

Iowa's Notable Dead

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death of his father managed the *Columbus Junction Gazette* with his mother; purchased the *Shenandoah World*, a Democrat paper, in 1901, and bought the *Hamburg Democrat* in 1906, selling it a year later, when he was elected state senator from the Fremont-Page district; succeeded in defeating Congressman Wm. P. Hepburn in 1908 and was a member of the Sixty-ninth congress; served as postmaster of Shenandoah, a member of the school board and active in civic and fraternal organizations, being a 33rd degree Mason; chosen treasurer of the Democrat national committee, entered George Washington University, studied law and was admitted to the bar; wrote for many years a widely published column on Washington and national affairs, "The Window Seat"; survived by his first wife, the former Mattie Vass, of Waukesha, Wisconsin, now residing in Des Moines, Iowa, and the present wife, Rena Jamieson, of Washington, D. C.

SAMUEL BRUCE SNYDER, attorney and jurist, died at his home in Council Bluffs, Iowa, December 31, 1949; born at Slippery Rock, Penn., January 30, 1854, and came to Council Bluffs 62 years ago to practice law; was educated at Grove City college near his birthplace, and later studied law with an attorney at Butler in 1882 and 1883; married Mary McGlaughlin, of McKeesport, Penn., on June 25, 1885, who died July 24, 1945, a month after celebrating their sixtieth wedding anniversary; removed to Council Bluffs in 1887, where he practiced law until retirement in 1929; served as city attorney from 1906 to 1910 and afterwards as judge of the superior court until 1922; established the first juvenile court in Iowa at Council Bluffs, with sessions held on Saturdays, which he regarded as his "most important work"; a charter member of the Modern Woodmen of America and clerk of his lodge over 50 years; an elder in the First Presbyterian church over half a century and the oldest member of the Pottawattamie county bar association; a member of the district and state bar associations; survived by two sons, Erwin P. Snyder, attorney, Chicago, and Kenneth M. Snyder, of Omaha, a daughter, Mrs. Lyle Mellen, of Omaha, seven grand children and three great grand children.

WILLIAM R. BLAKE, editor and legislator, died at Postville, Iowa, November 6, 1949; born on a farm near Elizabeth, in Jo Daviess county, Illinois, October 1, 1878; attended normal school at Danville, Illinois, and the Chicago Park business college; engaged in work in Illinois and Michigan, becoming owner of the Eau Claire, (Mich.) *Bulletin*, before coming to Delaware county, Iowa, where he did newspaper work until removing in 1905 to Clermont, Fayette county, Iowa, where he started the publication of the *Enterprise*, which he continued to publish until 1925; served as

mayor of Clermont from 1918 to 1922; married Bessie B. Morgan in 1904, who survives him, with a son, Bob, of Des Moines, and a daughter, Mrs. Anna Lolita Stele, of Sherburn, Minnesota; elected in 1920 as state representative, and served in the Thirty-ninth, Fortieth, Fortieth extra session and Forty-first General Assemblies of Iowa; subsequently became an agent of the state bureau of investigation, and in 1927 became deputy state fire marshal; elected secretary-manager of the Iowa utilities association in September 1942, but resigned September 1948 on account of failing health; a member of the Masonic, I. O. O. F. and Modern Woodmen fraternal orders and a Republican.

JAMES C. GILLESPIE, publisher, died at LeMars, Iowa, January 20, 1950; born at Memphis, Missouri, May 18, 1870; son of James and Sarah Gillespie, who had moved from Ohio to southeastern Iowa before the Civil war; moved to Keosauqua, Iowa, with his parents in 1873, residing there until he was fifteen years of age, when his father purchased the *Memphis Bulletin*, a county paper still published by his brother; became a full time employee upon the newspaper when he graduated from high school, and from that time until his demise engaged in editing and publishing newspaper; purchased a half interest in the *Traer Star-Clipper* in 1902, and August 1, 1907 became owner of the *LeMars Sentinel*, with which he remained until his death; served upon the Iowa state printing board twelve years from its inception; one of the organizers and the sixth president of the Iowa Press association; received the group's master-editor-publisher award in 1948; a founder and first president of the LeMars Rotary club, and participated in the organization of the Boy Scout movement there; active in civic enterprises and a lifelong member of the Methodist church; survived by his wife and four children, two sons and two daughters.

WILLIAM EUGENE GILTNER, attorney and legislator, died December 13, 1949, at the University hospital at Iowa City, where he had undergone two operations recently; born on a farm east of Albia, Iowa, October 6, 1871; son of Alexander Martin Giltner, former member of the Sixteenth General Assembly of Iowa, and Mary Elizabeth Newell Giltner, formerly of Indiana; educated in the rural schools, and the Albia academy; graduated from the Gem City business college, Quincy, Illinois, in 1894, and attended Parsons college, Fairfield, Iowa; studied law in the offices of Judge Henry L. and George W. Dashiell, at Albia; admitted to the practice in 1899, and has practiced law there ever since; owned and operated a farm; served as representative in the Thirty-seventh and Thirty-eighth General Assemblies of Iowa, and presi-

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