

## Iowa's Notable Dead

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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.

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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.

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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-

dent of the Monroe county bar association at the time of his death; survived by his wife, formerly Hattie E. Galliher, of Jefferson county, Iowa, three daughters, Mrs. A. K. Kridlebaugh of Chariton, Mrs. Paul Robinson, of Couer d'Alene, Idaho, and Mrs. J. E. Moore, Des Moines; and two sons, William Martin, of Albia, and Harold Edward, of Escondido, California; and fourteen grand children; a member of the Presbyterian church, the Masonic lodge, and a Republican.

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HENRY CLAY BEARD, lawyer and public official, died at his home at Mount Ayr, Iowa, December 30, 1949; born on a Ringgold county, Iowa, farm July 26, 1877; graduated from the Mount Ayr high school and the law department of the State University of Iowa in 1898, and admitted to the bar the same year; practiced law at Mount Ayr, becoming its mayor; served as county relief administrator and a member of the first county old age assistance board; a member of the first Iowa highway commission by appointment of Gov. George W. Clarke from 1913 until January 1919; made assistant U. S. district attorney in southern Iowa Federal court from October 1, 1918, until September 1, 1920; appointed to the state board of social welfare as the Democrat member by Gov. Geo. A. Wilson, when it was first set up in 1939, serving until June 30, 1949; survived by his wife, Anna Duncan Beard, of Mount Ayr, and two daughters, Mrs. Margaret Dalbey, Diagonal, and Mrs. Ruth Fuller, Centerville, and a son, John Beard, Mount Ayr, an attorney; a member of the United Presbyterian church and a Democrat.

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WILSON H. HAMILTON, lawyer and former justice Iowa supreme court, died December 9, 1949, at Sigourney, Iowa; born on a farm in Warren township, Keokuk county, near Delta, Iowa, May 1, 1877, son of James Alexander and Matilda Vert Hamilton; educated in the country schools and the high school at Delta; graduated from Drake University law school in 1900 with degree of LL.B and admitted to the bar the same year; married Ethel M. Jacobs, May 9, 1901; their children being Edgar C., a practicing attorney in Sigourney, Jack, who has operated his father's farm near Delta, and Martha E. Hansen, (Mrs. Roy J.), who resides in Sigourney; practiced law in Sigourney from 1900 to 1937, when he was elected justice of the Iowa supreme court; made chief justice of the court July 1, 1937; served as county attorney of Keokuk county from 1902 to 1904, and was Democrat candidate for congress in the old sixth Iowa district in 1914; a member of the Methodist church, the Masonic, I. O. O. F. and W. O. W. orders, the Lions club, the Iowa state bar association and a Democrat.

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