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NOTABLE DEATHS

GEORGE ANSON JEWETT was born near Red Rock, Marion County, Iowa, September 9, 1847, and died in Des Moines July 15, 1934. Burial was in Woodland Cemetery. His parents were George Enoch and Patty Maria (Matthews) Jewett. He attended public school at Red Rock and when he was ten years old the family removed to Pella. He was graduated with the degree of Ph. B. from Central College, Pella, in 1864, and from Bryant & Stratton's Business College, Chicago, in 1865. In 1865 he walked to Des Moines and soon became a bookkeeper for Brown, Beatty & Spofford, agricultural implement dealers, held the position eight years, becoming manager of the company. In 1873 he organized the Des Moines Scale Company and was its manager. The same year he also entered the lumber business as manager for H. F. Getchel & Sons. In 1879 he organized the lumber company of Ewing, Jewett & Chandler which became in 1906 the Jewett Lumber Company, of which he was president and manager. He was also president of the Jewett Realty Company. In 1888 he organized the Jewett Typewriter Company and for twenty years gave attention to marketing the typewriter both in America and Europe. In 1887 he founded and edited the *Christian Worker*, a monthly religious and social paper, and continued it until his last brief illness. He was one of the founders in 1881 of Drake University and since then was a member of the Board of Trustees, and as its secretary signed the diplomas of all graduates, approximately 10,000, since the University's beginning. He was founder and president of the Jewett Family in America, an organization the headquarters of which is in New England. From April, 1923, he was secretary of the Iowa State Society, Sons of the American Revolution, and editor of the *Old Continental* and became one of the most expert genealogists in the country. In 1892 Drake University conferred on him the degree of LL.D., and in 1922 Central College gave him the degree of A. M. An honorary membership in Phi Beta Kappa was conferred on him a few years ago by the Drake chapter, which indicated the estimation his friends had of him as a scholar. His activities and interests carried him into many fields. He was a successful business man, organizer, builder, promoter, student, scholar, church worker, and benefactor.

LAWRENCE DEGRAFF was born at Apple River, Illinois, June 24, 1871, and died in Des Moines, Iowa, June 7, 1934. Burial was in the Des Moines Masonic Cemetery. His parents were Hiram and Sarah (Eplett) DeGraff. He was graduated from Dixon College, Dixon, Illinois, with the

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