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CHARLES E. CAMPBELL, lawyer and insurance executive, died at West Des Moines, Iowa, January 4, 1947; born at Newton, Iowa, July 10, 1860; graduated from the law school of the State University of Iowa in 1886 and began the practice of law in Des Moines; became interested in the fire insurance business and controlled the Capital Insurance company, Des Moines, for many years until 1913, when it was reinsured by the Great American Insurance company, and he continued as local manager for the latter company in Des Moines until 1924; active in municipal affairs and served as a member of the board of public works; removed to California in 1926 and returned to Des Moines in August, 1946, since which time he had been in declining health; a member of Plymouth Congregational church and is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Morton Holliday of Des Moines, and Mrs. Frank Kranner of Lakeport, Cal., two sisters, Mrs. J. M. Galusha, of Des Moines, and Mrs. Morton Macartney, of Arlington, Va.; a brother, Everett K. Campbell, of Kansas City, Mo., and six grandchildren.

FRANK GILMAN PIERCE, organizer and for 47 years the secretary of the Iowa League of Municipalities, died at Marshalltown, Iowa, January 23, 1947; born at Earlville, Iowa, December 7, 1868, the son of William Pierce and Martha Jane Moore, the family moving to Marshalltown two years later, where he lived continuously until his death; graduated from the Marshalltown high school in 1886; taught rural school and later entered the State University of Iowa, graduating in 1892; became mayor of Marshalltown in 1895; married Nellie Loree of Marshalltown in 1899 who survives him; active in municipal affairs and state political movements all his life; engaged in a local insurance agency and as an officer of the League of Municipalities established its official publication which he edited; a man of positive and unyielding characteristics and refused to surrender his office when defeated at a recent annual meeting of the state organization, but finally lost the contest in the courts; a member of the Congregational church, the Masons, Elks, Knights of Pythias, Redmen and the Rotary club.

HAROLD E. FELTON, legislator and businessman, died at Des Moines, Iowa, December 7, 1946; born in New Virginia, Warren county, Iowa, November 11, 1890; the son of Z. T. and Sara Felton; educated in the New Virginia schools; married Velda Frederick of New Virginia, March 24, 1913; engaged in grain and feed manufacturing business at Indianola; chairman Warren county Republican committee ten years; member of Iowa state Republican committee from seventh district in 1930; served as a member of the Iowa Board of Control of state institutions from 1931 to 1939; a member of the Iowa House of Representatives from 1941 to 1946

and speaker of the house in the 1945 session; a member of the Methodist church, Rotary club and a thirty-second degree Mason; survived by his wife, three sons and one daughter, with one son also deceased.

ELBERT STORER, insurance executive, died at St. Petersburg, Florida, May 25, 1946, where he had resided the past four years; born in 1876; graduated from Still College of Osteopathy in Des Moines, Iowa, and practiced osteopathy in Mankato, Minnesota, and Waterloo, Iowa, five years; entered the life insurance business in 1910 and was general agent for the Bankers Life Company, of Des Moines, in the Indiana area for twenty years in Indianapolis, retiring in 1934; served as president of the Indiana Life Underwriter's association, a member of the National Chapter-chartered Life Underwriters of ACLU, the Indiana Society of Sons of the American Revolution, a member of the American Genealogy Institute, the New England Historic and Genealogical Society, and the New Jersey Historical Society; survived by a son, Horace E. Storer, of Indianapolis, and a half-brother and a half-sister.

CHARLES L. GUNDERSON, banker and legislator, died at Rolfe, Iowa, December 31, 1946; born in Wisconsin, October 13, 1859; educated in the common schools of that state; removed to Iowa in 1881 and located upon a farm in Pocahontas county; married Dena Christensen of Babcofel, Wisconsin, in July 1884, and they have had six children, three sons and three daughters; operated the Rolfe Grain & Milling Company, of which he was president; was one of the organizers of the Pocahontas County Farmers Institute, and president of the Farmers Mutual Insurance company of Pocahontas county; also one of the organizers of the Farmers Elevator company of Pocahontas, and served as its secretary nine years; vice president of the Rolfe State bank; served two terms as representative from his county in the Iowa house of representatives in 1919 and 1921; was a trustee on the board of Buena Vista college; a Republican and a presiding elder of the Presbyterian church.

WILLIAM J. BEELER, farmer and legislator, died at Winterset, Iowa, January 24, 1947; born in Madison county, Iowa, April 29, 1875; educated in the public schools; married to Hallie Deardorff June 12, 1901 who survives him; resided in Winterset since 1920, his son Donald, a graduate of Iowa State college, now operating the farm; served as state representative in 1939 and 1941; head of the county office of price administration from 1943 to 1946; actively engaged in community welfare, a Republican, a member of the Methodist church, the Masons, Knights of Pythias and the Eastern Star.

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