

Iowa's Notable Dead

GEORGE MILFORD CHAPPEL, weather forecaster and meteorologist, died at West Palm Beach, Florida, May 18, 1949; born in Clayburg, New York, August 9, 1858; attended public schools and with his parents in 1873 removed to Washington, D. C., where later he entered an academy; enlisted as a private in the U. S. army signal corps March 30, 1881, where he received his meteorological training, advanced to the rank of sergeant and served seven years, retaining his commission three years after coming to Des Moines; married July 15, 1885, to Emma Fonteneau in Philadelphia, who is deceased, to whom were born two sons, Milford and Allan; prior to coming to the Des Moines, Iowa, weather station July 30, 1888, from Omaha, Nebraska, had been stationed at Mackinaw, Michigan, Philadelphia, Penn., Savannah, Georgia, and Fort Meyer, Virginia; continued thirty-seven years in the government weather service, and after succeeding Dr. John R. Sage in Des Moines, was weather observer here for thirty years until his retirement; graduated from the medical school of Drake University in 1890, having previously read medicine while both at Omaha and Des Moines, and at one time seriously considered retirement from the weather service to enter the practice of medicine, which he never did; upon retirement on March 31, 1918, went to Sidney, New York, and was associated with his son, Allen R. Chappel, in the management of farming interests in that vicinity, later removing to Florida, residing for a time with his son, Milford, who was engaged in the government engineering service; a 32nd degree Mason, past master of Capital lodge No. 110, a member of the Consistory and Shrine, of Banner Homestead of the Yeomen, and a life member of the Des Moines Elks; buried at Sidney, New York.

HARVEY INGHAM, editor, died at Des Moines, Iowa, August 21, 1949; born north of Algona, in Kossuth county, Iowa, September 8, 1858; son of Capt. William H. and Caroline Rice Ingham, pioneer settlers and parents of eight children; when four years of age, with the family went to Fort Defiance at Estherville, Iowa, where Captain Ingham was in command, residing there for a year until it was safe for them to return to their home; early schooling was in the public schools and the old Algona college; graduated from State University of Iowa with liberal arts degree in 1880 and a law degree in 1881; practiced law briefly at Cedar Rapids, and became half owner and editor of the *Algona Upper Des Moines* in 1882, continuing there until 1902 when he became assistant

editor of the *Des Moines Register and Leader*, then owned by George E. Roberts; married on October 23, 1894, to Nellie E. Hepburn, of Des Moines, who survives, eldest daughter of J. Addison and Anna S. (Jordan) Hepburn, and to them were born three sons, Hepburn (deceased), William H. and Harvey Jr; served as regent of the State University of Iowa from 1896 to 1902, and as postmaster of Algona from 1898 to 1902, when he removed to Des Moines; never held an elective public office, though his name was presented by Kossuth county republican delegates as a candidate for congress from the old Tenth Iowa district to succeed Senator Dolliver, when the latter resigned upon appointment to fill the vacancy in the U. S. senate occasioned by the death of Senator Gear; with Garner Cowles purchased the *Des Moines Register and Leader* in 1903, becoming its editor in chief, which position he held until 1943, when he retired as editor emeritus; chosen in 1927 among twenty-four American editors and sent to Europe by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace to survey political and economic conditions affecting the peace of the world; honored by the Gardner Cowles Foundation in 1943 which gave Drake University \$200,000 to erect a new science building known as "Harvey Ingham Science Hall," as a tribute to a family friend; received honorary degrees of doctor of laws from Morningside college of Sioux City, Iowa, in 1934 and from Grinnell college, Grinnell, Iowa, in 1915; named as a master editor-publisher by the Iowa Press association in 1932; elected honorary national president of Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalistic fraternity, in 1927, and the same year elected honorary president for life of the Des Moines branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; a member of civic and fraternal organizations and the Plymouth Congregational church, Des Moines.

CARL E. SEASHORE, professor of psychology and dean emeritus of the graduate college at the State University of Iowa, died at Lewiston, Idaho, while visiting a son there, October 16, 1949; born in 1866, in Sweden under the name of Sjorstrand, which became Seashore through the vain efforts of an American school teacher to master the Scandinavian name; came with parents to America when three years old, the family settling on a farm in Boone county, Iowa; from the country schools he went to Gustavus Adolphus college, St. Peter, Minnesota, where he received an A.B. degree in 1891, and four years later won his doctor of philosophy degree from Yale; received other degrees during his subsequent career including an LL.D. from Wittenberg college, Springfield, Ohio, an Sc.D., University of Pittsburgh; an LL.D., University of Southern California, and L.H.D. (Doctor of Humane Letters), from Augustana college, Sioux Falls, S. D.; was a member of the National Academy

of Sciences and the American Psychology association, of which he was president in 1911; had been affiliated with the American Speech Correction association since its formation, and was international delegate to the International Congress of Psychology in Copenhagen in 1934; other fields in which he did original research included the scientific approach to esthetics, work on motor skills, the laboratory approach to educational psychology, and psychology in university administration; served in the Iowa City faculty fifty-two years, from 1908 to 1936, as dean of the graduate college, since then as dean emeritus, and last year the title of "Distinguished Service Professor" was conferred upon him by the Iowa State board of education at the suggestion of Pres. Virgil Hancher; a man of wide interests he was an accomplished musician, a prolific author and linguist; eminent in the field of original research and the measurement of talent; until the death of his wife in August last, his home was the hospitable center for faculty members and students, particularly those from foreign countries; survived by three sons, Dr. Robert Seashore, head of the psychology department at Northwestern university; Carl Seashore, jr., professor at Pennsylvania State college, and S. H. Seashore, a title company owner.

MURDOCH BANNISTER, physician and surgeon, died at Ottumwa, Iowa, September 21, 1949, having practiced his profession there fifty-four years; born Christmas day, 1868, in Detroit, Michigan, where his father, Lt. Col. Dwight Bannister, was stationed as paymaster, with the U. S. army, but later transferred to army frontier units in the upper Missouri, and his wife and baby accompanied him west, where once the Dakotah chief Rain-in-the-Face held the baby in his arms during a conference with army commanders; received his first schooling in Urbana, Illinois, where Lt. Col Bannister began to practice law after retirement from the army; removed with his parents to Ottumwa in 1875, when the father with an associate bought the Ottumwa Gas company; graduated from Ottumwa high school in 1886, and from the State University of Iowa with a bachelor of science degree in 1891, being one of the commencement speakers; following death of his father became president of the Ottumwa Gas company, serving until it was sold to the Dawes interests of Chicago; studied medicine at the State University of Iowa, Ohio Medical college and University of Pennsylvania, graduating at the latter in 1894, and chosen for residency at the Polyclinic hospital in Philadelphia, but opened his office a year later in Ottumwa; served three years as medical examiner for the western division of the C. B. & Q. railroad, with headquarters at Edmondton, S. D., returning to Ottumwa in 1898, where he continued to reside until his death; served as a member

of the Iowa board of control of state institutions from 1910 to 1913; married September 7, 1904 to Keota Williams, of Ottumwa, who preceded him in death in 1931; became flight surgeon in World War I, commissioned as first lieutenant and served at Kelly field, San Antonio, and March field, California, retiring in 1919 with the rank of major; a member of the various medical associations and fraternal societies, and local resident surgeon of the Burlington railway for thirty years, a director of Ottumwa banks, the Kiwanis club and the First Congregational church; survived by two sons, Burn Bannister of Ottumwa, and Dwight Bannister of Decorah, Iowa; a sister, Edith Bannister of Ottumwa, and a brother, Robert Bannister of Des Moines.

DAVID WINDSOR ("Fritz") NORRIS, publisher and industrialist, died at Columbus, Ohio, October 5, 1949; born in Chicago, Illinois, February 2, 1876, son of David Washington Norris, a central Iowa school man and later a prominent lawyer at Grinnell, Iowa, who had been reared on a farm in Tama county, east of Gilman, where his parents had emigrated from Illinois in a covered wagon in 1863. As a boy "Fritz" assisted his father in stock raising and farming at their family home in the outskirts of Grinnell; was graduated from high school and in 1896 from Grinnell college, where he was one of the founders of the present day newspaper, the *Scarlet and Black*, which as an undergraduate, he developed into a financial success; worked at his first job after graduation grading and sorting cattle in the union stock yards in Chicago; but newspaper work held his interest and he went to Washington, D. C., to become a newspaper correspondent for Hearst's *New York Journal*; then in 1897 secured a job with the *Marshalltown Times-Republican*; two years later bought the paper, his father backing him in the venture, and remained its owner until his death; at one time owned control of the *Council Bluffs Nonpareil*, and had an option on the *Cedar Rapids Gazette*, the purchase of the latter not being consummated; joined with his father-in-law, T. I. Wasson, and other Marshalltown businessmen, in 1904, and purchased the Lennox Furnace company, which he came to control, later spreading its operations, foundries and assembly plants under various corporation names in a dozen cities of the country; but after removing from Marshalltown in 1929 to Pasadena, Calif., to live, made periodical trips only to Iowa, though considering Marshalltown his home; always a hard worker in whatever enterprise engaged, and very aggressive in municipal and community affairs, he led in projects having welfare objectives; for a time was interested in politics affiliating with the progressive Republicans in Iowa, afterwards sometimes supporting candidates of other parties;

survivors include the widow, the former May Wasson, of Marshalltown, at the family home in Pasadena, two sons, John W. Norris, of Marshalltown, Dana W. Norris, of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and three daughters, Mrs. E. C. (Loraine) Booth, of Marshalltown, Mrs. Leo E. (Hollis) Anderson, of San Marino, Cal., and Mrs. J. Sewell (Margaret) Brown, of Palo Alto, Cal.

ROBERT TAYLOR SWAINE, corporate attorney, died at his home in Hampshire House, New York, September 25, 1949; born at Tingley, Iowa, April 29, 1886; worked his way through the State University of Iowa, and was graduated in 1905, the youngest member of his class; taught history for two years; entered Harvard law school in 1907; served as editor of the *Harvard Law Review* for two years, and was its president in his final year; leading his class in scholarship, he was graduated in 1910 cum laude; a member of Phi Beta Kappa, national scholastic fraternity, and Delta Sigma Rho, forensic fraternity; joined the firm of Cravath, Henderson & de Gersdorff in 1910; became a partner in 1917; and the firm became Cravath, de Gersdorff, Swaine & Wood in 1928, and Cravath, Swaine & Moore in 1944; became recognized as one of the nation's leading lawyers in the field of corporate finance; as a specialist in reorganizations and consolidations, took part in the reorganization of many railroads, among them the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, St. Louis-San Francisco, the Seaboard Airline and the Western Pacific; for many years was general counsel of the St. Louis-San Francisco Railway, and director and counsel to the board of the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific; in 1931 and 1932 helped write the controversial Section 77 of the Federal bankruptcy law, which provided for court action to decide the insolvency of a railroad, and to pave the way for reorganization without consent of the stockholders; was a director of the Chemical Bank and Trust Co. and the Westinghouse Electric Corp.

HARRY HERNDON POLK, soldier and business executive, died at Des Moines, Iowa, August 28, 1949; born at Des Moines, November 30, 1875, the youngest of four children of Jefferson S. and Julia Herndon Polk, who came to Iowa from Kentucky; graduated from Pennsylvania Military college and Amherst college after attending elementary and high school in Des Moines; admitted to the bar, but never practiced law, turning to the railway business, his father having engaged in building the Des Moines and Northern railway and later operated it, as well as the Des Moines City railway, becoming vice president of the latter and president-general manager of the Interurban Railway company; later engaged in the

investment brokerage business as president of H. H. Polk & Co., then headed Polk, Corley, Wheelock & Co., and the Polk-Peterson Company, all of Des Moines, until 1941 when he retired; began his military service in 1898, as captain of Troop A, 1st cavalry, of the Iowa National Guard—a post he held four years; was a cavalry major with active duty in World War I in 1917, stationed first at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indianapolis, later transferred to Fort Snelling, then made chief of staff of the 88th Infantry Division at Camp Dodge, Des Moines; became an observer attached to the New Zealand, Australian and Canadian troops in the Ypres sector in Northern France in 1918; returned from Europe with rank of lieu. colonel and was again attached to the 88th division; in later years became commander of the 32nd regiment of the 66th Cavalry Reserve division before being named a defense director in World War II; former commander of Argonne post of the American Legion and a member of various fraternal orders and civic clubs in which he was active; also a member of St. Paul's Episcopal church and the Masonic bodies; married January 3, 1900, to Alice Kauffman of Des Moines, who survives, with two daughters, Mrs. Horace Fosskett, Des Moines, and Mrs. Sanger Hinchman, Barrington, Illinois, and two sons, Henry H., Cleveland, Ohio, and Benjamin K., San Francisco, California.

HENRY FIELD, merchant, nursery and seedman, died at Shenandoah, Iowa, October 17, 1949; born on a farm near Sheandoah December 6, 1871, and lived in that vicinity all his life; son of Solomon E. Field, a veteran of the Civil war and member of the Iowa legislature, and Celestia Field, Shenandoah's first school teacher; graduated from the local high school in 1889; attended Western Normal college until it burned in 1891; taught school for three years and was Page county surveyor prior to entering the seed and nursery business; married Annie Hawxby of Nemaha, Nebraska, November 24, 1892, who died April 29, 1899, leaving one child; married Edna L. Thompson, Nemaha, Nebraska, in May, 1900, who died April 3, 1925 and by this marriage they had ten children; married Bertha McMullen, April 10, 1949, who survives him; became a pioneer in radio broadcasting in connection with his business, and sent out an annual seed catalogue for past fifty years; established broadcasting station KFNF in 1924, continuing his daily talks over the air until his recent illness, known to listeners as "Henry himself"; was persuaded to enter politics in 1932, and as Republican candidate for United States senator retired Smith Brookhart from public life, but lost election in the general Roosevelt landslide; was greatly interested in farming and at one time owned a farm near Centerville, Missouri, in the Ozarks; promoted

the planting of sweet clover for feed and as green manure, urged growing of alfalfa and Sudan grass, and rotation of farm crops; the business he had built being incorporated he retired from its management in 1938, but continued as president of the corporation.

ARTHUR FRANCIS ALLEN, journalist, historian and author, died at Sioux City, Iowa, August 22, 1949; born at Warren, Jo Daviess county, Illinois, December 15, 1867; spent the period of his boyhood on the home farm; acquired his education in the public schools and the printing office; accompanied his parents in his fourteenth year to a farm near Lincoln, Nebraska, in sight of the state capitol; the family home established in 1883 in Fremont, Nebraska, where he entered the office of the *Daily Herald* to learn the printer's trade, and was employed two years, going to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in 1885, as a type-setter on the *Daily Gazette*, afterwards going to Omaha and elsewhere as a journeyman printer; worked on the *Sioux City Journal* first in 1889; became its city editor in 1894 and was promoted to managing editor in 1897, serving in that post sixteen years, when in 1914 upon the death of George D. Perkins, founder of the *Journal*, he became editor, and held that position until his death; married in 1899 and had two sons, Francis A. and Edwin Forrest; served twelve years in the Iowa National Guard and three years in the U. S. army; a member of the St. Thomas Episcopal church, the Masons, the Rotary club and civic organizations; wrote extensive historical articles and was editor of "Northwestern Iowa, Its History and Traditions, 1804-1926," in three volumes, issued in 1927 by the S. J. Clarke Publishing Company, Chicago.

J. ARTHUR DILLINGER, minister and church executive, died near Grant City, Missouri, August 4, 1949, in a railway crossing accident; born in 1874, in Halltown, Missouri; educated in Drake University, graduating from the College of the Bible; held pastorates in the Christian churches of the Disciples of Christ at Elkhart, and Altoona, Iowa, Salina, Kansas, and the Wyatt Park Christian church at St. Joseph, Mo.; served twenty-two years as executive secretary of the Christian churches of Iowa, until retirement in September, 1948, a position comparable to a bishopric in other religious bodies; for five years was president of the National State Secretaries association, and in his service was closely associated with direction of the work of Iowa's 326 Christian churches, which have over 80,000 members; was active in the Brotherhood of the Church, a former director of Unified Promotion, a former member of the executive committee of the home and state missions plan-

ning council; served as a trustee of Drake University, where he received a bachelor of science degree; a member of the University Christian church, at Des Moines, the blue lodge of the Masons and the Consistory; had become pastor of the Christian church at Grant City, Missouri, in 1948; survived by his wife, Mary; and one son, the Rev. William Dillinger, associate pastor of the Christian church in Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

AMOS CALVIN MILLER, lawyer and industrial executive, died at Evanston, Illinois, October 18, 1949; born at Marshalltown, Iowa, December 16, 1866, son of Wells W. and Mary Caswell Miller; received his A.B. degree at Oberlin college, 1889, and his LL.B. at Chicago College of Law, 1891; began practice of law as a member of the firm of Lackner, Butz & Miller continuing until 1912, when the partnership was reformed and now is Miller, Gorham, Westcott & Adams; an organizer, first vice president and counsel for twenty-five years of the Firestone Tire and Rubber company; director and member of executive committee of the Chicago Title & Trust company; member of the Illinois constitutional convention, 1920 and 1922; member Cook County Judicial Advisory Council since 1928; trustee Oberlin college, formerly on its executive committee; trustee, member of executive committee of Century of Progress Exposition 1933-34; member of American bar association, Illinois state bar association, its president in 1931-32, the American Law Institute, Chicago bar association, its president in 1918-19, Law club, its president in 1921, and other local organizations and clubs, and a Republican; surviving are the widow, the former Jeanne Gilbert of Cleveland, and three sons, Gilbert A. of Los Angeles; Wells W. of Vista, Cal., and Norman A. of Evanston.

GLENN ALBERT KENDERDINE, lawyer, educator, official, died at Des Moines, Iowa, September 4, 1949; born in 1879, at Lisbon, Iowa; attended public schools there and later at Cornell college, Mount Vernon, Iowa; received bachelor of law degree at State University of Iowa in 1904, and admitted to the Iowa bar that year; after practice of law several years joined the faculty of Drake University, Des Moines, as a professor of law and taught there from 1913 to 1915; was a candidate on the Democrat ticket for lieutenant governor in 1912; elected mayor of Lisbon in 1920, but resigned on removal to Iowa City to practice law; a candidate for attorney general in 1928, and for the Iowa Supreme court in 1930; served as deputy superintendent of the Iowa securities department for two years, and later chief of the Iowa field division of the internal revenue department, retiring in July, 1948, on

account of ill health; was grand vice chancellor of the Knights of Pythias last year, also past state consul of the Modern Woodmen of America, and past president of the Iowa Fraternal congress; also a member of all Masonic bodies, Odd Fellows, Elks, Moose and Eagles lodges, and St. Luke's Episcopal church; married Mary Bell Nethercut of Des Moines in 1939, who survives him, as does a half-sister, Mrs. Nettie Brown, of La Porte City, Iowa.

FRANK THONE, biologist, teacher and writer; died at Washington, D. C., August 25, 1949; born at Davenport, Iowa, in 1891; attended public schools of Des Moines and graduated from Grinnell college; also attended the University of California, John Hopkins University and the University of Chicago; a specialist in plant life and formerly a naturalist at Yellowstone national park; author of "Trees and Flowers of Yellowstone National Park"; biology editor of Science Service at Washington, whose staff he joined in 1924, after teaching in North Dakota State college and the University of Florida; wrote a newspaper column and covered the famed Scopes trial at Dayton, Tennessee, in 1925, and two decades later the atomic bomb tests at Bikini; survived by his mother, Mrs. Mary Anna Thone and a sister, Miss Margaret Thone, both of Des Moines, where the funeral and interment took place.

HORACE MOORE HAVNER, attorney and official, died at Mason City, Iowa, July 31, 1949; born on a Wayne county farm near Corydon, Iowa, November 22, 1871; educated in the public schools, Simpson college and the college of law at the State University of Iowa, graduating in 1899; practiced law at Marengo, Iowa, until November, 1916, when he was elected attorney general of Iowa, serving until 1921; was an unsuccessful candidate for nomination as governor in 1920; removed to Des Moines in 1923, becoming a partner in the law firm of Havner, Flick & Powers; enlisted in 1896 as a private in Co. I, of the Fiftieth Iowa infantry, in the Spanish-American war; married Ada Dean of Griswold, Iowa, in 1901, they having two daughters, Ada and Rachel; served as president of the Dallas Fuel Company and as trustee of Simpson college; a member of the Conopus club, also past president of the National Spanish-American war veterans association; a Republican and a member of the Methodist church.

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