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7, 1869, on a farm in Jasper county, near Kellogg, the son of James Lee, a Massachusetts Yankee whose grandfather had fought at Lexington and mother, Sarah Whitcomb Lee, related to the poet, James Whitcomb Riley; attended country school, Hazel academy at Newton, Iowa, Iowa State college at Ames and Drake University at Des Moines; was graduated from Iowa State in 1894, Drake law school in 1895 and admitted to the bar the latter year, immediately beginning the practice of law at Ames, retiring in 1945; served as Ames city attorney from 1896 to 1902 and as district judge from 1907 to 1914; a member of the American Bar association and the Iowa State Bar association, also president of the Story county bar association; during college career at Iowa State college was editor-in-chief in 1903, of the institution's first "Bomb" (annual yearbook) ever published, and in 1903-1904 was editor-in-chief of the *Iowa State Student Daily*; married to Emma McCarthy in 1906, who died in 1953; survived by a daughter, Mrs. Earl Spencer, Waterloo, and two sisters, Mrs. R. C. Daily, Newton, and Mrs. Morton Rose, Santa Cruz, California, two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

ELMORE A. ELLIOTT, clergyman, legislator and former Des Moines finance commissioner, died at his home in the Capital City where he had resided 51 years, on December 6, 1956; born on an Indiana farm across the Ohio river from Louisville, Kentucky, in 1864; spent his early years farming; attended Westfield College, Westfield, Illinois, and former Western College at Toledo, Iowa, and came to Des Moines in 1898, when he married Lois Shepherd, whom he met at Western College; was an ordained minister of the Evangelical United Brethren denomination and served the former Castle and Miller Memorial churches in Des Moines and other United Brethren congregations at Dawson, Van Meter and Elkhart, and Congregational churches at Ankeny, Johnston, Bondurant and Granger, and during most of these ministries continued to make his home in Des Moines; served in five sessions of the Iowa house of representatives from 1924 to 1930 and was re-elected in 1932 and 1934; earlier served two terms on the Des Moines city council, starting in 1918 and 1920, as city finance commissioner; later for a time was a claim adjuster for the city legal department; surviving besides his widow is a sister, Mrs. Thomas Vardenius, Portland, Oregon.

BURTON E. SWEET, attorney, former Iowa legislator and congressman, died at his home in Waverly, Iowa, January 2, 1957; born on a farm near Tripoli, Bremer county, Iowa, De-

ember 10, 1867; attended school in Fremont township and Waverly, later attended Iowa State Teachers College and Cornell College, and received his law degree from the State University of Iowa in 1895; opened a law office in Waverly, and although a Republican, was elected a representative in the Iowa legislature serving in the sessions of 1900 and 1902; also a United States representative from 1915 through 1923 for the old third Iowa district, known as the "monkey-wrench" district because of its shape; sought a U. S. senate seat in 1924, but was defeated in the Republican primary election by the late Sen. Smith W. Brookhart; continued active in his law practice for 60 years until he suffered a stroke on Christmas day; married Lois F. Riseley on December 12, 1900, who died in 1904, their only child, a daughter Esther, having arrived October 9, 1901; married again on April 19, 1923, in Washington, D. C., to Isabelle Carey; survived by his widow, Isabelle, a daughter, Mrs. Esther Smith, Syracuse, New York, and five grandchildren.

PAUL WILLIAM RICHARDS, attorney and former Iowa supreme court justice, died December 27, 1956, at Red Oak, Iowa, which was also his birthplace March 16, 1874, his entire life having been spent there; son of Charles E. and Mary Richards; was educated in the Red Oak public schools and was graduated from Grinnell College in 1894; after being admitted to the bar in 1896, joined his father in practice of law; had conferred upon him in 1937 by Grinnell College the honorary degree of doctor of laws; was city and county attorney and federal referee in bankruptcy from 1923 to 1933, served as justice of supreme court from 1934 to 1940 and was a United States commissioner of the railroad retirement board from 1939 to 1944; married in 1907 to Stella Powell, who survives with one son Jonathan, associated with his father in the law firm since 1947, and five grandchildren; another son, Paul W. Jr., preceding him in death in 1945; a member of First Congregational Church and the Elks Lodge; was one of southwest Iowa's leading Democrats and remained active in party work until death.

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