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school, Cherokee high school, and a term in college; taught school near Cherokee four years, and later spent two years as an instructor in a business college in Sioux City; became secretary of the Sioux City Western League baseball club in 1907, and was part owner of the club in 1909 through 1911; bought into the Des Moines Western League club in 1912 and also served as its secretary 1912 through 1920; graduated from Drake university law school in 1915 as president of his class; elected to the Des Moines city council in 1916 and mayor in 1918; became a traveling representative of A. J. Reach & Co., Philadelphia, in 1921 continuing through 1935; became president of the Western baseball association in 1934, serving through 1949; served also as president of the Three I baseball league from 1937 to the past year when he retired; owned and operated several farms near Des Moines, devoted to raising livestock; never married and was active in a number of fraternal orders; organized and drilled a military company in the Highland Park section of Des Moines from which twenty-seven enlisted in the armed forces of World War I; served on draft and ration boards, and active in community affairs; was vice president of the former Euclid Avenue State bank and for a time taught a business course in Highland Park University of Commerce, and was its vice president.

ELMER J. MURPHY, public relations and newspaper man, died April 14, 1951, at St. Louis, Missouri; born at Bellevue, Iowa, in 1879, and graduated from Catholic university at Washington, D.C.; first worked as Washington correspondent for the old *New York Herald*, but joined the United States Chamber of Commerce public relations staff in 1923, after having for many years written a monthly Washington news letter for the Irving Trust Co. of New York; during a long career had written numerous articles for magazines and was one of the authors of "The Mirrors of Washington;" a charter member and active in the National Press club; retired from the public relations work in 1942, and since 1949 made his home at St. Louis, where funeral services were held, followed by burial there; surviving are his widow, Mrs. Patrice Egan Murphy, daughter of the late Maurice Francis Egan, once Minister to Denmark; a daughter, Mrs. Katharine M. Cramer of St. Louis, and a son, Jerome Murphy of Los Angeles.

C. V. FINDLAY, educator and legislator, died at Fort Dodge, Iowa, March 3, 1951; born at Paw Paw, Illinois, September 12, 1866, and came with his parents, James A. and Olive Goodyear Findlay, to Clay county, Iowa, in 1871, in a covered wagon drawn by a yoke of oxen, afterwards moving to Webster county, Iowa, in 1877; attended the rural schools and taught several years be-

fore he entered Highland Park college at Des Moines, becoming one of the members of its first graduating class in 1891; became county superintendent of schools of Webster county the following year; became president of Tobin college there in 1900 and headed the school for thirty years; elected mayor of Fort Dodge in 1923, holding that office ten years; served as president of the League of Iowa Municipalities a part of that period and chairman of the organization's legislative committee eight years; served as state representative from Webster county from 1917 to 1921, and was state senator from the Webster-Calhoun county district serving from 1941 to 1949; a political leader many years, and author of a textbook, "Parliamentary Law Made Easy;" married June 29, 1899, to Mabel Southwick of Lake Mills, who survives with one son, Dr. James F. Findlay, president of Drury college, Springfield, Missouri; a member of the Congregational church, the Masonic order, a Republican, and a member of the Pioneer Lawmakers Association of Iowa.

ELLISON ORR, archeologist and scientist, one of Iowa's leading authorities on Indian mounds and relics, died at Waukon, Iowa, January 25, 1951; born June 14, 1857, in a log cabin near McGregor, Iowa, and received his education in the Postville, Iowa, schools; served as clerk of the Allamakee county district court at Waukon from 1899 to 1903; a member of the board of trustees of the Iowa State college at Ames for several years, and was general manager and superintendent of the Waukon exchange of the Northwestern Bell Telephone company until his retirement in 1931; supervised Indian mound excavations in various parts of Iowa, and during the depression years planned and took charge of excavation by the old WPA administration along the Mississippi river from southern Iowa to the Minnesota border; earned a doctor of science degree from Cornell college, Mount Vernon, Iowa, through his archeological surveys, conferred August 16, 1949; found by the Iowa Conservation commission officials to be an inexhaustible source of information on Indian mounds in Iowa; married Mary Belle Makepeace November 2, 1881, who survives, with one daughter, Mrs. Florence Carter, at home, and three sons, Harry Orr, an Allamakee county engineer, who formerly surveyed with his father, and Fred, both of Waukon, and James, of Los Angeles.

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