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Dubuque, and Terrence N. of Reno, Nevada, eight grandchildren and two brothers, James W. and Leo V., both of Dubuque, one son, Robert, having been killed in World War II.

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JOE R. HANLEY, former lieutenant governor of New York state, died at Perry, New York, September 4, 1961; born at Davenport, Iowa, in 1876, the son of John R. and Kate Rhodes Hanley; educated in the public schools of Muscatine and at the State University of Iowa where he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1899, at Houghton College of Law and Iowa Wesleyan College where he received Doctor of Divinity degree; admitted to the Bar in 1899; married to Henrietta V. Robertson of Muscatine in 1900; practiced law with his father and brother in Muscatine, Iowa; moved to Perry, New York, where he served as pastor of the Brick Presbyterian Church and lectured for ten years on the Redpath Chautauqua Circuit; entered Republican politics and was elected to the New York state house of representatives and later to the state senate; elected lieutenant governor, 1943-1950; a Spanish-American War veteran and chaplain in World War I with the 50th Iowa Infantry, 40th Division; survived by a daughter, Mrs. Josephine Wildox of Nassau, New York, and two sons, Julian and James.

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BLAKE WILLIS, attorney and legislator, died September 20, 1961, at Perry, Iowa; born at Perry, Iowa, July 3, 1892, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Willis; a graduate of the State University of Iowa, was admitted to the bar in 1916 and had practiced law continuously since except for time in World War I service; married to Isabel Dillon November 1, 1919, at Woodward, Iowa; served as Dallas County attorney 1925-1929 and as state representative in the Iowa General Assembly 1933-1934; member of Dallas County, Iowa State and American Bar Associations, Masonic Lodge, Elks, Perry Chamber of Commerce and American Legion; survived by his wife, one son, Ned, of his law firm at Perry, and four grandchildren, a daughter, Annabel, having preceded him in death.

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EUGENE E. POSTON, attorney, legislator and federal court clerk, died October 22, 1961, at Corydon, Iowa; born October 6, 1883, at Humeston, Iowa, the son of R. C. and Clara Poston; graduated from Corydon high school in 1903 and completed liberal arts education and study of law at Drake University in 1909; began law practice with his father; married to Kathryn Ballew in June, 1915; elected Wayne County attorney four times 1925-1933; elected in 1940 as state representative from Wayne County and served six consecutive terms; resigned in 1952 to accept appointment as clerk of the federal court of the Southern District of Iowa, serving in this position until retirement in 1961; member of Drake University Board of Trustees, a 50-year member of Masonic lodge and a member of Disciples of Christ Church; survived by his wife, two sons, T. C. Poston of Corydon and William of Greenfield, Iowa, a daughter, Mrs. William McHarry of New York City.

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