

HENRY EDGINGTON

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable Henry Edgington, begs leave to submit the following memorial:

Henry Edgington, pioneer resident of Monona county, Iowa, was born in Crawford county, Illinois, March 14, 1854, and passed away at his home in Mapleton, Iowa, June 27, 1943, at the age of 89 years. Mr. Edgington received his early education in the schools of Illinois. He came to Iowa at the age of nineteen.

He was engaged in agricultural pursuits and was a successful farmer and feeder of livestock. He was energetic, ambitious and successful. At one time he owned and operated over one thousand acres of good Iowa land in Monona county and was widely known in western Iowa as an extensive cattle feeder and operator. In later years he was interested in banking, being President of the State Savings Bank at Ute, Iowa.

Mr. Edgington could be called a self-made man for his success was due to his own efforts. He knew the hardship and trials of a pioneer in the early days of the settlement of western Iowa.

He was honored by the citizens of his county in a political way. He served as county supervisor for nine years. At the expiration of his term as supervisor he was elected state representative of Monona county. He served in the Thirty-seventh, Thirty-eighth, and Thirty-ninth State Legislatures. He discharged the duties of supervisor and representative with ability, and in an efficient manner. He was conscientious and was beloved by his associates.

Mr. Edgington was married to Mary Idell Hitchcock of Ashton, Illinois, in 1880. Mrs. Edgington passed away in May, 1919. To this union four children were born, three of whom survive, Harlan and John Edgington and Mrs. Mabel Renfro all of Mapleton, Iowa. One son, Ray, passed away in December, 1918. He is also survived by eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Mr. Edgington was a man of pleasing personality, cheerful disposition and was well-liked by all who knew him. He was keenly interested in current affairs and always took an active part, lending his aid and support to those efforts which were for the betterment of the community in which he lived for over 63 years.

He was a member of the Methodist Church and various Masonic orders. His life work is ended but his memory and the good he has done lingers on.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Fifty-first General Assembly, That, in the passing of the Honorable Henry Edgington, the State has lost a valued and honored citizen and the family a loving father, and the House would tender by this resolution, its sincere sympathy; and

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be spread upon

the Journal of the House and that the Chief Clerk be instructed to send an enrolled copy to the family of the deceased.

A. EARL MCNEILL,
PAUL KUHLMANN,
CHARLES S. VAN EATON,
Committee.

Unanimously adopted,

FREDERICK O. ELLISON

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character, and public service of the late Honorable Frederick O. Ellison, begs leave to submit the following memorial:

Frederick O. Ellison came of sturdy Irish ancestry and was born July 4, 1853, in New York City, where he received his early education. He passed away at his home at Anamosa, Iowa, on Saturday evening, October 7, 1944. At the age of seventeen he came with his parents to Iowa, to take charge of a farm in Warren county. He studied at Simpson College and entered the law office of Todhunter & Williamson at Indianola and there pursued his legal studies until he was admitted to the bar in 1874, after which he practiced his profession at Clinton and Wyoming, Iowa. In 1889 he moved to Anamosa, where he was first associated with Ezra Keeler and was senior member of the firm of Ellison, Ercanbrach & Lawrence and later of Ellison & Gorman, which continued until his elevation to the bench in 1906.

During his long career of public service, he was mayor of Wyoming, Iowa, councilman and mayor of Anamosa and county attorney of Jones county. He was state representative from 1894 to 1896 and state senator from 1896 to 1900. During his term in the senate, he spent three winters, with other legislators, in framing the 1897 Iowa code. Beginning his tenure on the bench in the old court house in Marion, Iowa, he later was the first judge to sit in the new Jones county court house. His period of service in the Eighteenth Judicial District was one of the longest among Iowa jurists. He was an able jurist and many of his decisions were quoted and had far reaching effect, including the famous Council Bluffs water case and his decision for the lowering of gas rates in Cedar Rapids. He retired from the bench in 1938 after serving the district as judge for thirty-two years.

He was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, serving on the finance committee and as one of the trustees.

In 1875 he was united in marriage to Anna Elida McCutcheon at Indianola, who preceded him in death on December 8, 1927. In 1930 he was united in marriage to Dorinda Abbott of London, Canada. He is survived by his wife, who was his constant companion during his failing health, two sons, Rolland R. Ellison, a dairy farmer near Anamosa, and Clifford W. Ellison, a New York City physician, and a daughter, Mrs. Mildred Paul of Anamosa.

He was a member of Anamosa Lodge No. 46, Ancient Free and Ac-