

of R. M. Anderson Command No. 5, Union Veterans' Union; Commander of the Department of Iowa, Union Veterans' Union, and deputy commander-in-chief of the National Command of that order. Had been secretary and treasurer of the Maquoketa Pioneer and Old Settler's Society for twelve years, and in 1903 organized the Jackson County Historical Society, which was incorporated, and was secretary and curator of the same. On October 16, 1870, was married to Miss Mary M. Forbes, who was also of Revolutionary ancestry; she died in March, 1907. They had four children who lived to grow to manhood and womanhood, one son and three daughters, Frank E., Mrs. Jesse Miller, and Mrs. Fred Albright of Maquoketa and Mrs. Orville Eastman of Clinton. He was elected representative in 1908 and re-elected in 1910. A democrat in politics. Mr. Ellis was a useful member of numerous organizations, Congregational Church, Kiwanis Club, Chamber of Commerce and of several Masonic orders, Jackson Lodge I. O. O. F., and Peerless Lodge K. of P. During his term in the Legislature he succeeded in raising a fund to remove the body of Ansel Briggs, Iowa's first governor, from its resting place in Omaha to Andrew, Jackson county, the home of the executive when he became the governor of the state, after which he secured from the state an appropriation of \$1,000.00 for the erection of a suitable monument. Mr. Ellis spent many years diligently collecting historical facts and recording them for the people of his county. His books are thorough and complete, especially his standard history of Jackson county. He realized the value of the happenings of fifty years ago—it was history—and is of vital importance as connected with the history of the present time. An active useful life has closed, but not until after great good had been done and much honor attained. The state is far better for the life of James W. Ellis.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Forty-fourth General Assembly, That in the passing of the Honorable James W. Ellis the state has lost an honored and valued citizen and a man of high ideals.*

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

CAROLYN C. PENDRAY,  
J. H. THIESSEN,  
H. C. FINNERN,

*Committee.*

Unanimously adopted April 13, 1931.

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HON. D. M. GIBSON

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare resolutions in commemoration of the life, character and services of the Hon. D. M. Gibson, begs leave to submit the following report:

D. Millard Gibson, son of E. P. and Edith Millard Gibson, was born in Osceola, Iowa, September 11, 1868, and died at his home near that city June 1, 1930. With the exception of three years during which

time he resided in Nebraska, the deceased continued his residence in Clarke County, Iowa.

January 22, 1895, he was united in marriage with Ettie M. Mohler and to them eight children were born: Edith Ellen, who died at the age of three years; Elizabeth, wife of Carleton Neal of Battle Creek, Michigan; Louise, widow of Loren Crawford deceased; Beryl, wife of Charles E. Prescott of Passaic, New Jersey; Pauline, wife of Lyle Foster of Osceola, Iowa; Frank Gibson of Los Angeles, California, and Bernice and Donovan, residing at the family home.

Mr. Gibson was reared on a farm near Osceola, receiving his education in the rural school, the Osceola High School, Simpson College and a business course at Highland Park College of Des Moines. He followed the vocation of farming until a few years before his death when he moved with his family to the city of Osceola. Here he was president of the Iowa State Bank and an active Farm Bureau worker. He took a great interest and was a tireless worker in many community enterprises.

In 1920, Mr. Gibson was honored by election to the office of state representative of Clarke county to the Thirty-ninth General Assembly, and was re-elected to the Fortieth General Assembly in 1922. Here he served with loyalty and devotion the people who elected him to this responsibility. Those who knew him best loved and respected him as is evidenced by a clipping contained in a local paper—The Osceola Sentinel—from which we quote.

"Clarke county has no better citizen than was D. M. Gibson. He was an elder in the Osceola Presbyterian Church, and a member of the Osceola K. P. lodge; was prominent and active in the Clarke County Farm Bureau and other local organizations. A Christian gentleman, congenial and courteous, he met his associates on the higher plane of right living and his presence afforded an inspiration for pure thought and helpful activities.

"In his busy life he found time to contribute his portion to the public service for the greatest advancement of community and civic welfare. Whether engaged as a township official, a bank president or a member of the state Legislature he was ever found faithful, aggressive and reliable. In other words his life exemplified the higher ideals of Christian citizenship. Just how much we owe to the influence of men and women such as was Millard Gibson we can scarcely realize nor fully understand."

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Forty-fourth 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 D. M. Gibson.*

*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.*

LEROY SHIELDS,  
VICTOR FELTER,  
JAS. L. RANDALL,

*Committee.*

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