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for eight years and president in 1946; received the Iowa state Medical Society merit Award in 1954 for work in the fields of legislation, public relations and medical service; member of the Masonic order and the Congregational Church; preceded in death by his wife in March 1958 and a daughter, Bernice (Mrs. Henry M.) Black in May 1961 and survived by two grandchildren, Bruce Black and Bernice Black.

CRAIG R. SHEAFFER died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound in Fort Madison, Iowa on July 9, 1961; born at Bloomfield on December 25, 1897, the son of Walter A. and Nellie Sheaffer; married to Virginia Dunlap of Keokuk on February 1, 1921; became treasurer of the W. A. Sheaffer Pen Company at Fort Madison, Iowa, in 1920, vice-president in 1935 and president in 1938 succeeding his father; resigned as president of the company in 1953 to become United States assistant secretary of commerce, leaving this post to return to the Sheaffer Pen Company as chairman of the board of directors, which position he held until his death; was elected to the board of directors of the Northwestern Bell Telephone Company in 1949 and was president of the board of trustees of Iowa Wesleyan College, being elected honorary trustee in 1956; survived by his wife, two sons, W. A. Sheaffer II, president of Sheaffer Pen Company and John D., vice-president of the firm, two daughters, Mrs. Robert J. (Harriet) Taylor of Littleton, Colorado and Mrs. Charles R. (Susan) Taylor of Tremonton, Utah and fourteen grandchildren.

PAUL HARVEY CUNNINGHAM, former Fifth District Republican Congressman, died July 16, 1961 at Gull Lake near Brainerd, Minnesota; born June 15, 1890 on a farm in Indiana County, Pennsylvania, the son of Robert Harvey and Sarah Jane (McQuaide) Cunningham; graduated from State Teachers College at Indiana, Pennsylvania in 1914 and received his law degree from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor in 1915; began practicing law in Des Moines in 1919; was first elected to Congress in 1940 after two terms as Polk County representative in the Iowa legislature; was co-author of the G.I. Bill and sponsor of the automatic guarantee provision in its loan section; his first wife and mother of his three children died in 1922; married Gail Fry December 26, 1926; survived by his wife, a son, Paul jr. of Des Moines, and a daughter, Harriet Sarah Cunningham of McCook, Nebraska.

HARRY SAMUEL LOVE, former state legislator and Chairman of the State Board of Social Welfare, died at Greenfield, Iowa, July 23, 1961; born at Bridgewater, Iowa, August 9, 1888 the son of D. A. and Cora Bayman Love; educated in rural and Bridgewater schools; married to Ethel E. McDermott August 23, 1913; served as state representative from 1935 to 1941 and elected in 1940 as state senator from Adair and Madison Counties for the first of two consecutive terms; resigned from the senate in 1944 to accept an appointment to the State Board of Welfare, on which he served 6 years as member, vice-chairman and chair-

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man; had been active on the Bridgewater school board for 20 years and served several years on the town council; was a Methodist and member of the Masonic Order; survived by his wife, three daughters, Mrs. Hildreth Firch of Aspen, Colorado, Mrs. Betty Moser of San Diego, California, and Mrs. Jean Dewey of Miami, Florida, one son, Larry of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, a sister, Mrs. Grace Burgamyer of Regent, North Dakota, a brother, Ernest of Corning, Iowa, and eight grandchildren.

JOHN HENRY KELLEY, former legislator, newspaper publisher and peace officer, died in Des Moines, Iowa, July 25, 1961; born at Rehobeth, Ohio on January 7, 1872, the son of Henry and Sophia Kelley; moved with his parents to Altoona, Iowa at the age of ten years; graduated from Altoona High School and then taught school for one year; married in 1892 to Kate Simpkins of Altoona who died in 1905 shortly after the birth of their third son; married in 1910 to Bessie Snyder of Altoona; owner and publisher of the Altoona Herald from 1894-1900; was Chief Deputy Sheriff of Polk County, 1900-1906; elected in 1906 State Representative of Polk County, serving in the Thirty-second and Thirty-second Extra General Assemblies; Superintendent of the State Archives in the Historical Building in Des Moines, 1908-1910; returned to sheriff's office as Chief Deputy in 1913, remaining in that post until 1931; for many years was assistant superintendent of the exposition building at the Iowa State Fair; was Justice of the Peace in Altoona from 1937 until 1958; was a 50 year member of the Masonic Lodge in Altoona, member of the Pioneer Lawmakers Association, and of the Methodist church; survived by his wife and two sons, Karl E. Kelley of Des Moines and Neil E. Kelley of Winterset, Iowa, (the third son, John Cecil Kelley having preceded his father in death), also three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Iowa Pioneers

Because there's placed on printed page the records of the passing age, The history of the pioneers that settled here in bygone years Can now be read by other men who'll wonder of that period when The State was formed by sturdy bands that settled on the Indian lands. Thus we are rich in every way, though not by money laid away But by these facts now given all, about these settlers, great and small, Who made a land of towering corn, a state wherein great men were born. Willis G. Corbitt Copyright of Annals of Iowa is the property of State of Iowa, by & through the State Historical Society of Iowa and its content may not be copied or emailed to multiple sites or posted to a listserv without the copyright holder's express written permission. However, users may print, download, or email articles for individual use.