

Necrology of Notable Iowans...

RUSSELL DORR HERROLD, urologist, and professor emeritus of the University of Illinois medical college, died at his home in Chicago September 30, 1960; born in 1891 at Herrold, Iowa, a community near Grimes north of Camp Dodge, that had been named for his father, Joseph Herrold; graduated with the last medical class to attend Drake University, completed his medical studies at Rush Medical School in Chicago; served as a captain in World War I; taught at the University of Illinois medical school more than 35 years, became widely known for his research in urological bacteriology, and was on the medical staffs of St. Joseph's Hospital, the Research and Educational Hospital, and St. Vincent's Infant Maternity Hospital, as well as the research staff of the John McCormick Institute for Infectious Diseases; worked on several medical advisory committees during World War II; received the title of professor emeritus upon his retirement from the medical school at the University of Illinois; past president of the Chicago Urological Society and the north central section of the American Urological Association; wrote a book on his researches and had published more than one hundred professional articles; survived by two brothers and a sister.

JAMES R. GREENFIELD, retired attorney, died at Portland, Oregon September 23, 1960; born in Van Buren County, Iowa July 27, 1867; went to Portland in 1885, passed a teacher's examination the following year entitling him to a county scholarship at the University of Oregon, graduated in 1890 with a degree in science, returned to the university to study law the next year, and passed the bar examination in June, 1892; admitted to practice law in the federal courts as a special advocate and qualified to practice in the Patent Office in Washington, D.C. in 1893; became a specialist in probate and federal taxation procedure, an active member of the "Third House" of the legislature where the initiative and referendum bills originated, and helped to found the Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity in Oregon; taught special refresher courses in civil law and code pleading to veterans of World Wars I and II; devoted much time to promoting social, political, commercial, educational, religious and literary development in the northwest during the last half century, assisting in the organization and growth of the Federation of State Societies, the Chautauqua Literary, and Scientific Educational movement; had been president of the Pacific Mail Order Company, the first complete mail order house in Oregon, and later operated one of the first east side furniture businesses in Portland; retired from active practice after 68 years at the age of 89; was past president of the Artisans Lodge, a member of the University of Oregon

50-year Club, and the Old Taylor Street Pioneer Methodist Church; survived by a son, William L. Greenfield.

JACOB VAN DER ZEE, professor of political science, died at his home in Center Barnstead, New Hampshire October 22, 1960; born in The Netherlands February 9, 1884, the son of Bauke and Janna (Van der Weg) Van der Zee; brought to this country during his childhood, the family making their home at Sioux Center, Iowa; attended high school there, awarded a diploma from the old Northwestern Classical Academy in Orange City, and graduated from the State University of Iowa in 1905; was a Rhodes Scholar from Iowa, 1905-08, receiving a B.A. degree from Merton College, Oxford University the latter year, attended Harvard law school, 1910-11, obtained a law degree from the University of Iowa in 1913 and his M.A. from Merton College the same year, also passing the bar examination; married to Ethel A. McKnight at Marengo September 6, 1913; began 36 years on the faculty of the University of Iowa as an instructor in political science, advanced to assistant professor in 1915, associate professor in 1920, and professor in 1929; earned his Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from the University of Iowa in 1924, had leave to serve as an assistant to the Iowa Code Commission in 1919 and 1924, was a member of the city council in Iowa City, 1929-30, and the Municipal Ownership of Utilities League during the mid 1930's; retired from teaching in June, 1949; his books were *The Hollanders in Iowa*, 1912, *The British in Iowa*, 1922, with others wrote *Statute Law-Making in Iowa*, 1916, collaborated on the *Iowa Applied History Series*, and contributed several articles to the *Iowa Journal of History and Politics*; was a member of the American Political Science Association, Phi Beta Kappa, and the Presbyterian Church; the University of Iowa recognized his services in 1958 by naming a section of Hillcrest men's dormitory, Vander Zee House; survived by his wife and a son, Robert Willen Van der Zee of Oelwein, Iowa; another son, John Jacob, died in an airplane crash in New York some years ago.

HAROLD D. EVANS, district judge, died at Iowa City October 25, 1960; born at Williamsburg, Iowa October 26, 1887, the son of pioneer Iowa County residents, William R. and Mary E. (Davis) Evans; graduated from the Williamsburg high school in 1905, valedictorian of his class, winning a free tuition scholarship at the State University of Iowa; helped in his father's general merchandise store at Williamsburg for a time before going west; worked in a United Cigar Store in Southern California, later employed as a clerk by the Great Northern Railroad in Seattle, Washington, and in 1908 returned to Iowa County to serve under his father as deputy county clerk at Marengo; continued this work on Saturdays and during summer vacations for two years after entering the University of Iowa in 1910; received his bachelor of laws degree in 1914, began the practice of law in the Iowa City offices of Edwin B. Wilson, served as Johnson County assistant attorney, 1915-16, and became the junior partner in the law firm of Wilson & Evans

January 1, 1917; enlisted in the United States Army June 27, 1917, took his preliminary training at Camp Funston, Kansas and Camp Grant, Illinois, commissioned 2nd lieutenant in the motor transport service, served with the 89th Division in the Marseilles district of France and returned to his law practice with Wilson & Evans following his discharge at Newport News, Virginia March 15, 1919; married to Marguerite Murphy of Iowa City June 26, 1922; was chairman of the Johnson County Republican central committee from 1920 to 1928; appointed judge of the Eighth judicial district by Governor John Hammill in March, 1928 following the death of Judge Ralph Otto, and retained on the bench since that date, being elected on both party tickets in 1958; was a past president of the Eighth Judicial District Bar Association, member of the Iowa and Johnson County Bar Associations, Iowa District Judges Association, Veterans of Foreign Wars, past commander of the local American Legion post, 1926-27, and a director of the Lions Club; also belonged to the Masonic order, Knights Templar, Knights of Pythias, Moose, Elks, Chamber of Commerce, and Presbyterian Church; survived by his wife and a daughter, Mrs. Joanne Hemingway of Iowa City.

DOUGLAS ROGERS, retired attorney and former state legislator, died at his home in Manning, Iowa October 17, 1960; born on a farm in Shelby County April 3, 1867, the son of a pioneer family; attended rural school, Harlan high school, Western Normal College, and taught country school for two years; graduated from the State University of Iowa college of law June 17, 1891, and the next month began his long career as an attorney in Manning; married to Mary E. Flannery in 1892; became president of the Iowa State Savings Bank in Manning, served as mayor for six and a half years, and member of the board of education four years, being president three years; elected Carroll County state representative on the Democratic party ticket in 1914, and re-elected in 1916 and 1918; retired in 1958; survived by his wife and two daughters, Mrs. Ray Jager of Tulsa, Oklahoma and Mrs. Walter Turner of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

CLAUDE M. KENNEDY, retired dentist, died in Des Moines September 13, 1960; born at Waverly, Illinois, April 22, 1882; the son of E. R. and Joanna Gibson Kennedy; began his education at Red Path, Illinois, lived in Eldon before attending the Capital City Commercial College, and worked as a clerk in the accounting department of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad from 1903 to 1905; graduated from the Northwestern University school of dentistry in 1908 and began fifty years of practice in Des Moines; married to Ina Miller at Red Oak October 12, 1910; was a life member of the American College of Dentistry, American Dental Association, Fellow of the American College of Dentists, past president of the G. V. Black Dental Study Club, Polk County District Dental Society, Iowa Dental Association, and secretary of the Iowa State Dental Society for six years; served as one of the

original directors and was for many years treasurer of the Des Moines Health Center, member of the Order of Eastern Star, York Rite bodies, Za-Ga-Zig Shrine, Capital Masonic Lodge, and had been vice president, chairman of the grounds committee and member of the Masonic Cemetery Board more than 31 years; retired from his practice in July, 1958; survived by his wife and a son, Robert G. Kennedy, Atlanta, Georgia.

SAMUEL ANDREW STOFFER, sociologist, died in New York City August 24, 1960; born at Sac City, Iowa June 6, 1900, the son of Samuel Marcellus and Irene Holmes Stouffer; graduated from Morningside College at Sioux City in 1921 and obtained his masters degree from Harvard in 1923; married to Ruth McBurney June 10, 1924; edited his father's newspaper, the *Sac City Sun*, from 1923 to 1926; earned his doctorate at the University of Chicago in 1930, remained a year as an instructor of statistics, then went to England to study at the University of London, 1931-32; became assistant professor of social statistics at the University of Wisconsin, advanced to professor in 1934, and on leave of absence worked on the staff of the Central Statistical Board in Washington, D. C.; named professor of sociology at the University of Chicago in 1935, had leave of absence to act as director of the professional staff, research bureau, served with the Information and Education Division of the War Department from 1941 to 1946, and appointed professor of sociology and director of the Harvard Laboratory of Social Relations on its founding in 1946, performing analytical research into many facets of contemporary public opinion; in 1955-56 held a research professorship at the Harvard Business School to study the use of behavioral sciences in relation to business problems, appointed to the Faculty Committee for the Joint Center for Urban Studies of Harvard and Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1958, and in July, 1960 began a year's research for the Population Council of New York; believed strongly in public opinion polls, terming them "instruments of democracy," and regarded as one of the nation's leading sociologists; was a delegate to the International Conference on Population at Paris in 1938, president of the American Sociological Society, 1952-53, president of the American Association of Public Opinion Research, 1953-54, member of the American Philosophical Society, American Academy of Arts and Sciences, American Statistical Association, Sociological Research Association, Institute of Mathematical Statistics, Population Association of America, Psychometric Society, and Phi Beta Kappa; authored *Communism, Conformity, and Civil Liberties*, research monographs and papers applying quantitative methods in sociology, and co-author of *The American Soldier*, 1949; survived by his wife, two daughters, Mrs. Robert Wells and Mrs. Raphael Bisconti, and a son, John Emerson Stouffer.

FRANCIS IRELAND MOATS, professor of history, died in Indianola October 24, 1960; born at Villisca, Iowa December 1, 1884, the son of Harvey B. and Alice C. Hammil Moats; attended school in Taylor

County, Simpson Academy, and taught school in Taylor County, 1906-07; graduated from Simpson College in 1913, obtained his masters degree from Northwestern University in 1915, and taught a year at Montana Wesleyan University, 1916-17; married to Fanny Caroline Steves in San Francisco, California June 6, 1918; commissioned a first lieutenant of infantry at the 2nd training camp in San Francisco, served at Camp Fremont from January, to September, 1918, and with the American Expeditionary Force in Siberia till discharged May 6, 1919; returned to teach at Montana Wesleyan, 1919-20, taught at Illinois College in Jacksonville, Illinois, 1920-21, then began 32 years as professor and head of the history department at Simpson College, gaining recognition for his knowledge of church history; took graduate work at the University of Chicago, 1923-24, was on leave of absence as acting assistant professor of history at Northwestern University, 1925-26, and received his doctorate from the University of Iowa in 1926; became chairman of the social science division and chairman of the lecture course in 1925, and was also dean and director of the inaugural program at Simpson College from 1936 to 1939; joined the staff of the Iowa State Department of History & Archives for a short period following his retirement from the faculty at Simpson in January, 1953; wrote several articles and monographs, including "Rise of Methodism," for the *Mississippi Valley Historical Review*, and "Can We Elect Minor Public Officials" which appeared in the *Des Moines Register*, took part in County Forum Speakers work, and was a delegate to the Republican state convention in 1934; was a member of the American Historical Association, Mississippi Valley Historical Association, American Political Science Association, Indianola Chamber of Commerce, the Lions, Elks, and promotion group of the Boy Scouts; had been a past post and Warren County American Legion commander, president of the Indianola Garden Club, member of the school board, and on the city park commission eight years prior to his resignation in 1959; honored together with Mrs. Moats for their many years in developing flower gardens in Indianola by the renaming of North Park for them in July, 1957; survived by his wife and two sons, Robert Ryder, Saratoga, California, and William Alden Moats, College Park, Maryland.

CLARENCE ADOLPH KNUTSON, insurance and banking executive, former hardware dealer and state legislator, died at Rochester, Minnesota September 27, 1960; born in Clear Lake, Iowa June 16, 1885, the son of pioneer residents, Peter and Hannah Olson Knutson; graduated from Clear Lake high school and the former Memorial University at Mason City; went into business as a partner in his father's retail hardware store in 1905; married to Hazel Irene Wood of Mason City June 2, 1908; owned and managed the Knutson Hardware Company with his brother following the death of their father in 1919; was local food administrator during both world wars, greatly influenced the progress and growth of the community, serving two terms as mayor of Clear Lake, 1918-20, president of the Iowa Retail Hardware Association, 1921-22,

president of the Rotary Club, 1921-23, district governor, 1929-30, member of the Greater Clear Lake Committee, Chamber of Commerce, and a director of the Commercial Club; elected Cerro Gordo County representative to the state legislature for three consecutive terms, 1923-1929, supporting good roads legislation, and sponsoring the first gasoline tax laws in Iowa; upon leaving the hardware business in 1934 organized and was chosen president of the First National Bank, which in 1939 became the Clear Lake Bank & Trust Company, was a Republican candidate for governor of Iowa in 1934, a delegate to the Republican national convention in 1944, and managed the successful senatorial campaign of Governor George A. Wilson in 1942; elected a member of the board of directors of the Iowa Hardware Mutual Insurance Company in 1923, directed its growth into one of the leading firms of its kind upon being chosen president in 1931, and was also chairman of the board of the Iowa Hardware Mutual Casualty Company from 1925 till its consolidation with the former company September 1, 1951; became chairman of the board of the Clear Lake Bank & Trust Company in 1941 and the Iowa Hardware Mutual Insurance Company in the spring of 1960; had been an active member of the American and Iowa Bankers Associations, past president of the Mason City-Cerro Gordo County Bankers Association, master of the Masonic Lodge, chancellor commander of Knights of Pythias, member of Scottish and York Rites, Shrine, the Consistory, Knights Templar, Odd Fellows, Elks, and Gospel Tabernacle; survived by his wife and a daughter, Mrs. Emily Mae Lewis of St. Charles, Missouri.

JOSEPH NYE WELCH, lawyer and legal consultant, died at Hyannis, Massachusetts October 6, 1960; born in Primghar, Iowa October 22, 1890, the son of English immigrant parents, William and Martha (Thyer) Welch; was a superior student at Primghar high school, worked as a carpenter for two years before entering Grinnell College, elected to Phi Beta Kappa in his junior year, waited tables and sold maps and books during the summers to graduate in 1914, and then worked his way through Harvard law school, scholastically ranking second in the class of 1917; married to Judith Lyndon of Washington, Georgia September 20, 1917; served in the judge advocate general's department of the army during World War I, attended Officer's Training School, and was commissioned at Camp Taylor; admitted to the Massachusetts bar and joined the Boston law firm of Hale and Dorr in 1919, becoming a member four years later, and eventually the senior partner; specialized in trials before state and federal courts, excelled in cross examination with his wry wit and effective, quiet, self-effacing manner; other attorneys and law firms often called upon him for consultation in their cases and was highly regarded as a "lawyers' lawyer" in the legal profession; gained national prominence as special counsel for the Department of the Army during the televised McCarthy hearings in 1954; married in July, 1957 to Agnes Rogers Brown of Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts after the death of his first wife December 21, 1956; removed

from the Boston suburb of Walpole to Harwichport on Cape Cod after retiring from active practice in 1959; had an important role as a judge in the movie "Anatomy of a Murder" that year and appeared in a number of television programs; awarded honorary degrees from several colleges and universities; wrote an interpretation of *The Constitution*, published in 1956; survived by his wife and two sons, Lyndon of Walpole, Massachusetts and Joe N. Welch of Ann Arbor, Michigan.

JOHN M. VERNON, veterinarian, died in Des Moines September 18, 1960; born at Boonesboro, Boone County, Iowa May 28, 1871; received his early education in the local schools, and as a youth worked with his father, a bricklayer and plasterer; employed when a young man by the Union Pacific Railroad at North Platte, Nebraska; later attended the Chicago Veterinary College, and began practicing in Des Moines in 1907; married March 7, 1923, his wife preceding him in death; his longtime general practice made him well-known to stockmen and animal owners throughout central Iowa; became a partner in a Stock Food Company at Fort Dodge, and later sold his interests to an eastern firm for 500 shares in the company, which has developed into a growing and successful business; continued his practice to a limited extent till his death; was an officer in the Iowa Veterinarians Association; survived by an adopted son, John B. Vernon of Chicago, Illinois.

ELMER M. LICHTY, retired farmer, stock feeder, and former state legislator, died in Waterloo October 11, 1960; born in Orange township, Black Hawk County, Iowa February 2, 1867, the son of Hiram J. and Sarah Lichty; moved with his parents onto the family farm when six months old, attended rural school, Mt. Morris College, Mt. Morris, Illinois, and Tobin Business College in Waterloo; married January 17, 1888 to Emma Miller of Somerset County, Pennsylvania, who died in May, 1921; began farm operations in 1890, feeding cattle, dairying, always raising a large number of swine, and also took an interest in community affairs; became a member of the original independent Orange township school board in 1916, and resigned as president of the consolidated school board, having been treasurer of the building committee when the township school was built, secretary and treasurer of the Orange township telephone company after twenty years, township trustee, and chairman of the township farm bureau upon his election to the state legislature in 1922; married to Clara Miller at Waterloo in December, 1922; served as Republican representative from Black Hawk County in the 40th, 40th extra, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, and the 48th sessions of the general assembly; retired from active management of his several farms and had resided in Waterloo since 1922; was a member of the Chamber of Commerce and treasurer of the South Waterloo Church of the Brethren for thirty years; survived by his wife, three daughters, Mrs. Alice Klepinger, Neosho, Missouri, Mrs. Ruth Steouffer, Oak Park, Illinois, Mrs. Dorothy Parris, three sons, Clark M., Edward and Parker Lichty, all of Waterloo; an infant daughter preceded him in death.

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