

NOTABLE DEATHS

WALTER SCOTT ATHEARN was born at Marengo, Iowa, July 25, 1872, and died in St. Louis, Missouri, November 13, 1934, when in that city on business. Burial was in Forest Hills Cemetery, Boston, Massachusetts. His parents were Elisha S. and Susan E. Athearn. He was educated in public schools and early began teaching in country schools. His advanced education was secured at Drake University, Des Moines, at the State University of Iowa, and at the University of Chicago. He was principal of public schools at Delta, Iowa, 1894-99; assistant professor of pedagogy at Drake University, 1900-04; editor of *Midland Schools*, Des Moines, 1902-07; dean of Highland Park Normal College, 1906-09; professor of religious education at Drake University, 1909-16; professor of religious education at Boston University, 1916-29; dean of School of Religious Education and Social Service, 1918-29; president of Butler University, Indianapolis, Indiana, 1931-33; and president of Oklahoma City University from June, 1934, until his death. In 1919 he was director of the American religious educational division survey department of the Interchurch World Movement. He delivered many lectures and addresses on religious education and was the author of *The Church School*, 1914; *Religious Education and American Democracy*, 1917; *An Introduction to the Study of the Mind*, 1921, as well as many other books, brochures and leaflets on similar subjects. While at Drake University he established there one of the earliest religious education libraries in this part of the country. He was a pioneer in religious education in this country and became one of its most outstanding figures.

LEMERTON E. CRIST was born on a farm in Clarke County, Iowa, July 7, 1872, and died in Osceola May 1, 1934. He attended country public school, taught school, studied law in the office of William B. Tallman of Osceola, was admitted to the bar in 1894 and began practice in Osceola. From 1898 until 1908 he was a partner of Mr. Tallman. For four years he was city attorney of Osceola, and for four years was mayor. In 1910 he was elected representative and served in the Thirty-fourth General Assembly. In 1912 he was elected senator from the Clarke-Warren district, and served in the Thirty-fifth and Thirty-sixth general assemblies. He was a Republican in politics, and was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He was regarded as an able lawyer and a faithful and efficient public officer.

PAULINE GIVEN SWALM was born at Dahlonga, Wapello County, Iowa, in 1850, and died in Washington, D. C., November 13, 1934. She was buried in Woodland Cemetery, Des Moines. Her parents, John H. and Cynthia A. Given, removed their family to Des Moines in 1851. Pauline was educated in the public schools of Des Moines and in Iowa College, Grinnell (now Grinnell College), from which she was graduated

in 1871. She was associate editor of the *Iowa State Register* from 1871 to 1872, then published by Clarkson Brothers. On October 1, 1872, she was married to Albert W. Swalm. From 1874 to 1877 Mr. and Mrs. Swalm jointly edited the *Fort Dodge Messenger*, and from 1880 to 1897 they jointly published and edited the *Oskaloosa Herald*, weekly and daily. She was with Mr. Swalm in his consulship service at Montevideo, Uruguay, 1897-1903; Southampton, England, 1903-19, and Hamilton, Bermuda Islands, 1919-22. After Mr. Swalm's death in 1922 (see ANNALS OF IOWA, Vol. XIV, page 389) she lived most of the time with her daughter, Mrs. Nina Swalm Reed at Washington, D. C. Mrs. Swalm was a very talented and charming woman. Both as writer and public speaker she exhibited literary ability and the substantial qualities of a well informed person. Among the subjects on which she spoke before clubs, conventions, etc., were sociological and literary topics, newspapers, on the citizenship of women, and on her experiences in foreign countries. She was a force in supporting Charles Aldrich in founding the Historical Department of Iowa.

MAURICE CAHILL was born in Fairfax, Iowa, June 24, 1888, and died in Cedar Rapids, August 14, 1934. Burial was in Mount Calvary Cemetery, Cedar Rapids. He attended public school at Fairfax, was graduated from the Iowa College of Law, State University of Iowa, in 1910, and the same year began practice as a lawyer at Timber Lake, South Dakota. In 1913 he removed to Cedar Rapids and opened a law office there. He enlisted in the United States Navy January 3, 1918, was assigned to the U. S. S. *Trinidad* as a gunner, and served from April 10 to November 22 on the high seas, making five trips across the Atlantic. He received an honorable discharge December 22, 1918, and returned to his law practice in Cedar Rapids where he became the senior member of the firm of Cahill, Boland & Hines. He early became identified with the American Legion, was commander of his local post, was a member of the State Executive Committee, was a member of the national Executive Committee in 1925, and was state commander in 1930. He was active in civic affairs and in politics, was the Democratic candidate for county attorney in 1920 and in 1922, was the Democratic candidate for Congress from the Fifth District in 1928, losing to Cyrenus Cole, and was a delegate from the Fifth District to the Democratic National Convention in 1932.

MATHEW NELSON VOLDENG was born near Decorah, Iowa, January 21, 1863, and died at his home on the State Hospital grounds near Woodward, October 21, 1934. Burial was in Oak Grove Cemetery, Independence. His parents were Nels Lars and Anna Mathia (Christian) Voldeng. He was graduated from Luther College, Decorah, with the degree of A. B. in 1883, and from the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Chicago, with the degree of M. D. in 1887. He was an assistant physician at the Independence State Hospital for Insane in 1888-95, was

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