

John T. Moffit

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Quakers to America, his book said to be the most complete history of that group ever written. Besides the widow he is survived by three sons, Carl M., member of congress, Los Angeles; W. W. Jr., with the City National bank, Chicago, and Thomas; also a daughter, Anna, and John Lundy, a cousin, of Marshalltown.

CHARLES RALPH STAFFORD, attorney, soldier and jurist, died at Muscatine, Iowa, January 5, 1948; born in Keokuk, Iowa, September 6, 1881, son of Dr. Charles L. Stafford, former president of Iowa Wesleyan college, and Mary Allen Stafford, one of the original group founding the PEO sisterhood; came to Muscatine when his father was appointed presiding elder of the Muscatine district of Methodist churches, and remained here until 1889; graduated from Iowa Wesleyan college in 1900; returning to Muscatine in 1902 was appointed deputy county treasurer; named county treasurer in 1908 to fill a vacancy; graduated in 1911 from the University of Chicago law school, and began the practice of law that year in Muscatine; was secretary of the Muscatine independent school district from 1912 to 1916; served twice as county attorney of Muscatine county, first in 1915, resigning in 1918 to enter the U. S. army, serving as a captain, and following his discharge in 1919, again became county attorney, serving three terms; elected district judge in November 1942 following retirement of the late Judge D. V. Jackson; married October 27, 1921, to Lucile Narvis in Muscatine; a Methodist, a Mason, a member of the Elks, and former member of the Thirty-three club and the Muscatine Rotary club.

JOHN T. MOFFIT, soldier, legislator and jurist, died at his home in Tipton, Iowa, November 11, 1947; on a farm near Mechanicsville, Iowa, July 8, 1862, the son of Alexander Moffit; graduated from the Mechanicsville high school, from Cornell college in 1884 and 1887, and from the University of Michigan law department in 1886, when he began the practice of law at Emmetsburg, Iowa, later locating in Tipton; ten years later became a partner in the Cedar Rapids law firm of Grimm, Trewin and Moffit; served as state senator from 1900 to 1904, Cedar county attorney from 1905 to 1910, and district judge from 1915 to 1942; a delegate to the Republican national convention in 1892; enlisted in the Iowa national guard in 1885 as a private and mustered out at the end of the Spanish-American war as lieutenant colonel; a member of Phi Beta Kappa fraternity and of the Cornell college board since 1906; a Republican, Presbyterian and a Mason; married to Winifred E. Hecht at Clarence September 28, 1892, who died in 1936, and surviving them is a daughter, Mrs. Margaret Platner, of Evanston, Illinois.

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