

NOTABLE DEATHS

MARLIN J. SWEELEY was born in Dallas County, Iowa, on a farm in Washington Township, December 18, 1857, and died in Twin Falls, Idaho, February 20, 1939. He attended high school in Adel, finishing under John B. White, principal, and after teaching for a year or two he graduated from the law department of the state university. He practiced law and in 1880, was elected clerk of the court for Dallas County and served four years. Having removed to Storm Lake he was elected county attorney. He later became attorney for the Farmers Loan and Trust Company in Sioux City, and in 1901, was elected to represent Woodbury County in the 29th General Assembly.

He removed to Twin Falls, Idaho, in 1906, and engaged in the practice of his profession with his son. He became active in business and public affairs, and was sent to the Idaho state senate in 1910. He sponsored a law that made a state park at Shoshone falls, which is the pride of the state. He was member of the Masonic lodge and other organizations. He was married March 28, 1879, to Alice J. Slocumb, of Albany, Ill., niece of Judge S. A. Callvert, of the circuit bench, and their son, Everett, survives. His wife died in 1927; Mr. Sweeley was married to her sister, Mrs. Geneva Lewis, who died in 1935. He was an able lawyer and good legislator in two states.

EDWARD K. PUTNAM, museum director and administrator, died in Davenport, May 22, 1939. He was the son of Charles E. and Mary L. Putnam, and was born in Davenport, November 17, 1868. Educated in the public schools of Davenport, he later attended Illinois College, Jacksonville, Illinois, receiving his A. B. degree in 1891. From 1891-96 he was engaged in newspaper work in Chicago, Detroit, and New York, during which time he did some graduate study in the University of Chicago. In 1899, he received an A. M. degree from Harvard University. From 1901, to 1906, he was an instructor in English at Leland Stanford University.

His first direct association with museum work and its related fields began in 1906, when he was called to Davenport to assume direction of his brother's estate, William C. Putnam, and to take charge of the Davenport Public Museum, a chief beneficiary of the Putnam estate. He continued in charge and in close relationship to the museum from that date until his death. In many fields the collections in the Davenport Public Museum are of outstanding excellence and compare favorably with any museum in the country.

Mr. Putnam is survived by his wife and son, and by two brothers.

JAMES S. CARPENTER, contractor and lover of art, died in Des Moines, April 5, 1939. He was born in Waterloo, Iowa, in 1871, removing to Des Moines with his parents when eight years old. Educated in the public schools of Des Moines and at the State University of Iowa, he early entered his career as a building and construction contractor, first as the Iowa Bridge Company, later as the J. S. Carpenter Construction Co.

Although construction work was his business, it is fair to suggest that art was his absorbing passion. Mr. Carpenter early expressed a keen interest in art, and studied it in his spare time, going abroad at one time to study in France. As his collections grew he came gradually to possess one of the best collections of etchings, lithographs, and paintings in the middle west. He was the leading spirit in the founding of the Des Moines Association of Fine Arts in 1915, and was its first and only president, serving up to the time of his death in that capacity. He was one of the trustees of the J. D. Edmundson estate, which provides for a generous bequest to the art association to which Mr. Carpenter gave so much of his time and interest.

REYBURN L. RUTLEDGE, former state representative and a leading Webster County farmer, died suddenly in Fort Dodge, August 26, 1939. The son of John L. and Carrie Rutledge, he was born on a farm near Fort Dodge, in June, 1888. He was educated in the public schools of Fort Dodge, and attended Iowa State College for three years. His career was devoted largely to farming since 1912, when he was called from college by sickness in the family. In 1926, he was elected to the first of three successive terms as representative from Webster County in the state legislature, serving from 1927 to 1933, in the 42, 42 extra, 43, and 44th General Assemblies. At the time of his death he had just begun his duties as state inspector of county homes, a position to which he had been recently appointed.

A world war veteran, Mr. Rutledge served seven months in 1918, in the aviation units. The year previous he had married Mabel Mears. He is survived by his wife and four daughters.

CHRISTIAN SEVERIN SALVESON, Lutheran minister, died in Forest City, December 31, 1938. He was born in Houston County, Minnesota, February 25, 1858, the son of Rev. Knud and Mrs. Bertha Salvesson. He first came to Forest City when his father assumed a charge there in 1878. After his education at the Breckenridge Institute, Decorah, Iowa, and at the Lutheran academy, Marshall, Wisconsin, he taught school two years, from 1882-84. The next two years he attended the Norwegian Augustana Theological Seminary, Beloit. In 1887, he was ordained in the Lutheran ministry at Rushford, Minnesota. After holding several charges in Minnesota and Wisconsin, he served as president of the Augustana College at Canton, South Dakota, now located at Sioux Falls. After one year in that position he came to Forest City to serve a congregation. In 1903, he helped to found Waldorf Junior College in Forest City, and served one year as its first president. The following year he went to take charge of a church in Sioux Falls, remaining there until 1910, when he returned to Forest City and again became associated with the junior college. Leaving the city in 1916, he engaged in farming in North Dakota until 1923, when he returned to Forest City for the fourth time, where he remained until his death. He is survived by seven children and one sister.

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