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OHNERSORE-In this city, at the family residence, 2608 Couler avenue. Monday, March 18, at 9:15 a. m., Mrs. W. Ohnersorge, aged 75 years.

Funeral Wednesday afternoon, March 20th, at 2 o'clock, from residence to Presbyterian church. Burlal Linwood. Friends invited.

RICHARDS-In this city, at his residence, 1492 Locust street, Saturday, MaGreh 16th, 1912, at 11:15 p. m., Benjamin Billings Richards, in his eighty-ninth year.

Funeral services at St. John's Episcopal church, 14th and Main street, Tuesday afternoon, March 19th, at 2 o'clock.

The interment Linwood cemetery. An opportunity is extended to the friends to view the remains of Mr. Richards Tuesday morning at the residence from 10:30 to 12.30 o'clock.

Messrs, W. D. Carpenter, Paul Crum. H. Nehlt and P. R. Kelso, of New Hampton, Ia., spent several hours in the city Monday while waiting for trains.

TRY TO BREAK UP GANG

TWO WILL BE TRIED IN SIOUX CITY WITHOUT EX-TRADITION.

Sioux City, Iowa, March 18.—An effort to break up a gang of thleves operating in and out of Sloux City in the three states of Iowa, Nebraswa and South Dakota and evading the laws of these states by taking advantage of the extradition customs. is to be made by Sloux City police officers.

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BANKING CAREER

Mr. Richards was the first president of the Dubuque National bank and the founder of banks in various pactions of the state, especially the northwest. At one time he was actively connected with six banks in Iowa, but gradually his interests in this direction were withdrawn,

His early success as a teacher. profession for which he seemed to have an aptitude approaching genius, gave Mr. Richards a permanent interest in the cause of education and he served for several terms as a member of Dus buque's board of education. During this period, the principal of the high school having become indisposed he assumed the duties of the position. One of his contemporaries on the school board was the late Hon. M. M. Ham, who had been among the students at Caryville seminary

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PROMINENT IN POLITICS.

A pollshed orator whose talent in this direction had developed early, Mr. Richards, while yet a young man, became prominent in public affairs. He was the late Senator Allson's opponent for congress during the civil war, and joint debates between the candidates were held throughout the district. Be-

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Characteristic of Mr. Richards was his optimistic and manly attitude to wards life. His perennial cheerfuines expressed a contage, both physical and moral, which to livered him from the fear that para zes action and leads to timid toleration for and abuse He was unostentations ut generous in his giving and in the early and struggling days of St. John's church was leader in its support. His duty to wards his church, his family and his neighbors was determined by a faith which remained with him to the end and was the consolation of his clining years. The record he leaves that of an honorable and useful life one in which manhood was sacred and which reaped its reward in the hand piness resulting from devotion to others.

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Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be printed in the Journal of the Senate and that the Secretary of the Senate be directed to forward an engrossed copy to the family of the deceased.

W. H. ARNEY,
S. W. DEWOLF,
FREDERIC LARRABEE,
Committee.

The resolutions were adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

Senator Schrup, from a special committee, submitted the following report and moved its adoption:

BENJAMIN BILLINGS RICHARDS.

MR, PRESIDENT—Your committee appointed to draft resolutions in commemoration of the life, character and services of ex-Senator B. B. Richards of Dubuque, beg leave to submit the following report:

Benjamin Billings Richards, who was a member of this body seven years, after having served in the Lower House one term, died at Dubuque, Iowa, March 16, 1912.

He was born in the state of New York on August 30, 1823. After attending school at Bennington, Vt., he taught in district schools in his native state. At the age of eighteen he became principal of a seminary and professor in mathematics. In 1848 he was admitted to seminary and milwaukee, but he never practiced that profession in this state, to which he came in 1854. In 1863 he was elected member of the House of Representatives from Dubuque County. He was positive in the expression of his views, although always courteous and tolerant of others' opinions.

Two years later he entered the Senate, remaining a member of this body for four years. He was again returned to this office in 1872. At different sessions he was on the Committees of Ways and Means, Railroads and Claims against the United States, the last named the most important committee, in view of the large sums of money the state had advanced toward the prosecution of the war. The steps then taken brought to the State Treasury yast sums.

While always a member of the minority party his imposing personality commanded the highest respect and influence with his political opponents. He was twice selected by his party as its candidate for Congress, the first time when the late William B. Allison was first successful, the nominees conducted a joint debate.

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The end to this long life came when to the burden of years fell the afflicting dispensation that carried away his beloved wife, who preceded her husband to the great beyond by only six weeks. In 1867 he was married to Miss Evelyn Whitaker, daughter of Collins Whitaker. Three children survive: Mr. Clarence W. Richards and Mrs. Clyde Ellsworth of Dubuque and Mrs. Clark L. Poole of Chicago.

Resolved, That this record be spread on the Journal of this body, and that an engrossed copy hereof be transmitted to his bereaved family with the assurance of the high appreciation of the Senate, of one of the sturdy pioneers of Iowa legislation and one so worthy in honor, who was one of its members, even though in the long ago.

N. J. SCHRUP, ROBERT QUIGLEY, G. E. HILSINGER,

Committee.

The resolutions were adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

Senator Quigley, from a special committee, submitted the following report and moved its adoption:

LIBERTY EATON FELLOWS.

MR. PRESIDENT—Your committee, appointed to draft resolutions on the death of the Honorable Liberty Eaton Fellows take pleasure in submitting to the Senate the following report:

Liberty Eaton Fellows was born at Corinth, Orange County, Vermont, August 22. 1834. He lived with his parents on a farm and attended the common school of Corinth and later attended the Thetford Academy in Orange County. He removed to Wisconsin in 1856, and to Allamakee County, Iowa, in 1857. Here he worked on a farm, clerked in the county offices, took up the study of law and was admitted to the bar in 1862, locating at Lansing and soon becoming one of the leading attorneys of Allamakee County.

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RICHARD J. SLATTERY ARTS AND RECREATION CENTER. Located in Flora Park, the Center was formerly known as "The Barn" when it was the home of the Barn Community Theater. The building served as an art gallery, concert hall, and classroom as well as the site for productions and art fairs. The building was renamed on June 11, 1978, for Richard J. SLATTERY, former head of Dubuque recreation projects. The building later became a Montessori school.

RICHARDS, Benjamin Billings. (Milton, NY, Aug. 30, 1823—DUBUQUE, IA, Mar. 16, 1912). Banker. Coming to Dubugue in 1854, Richards entered the real estate business. He campaigned unsuccessfully against William B. ALLISON for the United State Congress and later served ten years in the Iowa General Assembly. Richards also unsuccessfully campaigned against David **HENDERSON** for Congress in the late 1880s. The founder of many banks in northeastern lowa, Richards established the Dubuque National Bank, and served several terms on the local board of education. As a charter member of the Linwood Cemetery Association, he convinced the other directors to establish a system of perpetual care. His home was later the home of Ted ELLSWORTH before it was purchased in the late 1980s and converted to a bed and breakfast.

RICKARDSVILLE. City. Originally an unincorporated settlement known as Jefferson, the community boasted a post office from January 6, 1857, staffed by John Crouder, the first postmaster. The first baptism record for the community was for Josephine, daughter of Joe and Rachel Crevier, on May 16, 1852. It is believed, however, that other children were baptized earlier by traveling missionaries. On April 19, 1868, the residents requested that the community's name be changed to Rickardsville in honor of Salmon Rickard, a former sea captain who brought his family to the region in 1845 and who donated an acre of ground for the establishment of a school. The city offered a post office from April 20, 1868, until November 14, 1902, when Rural Free Delivery (RFD) began. On February 5, 1912, the community filed for incorporation, and in the election held on March 27, 1912, 27 votes were cast—17 votes in favor, 6 against, and one ballot was ruined. In the first community election, J.P. Squires was elected mayor, with Frank Bahl, treasurer; Thomas Atkinson, assessor; and John Sahm, Louis Breitbach, William Mihollen, John O'Malley, and Thomas Rooney, councilmen.

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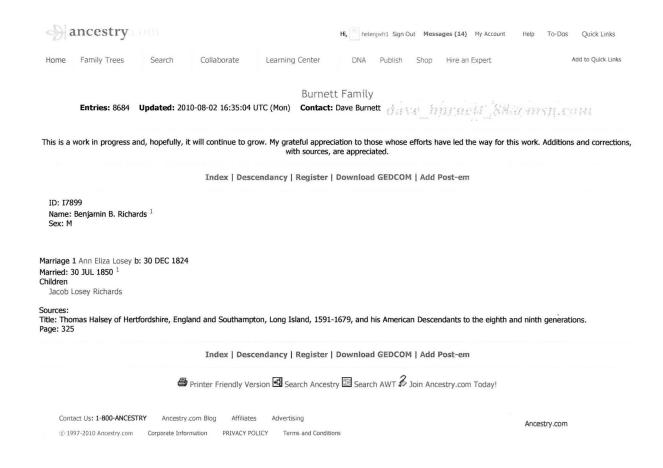
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The 1990 United States Census indicated:
Population—172
Median Age—43
Median Family Income—\$30,833
Average Family Income—\$42,298

RICKARDSVILLE METHODIST CHURCH. Founded in 1877 by Rev. George Stetter of the SHERRILL METHODIST CHURCH, the building was located on the east side of RICKARDSVILLE midway between Klein Lane and Five Points Road along the south side of present U.S. 52. The cemetery in 1997 was still visible and well maintained. In 1997, descendants of many of the church's charter members still lived in the area despite the closing of the church and its demolition in 1950.

RIDER, John Vincent. (Pratz, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, Apr. 5, 1836—Hollywood, CA, Aug. 1931). City benefactor. One of the most successful businessmen of his time in DUBUQUE, Rider deeded his home on Madison Street to the City of Dubuque which eventually used the land to develop Madison Park. Several other pieces of property were given to the MOUNT PLEASANT HOME. Financially successful through the Rider-Wallis Company, Rider served as a director of the Dubuque-Sioux City Railroad Company, Key City Gas Company, FIRST NATIONAL BANK, Dubuque Paper Company, Iowa Trust and Savings Bank, DUBUQUE FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY and the Dubuque Steam Heating Company.

RIDER, Linda. (DUBUQUE, IA—Berkley, CA, 1952). Educator. Rider, a teacher at DUBUQUE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL between 1907 and 1927, led her students in the compilation of *Architecture of Dubuque*, one of the first books to describe Dubuque's many styles of buildings. Over a three year period, Rider and the "Author's Club," fifty of her students, assembled ninety-one photographs and one hundred twenty pages of text including scholarly explanations of architectural terms and summaries of the different styles.





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Estimated birth year:	abt 1824	
Birthplace:	New York	
Relation to Head of House:	Head	
Father's Birth Place:	New York	
Mother's Birth Place:	New York	
Spouse's name:	Evaleen Rickards	
Home in 1910:	Dubuque Ward 4, Dubuque, Iowa	
Marital Status:	Married	
Race:	White	
Gender:	Male	
Neighbors:	View others on page	
Household	Name	Age
Members:	Benjamin B Rickards	86
	Evaleen Rickards	66
	Clarence Rickards	30
	Theodora Rickards	25
	Mary Ohde	39
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