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bar associations, the Iowa Judicial association, and a Republican; surviving are his widow, two daughters, Mrs. Lawrence Deupree, Moorhead, and Mrs. Harry Bigbee, Santa Fe, N. M., two sons, Charles M., assistant Pottawattamie county attorney, and Hugh, also of Council Bluffs, and 11 grandchildren.

MILTON J. WHITSON, structural engineer, died at Englewood, New Jersey, December 14, 1955; born at LeClaire, Iowa, in 1879; was graduated from the University of Illinois School of Architecture in 1901; early association was with Stone & Webster Engineering Corporation, first as district manager in Seattle and later as Pacific coast manager in San Francisco; during World War I was commissioned a colonel in the Army Quartermaster Corps and placed in charge of the construction division of the corps; later became associated as partner with Grant Smith & Co. of St. Paul in the development of power plants and railroad rights in the Pacific Northwest and for a period was vice chairman of Ulen & Co. engaged in construction developments in South America and in Europe; was a partner in Mason, Walsh, Atkinson & Kier during the construction of the Grand Coulee Dam on the Columbia river in Washington state; since retirement as a member of the board of trustees of Englewood Hospital at Englewood, devoted most of his time to the development of the building plans for the new Englewood hospital; surviving are his widow, Mrs. Kathryn Whitson; a son, Henry J. Whitson of Englewood, a sister, Miss Mae E. Whitson of Davenport, Iowa, and four grandchildren.

RAY O. GARBER, attorney and legislator, died April 30, 1956, at Des Moines, Iowa; born October 16, 1887, at Adair, Iowa; attended public schools and was graduated from Adair high school; attended the State University of Iowa; admitted to the Iowa bar in 1914, after having read law in an Adair office; began practice of law in Adair the same year; moved to Des Moines in 1930 to become a member of the firm of Clark, Byers, Hutchinson and Garber; served in World War I as a lieutenant in the U. S. air corps; was a past commander of Sedan post of the American Legion in Adair; served as a member of the executive committee and chairman of the resolutions assignment committee of the national American Legion convention in 1935; was a member of the committee in the three previous conventions and for years was a member of other national Legion committees; represented Adair county in the Iowa house of the Thirty-ninth, Fortieth and Fortieth extra General Assemblies in 1921 and 1923 and during the code revision session of 1924; became supreme chancellor

of the order of Knights of Pythias from 1940 until 1942, and had served as Iowa grand chancellor in 1925; was general counsel for the Farmers Life Insurance Co., of which he was a director; was a delegate to the Republican national convention in 1948; survived by a sister, Mrs. Wauneta Jones of Adair, a brother, W. M. Garber of Chicago, Ill., and his wife, who was the widow of Carl H. Cook of Glenwood, former Iowa Republican state chairman, his first wife, Helen Graham of Atlantic, having died in 1947.

WILLIAM FREDERICK STIPE, attorney and legislator, died at his home, at Clarinda, Iowa, May 17, 1956; born on a farm near Grant, Montgomery county, Iowa, March 7, 1870; son of David Stipe, a native of West Virginia and a Federal soldier in the War of the Rebellion, and Amy Overman Stipe, born in Ohio; educated in the rural schools, Villisca high school, Western Normal college at Shenandoah and Highland Park college (A.B.—1894) at Des Moines; edited the *Villisca News* and the *Call* at Stanton, Iowa, four years; studied law in the offices of McPherson & Beeson at Red Oak, and took a special course in law at George Washington University, Washington, D.C.; was admitted to practice and became a member of the law firm of Stipe & Clark, later Stipe, Davidson and Davidson, at Clarinda, remaining a member of that firm 54 years; was clerk of the committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce in the Sixtieth congress; served as chairman of the Republican county central committee for two years and of the Eighth district Republican congressional committee for four years; elected State Representative in 1910 and re-elected in 1912; author of the city manager plan law; also served as Clarinda city attorney for 14 years and chairman of the legal advisory committee of the Iowa League of Municipalities for 10 years; during World War II it was estimated that he sent some 40,000 news letters to Clarindans in the armed forces; had two sons in the armed service, one of them being killed in the war; active in the Methodist church and at their national conferences; a member of the Fifteenth district bar association and the state association, serving on the executive committee of the latter four years; also a member of the American bar association, the Kiwanis club and the Masonic order; survivors include his widow, a son, William, of Evanston, Ill., a daughter, Mrs. Agnes Hitt of Alexandria, Va.; two sisters, a brother and five granddaughters.

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