

1848, near where the town of Ackworth now stands. He was reportedly the first white child born in the county after it was organized.

Educated in the public schools and in Central College, later Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa, he was admitted to the bar in 1872. Elected a Circuit Court Judge in 1885, he was elected a District Court Judge in 1886 when the Circuit Court system was abolished. He was re-elected to the district court in 1890 and again in 1894. Two years later he resigned to re-enter private practice with his son Frank P. Henderson. A member of the school board of Indianola, he was also a member, from 1869 to 1940, and for a long time the secretary, of the board of trustees of Simpson College. In 1896 he was elected president of the Iowa State Bar Association.

In 1911 he withdrew from private practice to become Commerce Counsel to the Iowa State Railroad Commission. With the exception of 1927-28 he held this position continuously from 1911 to 1935.

---

L. STEPHEN HILL, business and government official, died in Des Moines, October 3, 1940. Born on a farm near Creston, Iowa, September 20, 1877, and spending his early boyhood in southern Iowa and eastern Kansas, he entered the printing trade as an apprentice in Muscatine, Iowa. Coming to Des Moines about 1890, and continuing in the printing business, he shortly thereafter helped to organize the American Lithograph Company; he was president of the firm at the time of his death.

Long prominent in the Democratic party, a member of the Polk County Democratic Committee for thirty years, and chairman at one time, serving also on the state central committee of that party, he was at various times the party's candidate for elective office. On February 1, 1934, he was appointed Postmaster of the Des Moines office, and in April of 1940, appointed to the permanent position under the recent postal civil service law order. In July, 1935, he was appointed the first administrator in Iowa of the WPA, a position he retained with success until resigning in late 1936.

---

PERRY C. HOLDOEGEL, telephone company executive and former state legislator, died in Rockwell City, Iowa, July 2, 1940. Born on a farm near Woodbine, Iowa, September 7, 1869, he led a varied career as an apprentice brick mason, printer, clerk in a dry goods store, and teacher, before engaging in the telephone business. As a teacher in the public schools for fourteen years, he served seven as superintendent of the Rockwell City schools, as well as maintaining a connection with the Calhoun County Normal School. He is credited with establishing Iowa's first rural telephone line, in 1893, between Logan and Missouri Valley. As organizer and head of the Central Mutual Telephone Co. of Rockwell City, he later disposed of this interest to the Iowa Continental Telephone Co., remaining as its manager until 1931. He also had large farming and banking interests.

Copyright of *Annals of Iowa* is the property of State of Iowa, by & through the State Historical Society of Iowa and its content may not be copied or emailed to multiple sites or posted to a listserv without the copyright holder's express written permission. However, users may print, download, or email articles for individual use.