

## Iowa's Notable Dead

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dom before emancipation; first negro to be graduated from the State University of Iowa liberal arts college and first to become a member of Phi Beta Kappa there; was a member of Kappa Alpha Psi; received the bachelor of law degree there a year later in 1899, and in 1903 was awarded a master of arts degree there; served as principal of a public school at Muchakinock, Iowa, for one year, and taught Greek and mathematics for another year at Bishop college, Marshall, Texas; practiced law for forty-eight years; active in professional and community affairs and written articles on minority group problems for various periodicals, and author of the "History of the Negro Masonic Lodge in Iowa"; served with the 17th reserve officers training regiment at Fort Des Moines in World War I; married Sue M. Wilson at Buxton, Iowa, December 31, 1902, who became well known as a state leader in the National Association for Advancement of Colored People, and died in 1941; served as a member of the Iowa state Republican committee; a past president of the Iowa Negro bar association, and assistant secretary of the National Negro bar association; founder of the Crocker Street Y. M. C. A., and a past vice-chairman of the N. A. A. C. P.; also founder of its Des Moines branch and its president; a member of the Masonic bodies, St. Paul's A. M. E. church, and Lincoln post of the American Legion.

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WILLIAM CORSE MCARTHUR, lawyer, legislator and insurance executive, died at Des Moines, Iowa, July 10, 1950; born at Burlington, Iowa, July 22, 1860, son of Martin C. and Virginia Corse McArthur, and a nephew of Maj. Gen. John Murray Corse, whose equestrian figure is one of those selected by the Iowa legislature and placed upon the Soldiers Monument at Des Moines; received his schooling at Burlington; in 1877 spent a year at old Chicago university; was graduated from Cornell university in 1881, where he was a member of the Zeta Psi fraternity; pursued a law course at Columbia university, graduating in 1882, and practiced law at Burlington twenty years; represented Des Moines county in the Iowa house of representatives in the Twenty-sixth and Twenty-sixth extra sessions, and in the state senate in the Twenty-seventh and Twenty-eighth assemblies, resigning to become clerk of the United States district court for the southern district of Iowa, and held that office for over twenty years; became president of the National Travelers Casualty Co. at Des Moines in 1923, and held that position until his death, at which time his first legislative service dated back farther than any former member save one, Gov. Frank F. Merriam, who survives from the Twenty-sixth General Assembly, and now lives in California; married Harriet G. Hanmer in May 1882, a native of Nashville, Tenn., their only daughter being the widow of LaFayette Young Jr. of Des Moines, both of

whom survive; a member of the Elks and the Episcopal church, and a past vice president of the Iowa Pioneer Lawmakers association.

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LOUISE MILLER HENEY, past regent of the Iowa D. A. R., past president of the Iowa Federation of Women's clubs, of the P. E. O. sisterhood, and of the National Society of Parliamentarians, died at Grinnell, Iowa, May 27, 1950; born near North Liberty, Iowa, in 1873, the daughter of Lt. Col. Alex J. and Mary Louise McColem-Miller; taught school and was correspondent for the *Oxford Journal*, published by her father; married to Eugene M. Heney, superintendent of schools, in 1892, just as she was entering the State University of Iowa; later also studied at Grinnell college and the School of Social Research, New York, N. Y.; became national secretary of the American Pen Women, and member of the Daughters of 1812, the Iowa Press Women and the Eastern Star, as well as a local officer of many groups; served as chairman of the Republican state convention in 1944; active in political and civic circles and had a national reputation in women's activities; a member of the Methodist church and had filled the local pulpit in the pastor's absence; was a world traveler for some years, having toured Mexico, and South America since the close of World War II, and Europe within the last year; survived by one sister, Mrs. Laura Metcalf, Sioux City, one brother, Oliver H. Miller, Des Moines, and three grand children, her husband preceeding her in death in 1928, and two daughters also deceased, Inez Louise and Mrs. Margaret Kirkley Black.

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JAMES WILLIAM KINDIG, lawyer and jurist, died at Sioux City, Iowa, May 12, 1950; born at Welton, Clinton county, Iowa, December 3, 1879; moved with parents David D. and Margaret Tully Kindig, to Woodbury county, at Kingsley, in March 1887; was graduated from Morningside academy in 1902, and from Morningside college in 1906, and received his LL. B. from the University of Washington in 1907, with the LL. D. degree conferred by Morningside in 1930; entered practice of law at Sioux City in June 1907; served as assistant county attorney of Woodbury county from January 1, 1915 to August 1, 1917, and assistant attorney general of Iowa in 1917 and 1918, then returning to the practice of law in Sioux City; appointed justice of the supreme court of Iowa in 1927 and elected in 1928 for six year term; was chief justice in 1933 and continued as high court justice until 1935; married Gertrude Crossan September 3, 1908, and they have two children, Burdette and Lowell; was a member of the law firm of Kindig & Beebe, the American bar association, Iowa bar association, the American law institute, the Masonic bodies, the Methodist church,

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