

His parents, William and Frances Jones Chassell, removed with their family to a farm near Iowa Falls, Iowa, in 1867. After attending country schools and while still very young, Edward D. Chassell taught during the winters and worked on farms during the summers. He was graduated from the Iowa State Normal School, now the State Teachers College, in 1882; and served as principal of schools at Staceyville and at St. Ansgar, Mitchell county, Iowa. In 1884 he purchased an interest in the newspaper known as the *Osage News* and became its editor. In 1888 he served in the Senate of the Twenty-second General Assembly as second assistant secretary. During the same year he removed to Le Mars, Plymouth county, Iowa, purchasing an interest in the *Le Mars Sentinel* and a short time later became its editor. In 1893 he was elected Representative from Plymouth county and served as such in the Twenty-fifth General Assembly. In 1903 Mr. Chassell was again elected Representative and served in the Thirtieth and Thirty-first General Assemblies. In 1906 the General Assembly elected him to the office of State Binder and he served as such from 1907 to 1912. In December, 1916, Governor Clarke appointed him as Railroad Commissioner to fill the vacancy created by the death of James H. Wilson. He served in this capacity until November, 1917, when he resigned to accept the position as secretary of the Farm Mortgage Banks Association of America, which office he held for about ten years. He then resigned and devoted the latter part of his life to his personal interests. He was a man of fine character, enterprising, progressive and successful.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Forty-third General Assembly, That we extend our sympathies to the family and express our appreciation of the life and character and public services of the Honorable Edward D. Chassell.*

*Be It Further Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the Journal of the House and the Chief Clerk be directed to send an enrolled copy to the family.*

FRANK J. SWANSON,  
CARL W. H. SASS,  
C. C. R. BUSH,

*Committee.*

Unanimously adopted April 8, 1929.

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HON. GEORGE F. COBURN

MR. SPEAKER: We, your committee appointed to draft suitable resolutions concerning the life and public service of Hon. George F. Coburn, member of the House of Representatives in the Twenty-eighth, Twenty-ninth, Thirtieth and Thirty-first General Assemblies, beg leave to submit the following report:

George F. Coburn, who passed away on Sunday, March 17, 1929, at his home in Tilden township, Cherokee county, Iowa, after a lingering illness of cancer of the stomach, was one of the most highly respected and prominent citizens of the country. The greater part of his life, which has been spent in this country, was a record of service and efficiency which

has distinguished him among his fellowmen. He has been a zealous political worker in the ranks of the Republican party and has served as a member of the Iowa House in the Twenty-eighth, Twenty-ninth, Thirtieth and Thirty-first General Assemblies and as a Senator from the Cherokee-Ida-Plymouth district in the Thirty-seventh and Thirty-eighth Assemblies.

George F. Coburn was born in Boone county, Illinois, the son of A. and Mary (Wright) Coburn, natives of Androscoggin, Maine, and it was in this country that he grew to manhood. At the age of eight he went to Maine where he remained until his eighteenth year, being trained in the occupation of a farmer. He received his education in the common schools.

In 1874 Mr. Coburn came to Iowa, settling four years later on a farm in Tilden township which he purchased. He gave evidence of his pluck and grit by living all alone in a dugout. He had few neighbors and as the country was new he encountered all the hardships of pioneer life which he faced bravely and later reaped the rewards of his industry.

He was united in marriage on November 8, 1879, to Miss Mary Coburn, daughter of Albert and Elizabeth Coburn, born in New York state, who with five children, Arthur, John, Pearlle, Alvin and Francis, mourn the death of their beloved husband and father.

He is also survived by one brother, Fred A., of Eastport, Maine, and two sisters, Mrs. C. F. Westgate of Bradford, Massachusetts, and Mrs. Foster Wilbur of Cambridge, Massachusetts, fourteen grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

He has taken a great interest in community affairs and was a member of several lodges and clubs, among them Little Sioux Lodge, A. F. & A. M.; Haggai Chapter, R. A. M.; Crusade Commandery, K. T.; T. S. Parvin Consistory No. 5, and Washta Chapter No. 307, O. E. S.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, March 21, 1929, at the home and at Mt. Pleasant church, and interment was made in Tilden cemetery.

The Washta Masonic Lodge had charge of the last rites.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved*, That in the passing of the Hon. George F. Coburn, the state has lost a valuable and honored citizen, a man of strong character and sterling worth, and the House would tender, by this resolution, its sympathy to the widow and children who survive him.

*Be It Further Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the Journal of the House as an expression of the life and worth of the deceased, and an enrolled copy thereof be transmitted to the family of the deceased, in care of Mrs. George F. Coburn at Marcus, Iowa.

C. C. R. BUSH,  
FRANK J. SWANSON,  
JOHN H. AIKEN,

*Committee.*

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