

HON. SAMUEL L. GRAHAM

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare resolutions in commemoration of the life, character and services of the Honorable Samuel L. Graham, beg leave to submit the following report:

Samuel L. Graham was born in Washington County, Pennsylvania, and departed this life at his home in Ottumwa, Iowa, on the 13th day of October, 1930, at the age of seventy-eight years. He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Jesse Graham Ream of Ottumwa.

Having graduated from the high school of Washington, Pennsylvania, he enrolled as a student of Washington and Jefferson College, later entering Waynesburg College at Waynesburg, Pennsylvania, from which college he was graduated. He then took a course in the Yale law school in constitutional and commercial law.

At various times Mr. Graham was principal of a graded school, superintendent of city schools and superintendent of county schools in DeKalb County, Illinois. He then entered the retail clothing business in Ottumwa, Iowa, which business he conducted about fifteen years. In 1920 he was elected state representative from Wapello county on the republican ticket and served continually in the Iowa Legislature until 1926 when he retired. In 1927 he was elected city commissioner of the city of Ottumwa, Iowa, which office he held for two years.

Mr. Graham always took a great interest in community affairs and was a member of several lodges and clubs, among them the Masonic Lodge, the Elks and Odd Fellows. He continued his activity in community affairs until the day before his death.

Funeral services were held October 16, from the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Ottumwa, Iowa, and were in charge of Ottumwa Lodge, 347, B. P. O. E.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Forty-fourth General Assembly, That in the passing of the Honorable Samuel L. Graham the state lost a loyal and valuable citizen, a man of public spirit and one who was always ready to do his part for his community and for his state, and this House by this resolution tenders its sympathy to his surviving daughter; and

Be It Further Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the Journal, and an enrolled copy sent to the surviving relative.

LEONARD SIMMER,
L. B. FORSLING,
J. T. HANSEN,

Committee.

Unanimously adopted April 13, 1931.

HON. C. B. HUTCHINS

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare resolutions in commemoration of the life, character and services of the Hon. Clayton B. Hutchins, beg leave to submit the following report:

Clayton B. Hutchins was born near Moira, in Franklin County, New York, January 11, 1849, the son of Dexter H. and Helen M. (Whitney)

Hutchins. With his parents he came to Iowa in the spring of 1855, traveling by prairie schooner and by boat on the Great Lakes from Ogdenburg, New York, to Chicago, a journey that required eighteen days to reach their destination, which was a farm near the village of National, in Clayton County, Iowa. In 1869, the family emigrated to Kossuth county, where Mr. Hutchins resided for sixty-two years. Hence this hardy pioneer became one of the outstanding men in the county's and northwestern Iowa's history.

In September, 1869, he started by stage to attend the State University of Iowa. Here he spent two years, but on account of the losses occasioned by the depredations of the grasshoppers in the early seventies, was compelled to abandon this work.

Mr. Hutchins then went to teaching school and taught in Kossuth, Palo Alto and Clayton counties. About this time he was united in marriage to Miss Eva Hamilton and to them seven sons were born, four of whom survive: Harold D., Lawrence C., Carlton B., at Algona, and Ralph W., at Gilman, Wis.

Mr. Hutchins' work for the public, and his definite ideas in regard to some of the legislation proposed at the time of the Thirty-fourth and Thirty-fifth General Assemblies, from 1910 to 1913, resulted in his election to the Iowa Legislature as representative from Kossuth county.

He sponsored the primary election law, which changed the time thereof from the first Tuesday to the first Monday in June. He took the leadership in the effort to prevent the division of Kossuth county.

In the course of his life of over sixty years in Kossuth county, Mr. Hutchins occupied many positions of public trust and responsibility, such as school director, county surveyor, county auditor, president of the Kossuth County Farmers Institute, president of the Algona Co-operative Creamery Company, president of the Kossuth County Mutual Fire Insurance Company, vice president of the County Savings Bank, and other offices of minor character.

He espoused the religious faith of the Congregational Church, and was chairman of the board of trustees of the Algona church during the pastorate of Rev. W. J. Suckow.

He passed away March 28, 1931, in his eighty-third year.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the House of Representatives take this occasion to present this tribute to the memory of a faithful public servant, and to express appreciation of his character and public services, and at the same time extend to relatives most sincere sympathy.

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be printed in the Journal of the House and that the Chief Clerk be directed to forward to the family of the deceased an enrolled copy.

A. H. BONNSTETTER,
E. O. HELGASON,
P. H. DONLON,

Committee.

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