

In 1891 he entered the law department of Drake University and graduated in 1894. He commenced the practice of law at Adel, Iowa. In 1903 he was elected county attorney and served three terms in that office.

On June 3, 1897, he was united in marriage to Laura Simcoke, and to them were born two children. The wife passed away June 8, 1910. He was later married to Laura E. Cousins, July 18, 1926, who survives him.

He was elected State Representative on the Republican ticket November 3, 1926, and was serving in that capacity at the time of his death, which occurred at the Savery Hotel in Des Moines, Iowa, January 20, 1927.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Forty-third General Assembly, That in the passing of the Hon. David Hardman Miller, the state has lost an honored and valuable citizen, a man of high ideals in Christian living and useful citizenship.

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 forward an enrolled copy of it to the family of the deceased.

C. W. LAMB,

GEO. M. HOPKINS,

D. M. GRISWOLD,

Committee.

Unanimously adopted April 8, 1929.

HON. HORATIO PITCHER

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee appointed to prepare suitable resolutions commemorating the life and service of the Honorable Horatio Pitcher, late of Cherokee county, beg leave to submit the following memorial:

Horatio Pitcher was born in the town of Monroe, Maine, January 23, 1839, the son of Horatio Gates and Anna Leonard Pitcher, both of Puritan stock. The family moved to Bangor, Maine, when Horatio was a small boy and there he acquired his early education in the public schools and later attended academies in Maine and Massachusetts. He was for a time a student at Oberlin College, Ohio.

After completing his studies he turned his attention to the grocery business, following this line of work until 1861 when at twenty-two years of age he enlisted in the First Regiment of the Second Maine Volunteer Infantry. After the Battle of Bull Run he was made quartermaster sergeant, serving in this capacity until after the Penninsular campaign, when he received a commission as quartermaster of the Eighteenth Maine Volunteers. In 1864 he was ordered to Albany, New York, to buy horses for the army. He continued thus until the close of the war when he was mustered out with a creditable military record at Bangor, Maine, in the spring of 1865, having served through the entire Civil War. After receiving his discharge, Mr. Pitcher went to Savannah, Georgia, where he conducted a mercantile business for several years. He then moved to Boston, Massachusetts, where in partnership with his brother he engaged in the same business until 1868. In that year he came on a trip to Iowa

to see the west. After investigating the advantages and resources of northwest Iowa, he bought a section of government land in Cherokee county, paying two dollars and fifty cents per acre. This is still owned by the family and is located near Aurelia.

At that time Cherokee county was a frontier district, with miles of unbroken prairie and the nearest market at Denison sixty miles to the south. The next year, 1869, brought the railroad and many settlers. The township was organized and named Pitcher in honor of one of the first settlers.

Mr. Pitcher returned to Boston for several years, but finally came to Iowa to establish his home. Throughout the succeeding years he carried forward the work of improving and developing his property, adding to his holdings until he owned 720 acres, also a farm of 200 acres in Minnesota.

Mr. Pitcher was united in marriage to Elizabeth Hersey of Bangor, Maine, in 1877. They were the parents of four children, three of whom are living at Aurelia.

Politically he was a Republican and served as supervisor, as a member of the school board, and held a seat in the state legislature at Des Moines in 1881, besides giving active cooperation to many movements for the public good. Living in Pitcher township for forty-nine years he was respected and honored by an extensive circle of friends. Through years of declining health his interest in his home and community, its churches and schools never lessened. His greatest contribution to life was his courage, never allowing discouragement to find lodgement within himself and sustaining many others through trying hours. He died April 11, 1927, at the age of eighty-eight years.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the House of Representatives of the state of Iowa takes this occasion to express its appreciation of the character and services of this valuable citizen, and,

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 an enrolled copy to the family of the deceased in care of Miss Bess Pitcher, at Aurelia, Iowa.

C. C. R. BUSH,
G. L. VENARD,
J. PARK BAIR,

Committee.

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HON. THOMAS PARSONS

MR. SPEAKER: We, your committee, appointed to draft suitable resolutions concerning the life and public services of Honorable Thomas Parsons, member of the Thirty-eighth, Thirty-ninth, Fortieth and Fortieth extra General Assemblies, beg leave to submit the following:

On Sunday, April 1, 1928, occurred the death of Thomas Parsons, pioneer resident of Calhoun county Iowa, at Saint Joseph's Mercy Hospital, Fort Dodge, after an illness of about seven months.