

## Iowa's Notable Dead ...

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two years of further study, as a fellow obtaining his medical degree from Rush Medical college in 1903, and began fifty-eight years of general medical practice in Chicago; married Gertrude Thompson in 1908; continued his studies as assistant in pathology and bacteriology at the University of Chicago from 1902 to 1904, receiving a Ph.D. degree in 1912; was dean of the Rush Medical college from 1923 to 1936, and clinical professor of medicine, emeritus, at the University of Illinois medical school; cited by the University of California school of medicine in 1946 as the outstanding physician of the year in the United States for service to his patients; was consulting physician to Presbyterian hospital, member of the National Advisory Health Council, Association of American Physicians, American Association of Pathologists and Bacteriologists, American Board of Internal Medicine, and American Society of Bacteriology, as well as state and Chicago medical societies; also had served as president of the American College of Physicians, and was a trustee and president of the American Medical Association from 1949 to 1950; became president of the Institute of Medicine in Chicago in 1956, and was president of the Municipal Tuberculosis Sanitarium board of directors at the time of his death; had two children, Edwin Newton Irons and Spencer E. Irons.

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LEON WALTER POWERS, prominent attorney, former Iowa Supreme Court justice, and state legislator, died at his home in Denison, Iowa January 6, 1959; born on a farm in Webster county June 12, 1888, the son of Walter and Katherine McIntyre Powers; attended country school, Tobin preparatory college in Fort Dodge, graduated from the University of Iowa in 1912, and received his law degree from the University of Chicago in 1914; joined the law firm of Feltensal, Beckwith, Spangler & Wilson in Chicago, but within six months, removed to Denison, Iowa to enter the law office of James P. Conner, becoming a partner in the firm of Conner & Powers in 1916; married Blandid Marie Lally of Denison June 28, 1916; elected to the state house of representatives as a Democrat from Crawford county in 1918, resuming his law practice in Denison after serving two terms; with the death of his law partner in 1924, formed the firm of Powers & Gilchrist with L. V. Gilchrist in 1930, building one of the largest law practices in the county; remained active in politics, was a member of the Democratic state central committee, and an Iowa delegate to the party's national conventions in 1924, 1932, when Franklin D. Roosevelt was first nominated, and again in 1944; served as assistant attorney general for six months in 1933, and then became a special assistant attorney general in charge of cases involving

license fees on motor vehicle fuel; was elected to the Iowa Supreme Court in December 1934 to complete the unexpired term of Judge Edgar A. Morling, and resigned February 14, 1936 to become general agent and general counsel for the Omaha division of the Farm Credit Administration; was chairman of the board of directors of the Federal Land Bank of Omaha, the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank, the Omaha Bank of Cooperatives, and the Production Credit Association; returned to his private practice in Denison in 1943; the high point of his judicial career came after World War II when chosen as one of the judges to hear the Nuremberg war crimes trials in Germany; had been associated since the summer of 1949 with R. C. Reimer in the law firm of Powers and Reimer at Denison; owned a large farm in Crawford county devoted to grain and livestock; was on the state board of law examiners, a director of the Iowa State Bar Foundation, president of the Crawford County Bar Association, a member of the American and Iowa State Bar Associations; belonged to the St. Rose of Lima Catholic church, the Knights of Columbus, the Elks, was a Kiwanian of honorary standing; survived by a son, James Perry Powers, Phoenix, Arizona, two daughters, Mrs. Patricia Ann Keller, Plandome, New York, and Mrs. Mary Katherine Kimball, Manhasset, New York; his wife and another son, Walter, died in 1947.

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J. LAWRENCE COCHRAN, physician and civic leader, died at St. Anthony hospital in Carroll, Iowa December 24, 1958; born June 1, 1906 in Jackson, Tennessee, received his medical degree from the University of Tennessee, and also graduated from the school of Obstetrics at Buffalo, New York; was a talented musician and played piano with Wayne King's band during his internship in Chicago; married Loretta Millenacker of Carroll at Pensacola, Florida March 2, 1940; began his medical practice at Carroll in September 1940, joined the U. S. Air Force in 1942, schooled as a flight surgeon, and saw active service as a medical corps captain in the South Pacific theater during World War II; re-opened his offices in Carroll following his discharge in 1946, moving into the new Cochran medical building in 1951; elected Carroll county coroner in 1948 serving until 1952, and had again held the office since his re-election in 1954; was secretary-treasurer of the Iowa Coroners Association, president of the Carroll County Medical Society, and on the staff of St. Anthony hospital; held a fellowship in the Academy of Psychosomatic Medicine, was a member of the Experimental Hypnotic Society, and elected to the New York Academy of Sciences in 1956 for his work in clinical psychology, the only Iowa member except for college and university

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