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Sutherland, who survives him; connected with Grinnell college since immediately after his graduation, continuing for twenty-eight years, in turn being a professor of Sociology, acting professor of Political Science, and professor of economics; left Grinnell in 1921 and taught seventeen years at Tulane university at New Orleans, where he founded a School of Social Work, retiring in 1938 and returned to Grinnell, where he has since resided; organized and directed the League of Red Cross societies in Geneva, Switzerland, in 1919-20, and organized the Czechoslovakian Red Cross at Prague in 1920; was chairman of the Louisiana state library commission at one time and in 1926 organized the first New Orleans Community chest; trained social workers for over thirty years, maintaining at the same time an interest in agriculture which led to his appointment as agricultural economist and advisor for the USDA; made heavy contributions both in money and time to his college and town community activities while in retirement; had celebrated with Mrs. Wyckoff their golden wedding anniversary in June of 1949, and continued as professor emeritus of Grinnell college until his death, his retirement having been in 1941, his remaining years being spent in Grinnell in quiet serenity, surrounded by friends of many years.

MARTIN X. GESKE, lawyer and legislator, died at McGregor, Iowa, October 26, 1951; born at the place of his death in Clayton county, Iowa, in 1870; son of German parents, F. F. and Sophia Geske, both having migrated from Germany to this country; a member of a family of fourteen children; raised on a farm and graduated from the McGregor high school; clerked in a country store and taught rural schools, and with earnings attended and was graduated from the Valparaiso (Ind.) Normal school in 1893, after which he taught in the public schools at Windom, Minnesota, and was superintendent of schools at Lake Crystal, Minnesota; then attended the University of Minnesota for two years and later read law with D. D. Murphy at Elkader, Iowa; and was graduated from the law school at Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa; has been in the practice of law at McGregor since his admission to the bar; served as a member of the local board of education at McGregor, also as a member of the council and mayor of the town; a Democrat and was county attorney of Clayton county and elected to the Iowa senate serving as state senator from 1932 to 1941; president of the Clayton county bar association at the time of his death, and in active practice until the last two months prior to his passing; survived by two brothers and four sisters, August, of Chaska, Minn., Albert, of Minneapolis, Minn.; Mrs. Kate Huebsch, Mrs. Edith Ertz, and Mrs. Amy Heffron all of McGregor, and Mrs. Sadie Mehlhof, Berkeley, Cal.

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