plane in June 1948, made to film in color many scientific and scenic spots and to visit two of his daughters, Mrs. Margaret Tesdell, a nurse in Shanghai, China, and Mrs. Barbara Stanley Pittenger, Newington, Conn., who, at that time was a dietitian in New Delhi, India; two other daughters, Mrs. Kathryn Stroud, Norfolk, Virginia, and Mrs. Joseph Ferguson, Des Moines, and his widow survive him; elected an Iowa state senator in 1924, serving two terms in the Forty-first, Forty-second, Forty-third and Forty-fourth General Assemblies; during the period of his service as president of William Penn college accomplished a reorganization of the school, engaged new instructors, replenished a depleted college treasury and restored many of the old accepted Penn traditions, including re-establishment of former relations with the Iowa yearly Meeting of Friends society; prominent in local activities and fathered many civic musical events; also instrumental in restoring the former community lyceum courses; an active and effective civic leader and a Republican.

ALBERT GREGORY HULL, physician and financier, died October 23, 1949, at his home in Joplin, Missouri; born August 16, 1867, at the farm home in the outskirts of Birmingham, Van Buren county, Iowa; the elder brother of Major General John Adley Hull, judge advocate general, U. S. army, and son of Capt. John Albert Tiffin Hull, a Union veteran of the Civil war, a former secretary of state and lieutenant governor of Iowa and congressman for many years from the Des Moines district, the mother being Emma Gertrude Gregory, daughter of Adley Gregory, a pioneer resident of Birmingham, who settled in Iowa upon removal from Ohio in 1850. Captain Hull established the *Birmingham Enterprise* in 1869, and in 1873 became owner of the *Bloomfield Republican*, which he edited until 1879, and after retirement from congress practiced law in Washington, D. C., residing upon an adjacent homestead in Virginia until his death, and with his wife is buried in Arlington National cemetery.

Dr. Hull spent his early childhood in Birmingham, where at his own request made prior to his death, his remains were interred beside a baby sister, Daisy Hull, who died August 19, 1870, in Maple Hill cemetery at Birmingham, which he had visited a short time previously. He graduated with an M. D. degree from the medical school at the State University of Iowa, continuing his study of medicine thereafter in Vienna, Austria, and for many years enjoyed practice of his profession at points in Iowa and Missouri, subsequently taking post-graduate courses both in this country and abroad; developed several business enterprises and made paying investments in lead and zinc ore-bearing properties

in what is known as the Tri-states district of Oklahoma, Kansas and Missouri; organized the Rialto Mining Corporation operating in Oklahoma, one of the richest lead and zinc mines developed in that field; became one of the original stockholders of the W. A. Schaeffer Pen Company of Fort Madison, Iowa, and for twenty-five years prior to his death devoted his entire time to business activities; survived by his wife, Ray M. Hull, of Joplin, and a daughter by a previous marriage, Elizabeth Hull, of Ridgefield, Connecticut, whose mother was a member of the Abernathy family of Kansas City.

DR. J. FRANCIS SMITH, blind professor of Neurology and lecturer, died December 27, 1949, at his home in Philadelphia, Penn.; born in 1896 at Waterloo, Iowa; studied at the Military School of Orthopedic Surgery and Physio-Therapy in Toronto, where he served on the staffs of two military hospitals; later became associated with the West St. John Hospital of the Department of Soldiers Civil Re-establishment; was blinded while serving in France with the Royal Canadian army during World War I, and in the recent war headed the Philadelphia branch of the Maple Leaf Fund, which was amalgamated with the British War Relief Fund, and for his services he was decorated by King George VI; for ten years was consulting neurologist for the New York osteopathic clinic; also served on the staff of the Fuller osteopathy hospital in near-by Willow Grove; was professor emeritus of Neurology and Phychiatry at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathy, where he served on the staff for seventeen years before retiring in 1945; was a former president of the American College of Neuro-Phychiatrists and the Men's Canadian society; also a past commander of the British War Veterans and a member of the Albion society, the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, the British Officers Club and the Atlas fraternity; survived by his widow, Dr. Marion A. Dick.

WILLIAM D. JAMIESON, editor, legislator and columnist, died November 18, 1949, at his home in Washington, D. C., upon return from an annual visit to Shenandoah, the former home in Iowa, where he became ill; born November 9, 1873, on his father's farm near Wapello, Louisa county, Iowa, son of O. Ira Jamieson; moved with parents to Wapello when five years of age, the father becoming principal of the schools; went into the father's newspaper office, the *Louisa County Record*, when nine, and with exception of the years in school and the State University of Iowa, and in public station, was actively engaged in newspaper work until removing to Washington thirty-one years ago; when nineteen became editor of the *Ida Grove Pioneer*, and while there served as chairman of the Democrat county committee; later upon the

death of his father managed the *Columbus Junction Gazette* with his mother; purchased the *Shenandoah World*, a Democrat paper, in 1901, and bought the *Hamburg Democrat* in 1906, selling it a year later, when he was elected state senator from the Fremont-Page district; succeeded in defeating Congressman Wm. P. Hepburn in 1908 and was a member of the Sixty-ninth congress; served as postmaster of Shenandoah, a member of the school board and active in civic and fraternal organizations, being a 33rd degree Mason; chosen treasurer of the Democrat national committee, entered George Washington University, studied law and was admitted to the bar; wrote for many years a widely published column on Washington and national affairs, "The Window Seat"; survived by his first wife, the former Mattie Vass, of Waukesha, Wisconsin, now residing in Des Moines, Iowa, and the present wife, Rena Jamieson, of Washington, D. C.

SAMUEL BRUCE SNYDER, attorney and jurist, died at his home in Council Bluffs, Iowa, December 31, 1949; born at Slippery Rock, Penn., January 30, 1854, and came to Council Bluffs 62 years ago to practice law; was educated at Grove City college near his birthplace, and later studied law with an attorney at Butler in 1882 and 1883; married Mary McGlaughlin, of McKeesport, Penn., on June 25, 1885, who died July 24, 1945, a month after celebrating their sixtieth wedding anniversary; removed to Council Bluffs in 1887, where he practiced law until retirement in 1929; served as city attorney from 1906 to 1910 and afterwards as judge of the superior court until 1922; established the first juvenile court in Iowa at Council Bluffs, with sessions held on Saturdays, which he regarded as his "most important work"; a charter member of the Modern Woodmen of America and clerk of his lodge over 50 years; an elder in the First Presbyterian church over half a century and the oldest member of the Pottawattamie county bar association; a member of the district and state bar associations; survived by two sons, Erwin P. Snyder, attorney, Chicago, and Kenneth M. Snyder, of Omaha, a daughter, Mrs. Lyle Mellen, of Omaha, seven grand children and three great grand children.

WILLIAM R. BLAKE, editor and legislator, died at Postville, Iowa, November 6, 1949; born on a farm near Elizabeth, in Jo Daviess county, Illinois, October 1, 1878; attended normal school at Danville, Illinois, and the Chicago Park business college; engaged in work in Illinois and Michigan, becoming owner of the Eau Claire, (Mich.) *Bulletin*, before coming to Delaware county, Iowa, where he did newspaper work until removing in 1905 to Clermont, Fayette county, Iowa, where he started the publication of the *Enterprise*, which he continued to publish until 1925; served as

mayor of Clermont from 1918 to 1922; married Bessie B. Morgan in 1904, who survives him, with a son, Bob, of Des Moines, and a daughter, Mrs. Anna Lolita Stele, of Sherburn, Minnesota; elected in 1920 as state representative, and served in the Thirty-ninth, Fortieth, Fortieth extra session and Forty-first General Assemblies of Iowa; subsequently became an agent of the state bureau of investigation, and in 1927 became deputy state fire marshal; elected secretary-manager of the Iowa utilities association in September 1942, but resigned September 1948 on account of failing health; a member of the Masonic, I. O. O. F. and Modern Woodmen fraternal orders and a Republican.

JAMES C. GILLESPIE, publisher, died at LeMars, Iowa, January 20, 1950; born at Memphis, Missouri, May 18, 1870; son of James and Sarah Gillespie, who had moved from Ohio to southeastern Iowa before the Civil war; moved to Keosauqua, Iowa, with his parents in 1873, residing there until he was fifteen years of age, when his father purchased the *Memphis Bulletin*, a county paper still published by his brother; became a full time employee upon the newspaper when he graduated from high school, and from that time until his demise engaged in editing and publishing newspaper; purchased a half interest in the *Traer Star-Clipper* in 1902, and August 1, 1907 became owner of the *LeMars Sentinel*, with which he remained until his death; served upon the Iowa state printing board twelve years from its inception; one of the organizers and the sixth president of the Iowa Press association; received the group's master-editor-publisher award in 1948; a founder and first president of the LeMars Rotary club, and participated in the organization of the Boy Scout movement there; active in civic enterprises and a lifelong member of the Methodist church; survived by his wife and four children, two sons and two daughters.

WILLIAM EUGENE GILTNER, attorney and legislator, died December 13, 1949, at the University hospital at Iowa City, where he had undergone two operations recently; born on a farm east of Albia, Iowa, October 6, 1871; son of Alexander Martin Giltner, former member of the Sixteenth General Assembly of Iowa, and Mary Elizabeth Newell Giltner, formerly of Indiana; educated in the rural schools, and the Albia academy; graduated from the Gem City business college, Quincy, Illinois, in 1894, and attended Parsons college, Fairfield, Iowa; studied law in the offices of Judge Henry L. and George W. Dashiell, at Albia; admitted to the practice in 1899, and has practiced law there ever since; owned and operated a farm; served as representative in the Thirty-seventh and Thirty-eighth General Assemblies of Iowa, and presi-

dent of the Monroe county bar association at the time of his death; survived by his wife, formerly Hattie E. Galliher, of Jefferson county, Iowa, three daughters, Mrs. A. K. Kridlebaugh of Chariton, Mrs. Paul Robinson, of Couer d'Alene, Idaho, and Mrs. J. E. Moore, Des Moines; and two sons, William Martin, of Albia, and Harold Edward, of Escondido, California; and fourteen grand children; a member of the Presbyterian church, the Masonic lodge, and a Republican.

HENRY CLAY BEARD, lawyer and public official, died at his home at Mount Ayr, Iowa, December 30, 1949; born on a Ringgold county, Iowa, farm July 26, 1877; graduated from the Mount Ayr high school and the law department of the State University of Iowa in 1898, and admitted to the bar the same year; practiced law at Mount Ayr, becoming its mayor; served as county relief administrator and a member of the first county old age assistance board; a member of the first Iowa highway commission by appointment of Gov. George W. Clarke from 1913 until January 1919; made assistant U. S. district attorney in southern Iowa Federal court from October 1, 1918, until September 1, 1920; appointed to the state board of social welfare as the Democrat member by Gov. Geo. A. Wilson, when it was first set up in 1939, serving until June 30, 1949; survived by his wife, Anna Duncan Beard, of Mount Ayr, and two daughters, Mrs. Margaret Dalbey, Diagonal, and Mrs. Ruth Fuller, Centerville, and a son, John Beard, Mount Ayr, an attorney; a member of the United Presbyterian church and a Democrat.

WILSON H. HAMILTON, lawyer and former justice Iowa supreme court, died December 9, 1949, at Sigourney, Iowa; born on a farm in Warren township, Keokuk county, near Delta, Iowa, May 1, 1877, son of James Alexander and Matilda Vert Hamilton; educated in the country schools and the high school at Delta; graduated from Drake University law school in 1900 with degree of LL.B and admitted to the bar the same year; married Ethel M. Jacobs, May 9, 1901; their children being Edgar C., a practicing attorney in Sigourney, Jack, who has operated his father's farm near Delta, and Martha E. Hansen, (Mrs. Roy J.), who resides in Sigourney; practiced law in Sigourney from 1900 to 1937, when he was elected justice of the Iowa supreme court; made chief justice of the court July 1, 1937; served as county attorney of Keokuk county from 1902 to 1904, and was Democrat candidate for congress in the old sixth Iowa district in 1914; a member of the Methodist church, the Masonic, I. O. O. F. and W. O. W. orders, the Lions club, the Iowa state bar association and a Democrat.

PAUL LANGENFELD, artist and designer, died January 7, 1950, at Carroll, Iowa; born June 1, 1897, at Earling, Iowa; son of Mrs. Josephene Langenfeld and the late Michael Langenfeld; attended St. Joseph's parochial high school, and received training at the Art Institute at Chicago, completing his course there in 1921; located at Sioux City and elsewhere prior to coming to Carroll 23 years ago; married Mildred Elizabeth Montgomery October 17, 1922, at Schaller, Iowa; had attained distinction in his work which had taken him into the states of North and South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Missouri and Nebraska, besides Iowa; had designed or decorated more than 1,000 churches in the midwest, where the Langenfeld studios were widely known and employed mainly in the designing of church decorations, though other edifices and buildings have been subjects of his art; survived by his mother, wife, a sister, and a brother, his father and two brothers having preceded him in death.

ROYAL H. HOLBROOK, engineer, lecturer and historian, died at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, January 29, 1950; born at Wonewoc, Wisconsin, March 25, 1869; graduated from the state normal college at Winona, Minn.; in 1912 married Mary Irene Amidon at Cedar Rapids; served as a member of the Iowa coal conservation commission during World War I, after which he became a lecturer on combustion engineering for the Iowa State college extension division; served also as president of the National Association of Power Engineers, secretary of the Iowa Hotel association and the Iowa Bakers association and the Iowa Manufacturers of Carbonated Beverages; a long-time authority on Iowa history, resources and products, he delivered addresses at hundreds of meetings throughout the state and at high school commencements; a Methodist, a Mason and a Republican.

CHARLES STERLING TRIMBLE, dairy scientist and technologist, died at Washington, D. C., February 23, 1950; born at Pomeroy, Iowa, in 1890; graduated from Iowa State college at Ames, and for the past thirty years has been with the Bureau of Dairy, U. S. Department of Agriculture; a veteran of World War I; a member of the American Legion, of the American Dairy Science association and the Wallace Memorial United Presbyterian church for twenty-six years, a trustee for eighteen years and a ruling elder for some years past; survived by his wife, Mary B. Trimble, and his daughter, Mary Patricia Trimble, at 1443 Holly street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

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