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tillery during World War I and was a member of the army of occupation until June 1919, then becoming a teacher until 1921 in the American university in Beirut, Syria; joined the faculty of Parsons college at Fairfield as professor in history in 1924, and served continuously until ill health forced his retirement in 1906; as professor and dean made important contributions to the academic program of the college; was author of many publications in the field of history, including "The Preliminaries of the American Revolution as Seen in the English Press," a book widely recognized when published in 1927; a member of the First Presbyterian church, Phi Kappa Phi and Phi Kappa Delta and a past president of the Fairfield Rotary club; had suffered from a form of paralysis for 17 years and in 1955 underwent surgery in New York which resulted in limited improvement of his condition; married to Francis Dool at Chariton, December 20, 1924 and survived by his widow and two children, Mrs. Margaret Killion, Sturgis, Michigan, and James Hinkhouse, Philadelphia, three grandchildren, two brothers and two sisters.

JOHN A. HEINZ, farmer, community official and legislator, died suddenly September 24, 1956, at a hearing held at Peosta, Dubuque county, before State Treasurer M. L. Abrahamson and the state appeal board on the appeal of the taxpayers of the Peosta independent school district; born April 14, 1878, on a farm in Dubuque county, where he was reared; son of Joseph and Catherine Bugung Heinz, and educated in the local schools; married the former Ludwina Schmitt on February 3, 1914, in Saint Anthony's church in Dubuque; engaged in farming all his life, and for the past 33 years had farmed in Vernon township near Peosta in partnership with his sons; was a charter member of the farm bureau, served as president and voting delegate seven years, organization delegate three years, chairman of the warehouse board five years, national convention delegate two years, treasurer of the A.A.A. 14 years and director of the Elkader Production Credit association since its organization in 1924; served one term as state representative from Dubuque county in the Fifty-fourth General Assembly and was secretary of the Peosta independent school district for 33 years, retiring on July 1 last; also had been a member of the Dubuque county library board and was elected its chairman on September 1 this year; active in local Red Cross and other community organizations; a member of the Catholic church, the Catholic Order of Foresters and assisted in the Christian Overseas Rural program; survivors are his widow, three daughters, Miss Catherine Heinz, at home, Mrs. Leander (Mary) Herrig, Dubuque, and

Mrs. Matt (Sophie) Blong, Waucoma, Iowa; three sons, Joseph, Edward and John Heinz, all of Peosta; 11 grandchildren and one sister, Mrs. Claude (Anna) York, Seattle, Washington.

CLIFTON ROBERT MUSSER, lumberman and banker, died at Muscatine, Iowa, October 12, 1956; born at Iowa City, Iowa, in 1869, son of Peter M. and Julia Hutchinson Musser, and moved with parents to Muscatine at five years of age; succeeded his father in timber and lumber business, the family accumulating one of the large fortunes of the community in an early day by cutting timber in the north woods and shipping it down the Mississippi river to Muscatine for processing; was graduated from the State University of Iowa in 1890 and started his business career in 1891 with Muscatine Sash & Door Co., predecessor of Roach & Musser Co.; long connection with Weyerhauser Timber Co., Tacoma, Wash., recognized in 1955 when Weyerhauser named one of its ocean-going vessels the "C. R. Musser;" developed one of the early leading Hereford herds in the country; in 1937, established the Iowa State College Agricultural Foundation which has operated several demonstration farms; had been president of Muscatine Bank & Trust Co. 20 years and its board chairman 15 more, was instrumental in starting the public health nursing service at Muscatine, contributed to the Muscatine Welfare Association, and gave a modern fire truck to the city; was an original trustee and president several years of the library board, member of Masonic bodies and active in the Congregational church; survivors include his wife, a son and daughter and seven grandchildren.

HARRY GRANT PLUM, professor emeritus department of history, State University of Iowa, a member of the faculty 62 years, died at Iowa City, Iowa, September 29, 1956; born in Iowa City, November 3, 1868, a son of Martin Van Buren and Elizabeth Morgan Plum; educated in the public schools of Iowa City and earned his bachelor of philosophy degree in 1894 and his master of arts degree in 1896, both at S.U.I.; received his doctor of philosophy degree at Columbia University in 1906 and studied later at the Sorbonne in Paris, France; became a specialist in teaching English history particularly that of the early 15th century; a professor since 1894 when he began teaching in the university and retired from full-time teaching in 1939, but had continued on part-time status in research work until recently; records in the university archives disclose only one other S.U.I. faculty member served the university for as long a time as Profes-

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