

Mr. Stillmunkes was born in Westphalen, Germany, on January 7, 1844. At the age of two years he emigrated to this country with his parents. In June, 1867, he was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Wieland, who died in 1907. Ten children were born to this union. On September 11, 1931, he was married to Miss Cecile Schmitt.

He was a man of sterling qualities, the possessor of many friends and he was always active in the affairs of his community, being secretary of the Independent School Board of Jefferson township for 67 years. In addition to his active interest in civic affairs he was prominent in banking circles throughout the state, being connected with various financial institutions.

Also, he was during his lifetime and at the time of his death a member of St. Peters and Pauls Catholic Church at Sherrills Mound, Dubuque county, Iowa. His death occurred on October 20, 1940, and he is survived by his wife and following children: Mrs. Mary Link, Big Lake, Minn.; Mrs. Charles (Louise) Link, Waukon, Iowa; John Stillmunkes, Dubuque, Iowa; Joseph Stillmunkes, Albuquerque, New Mexico; Dr. William B. Stillmunkes, St. Louis, Missouri; and Mrs. George (Laura) Brown, Los Angeles, California. Preceding him in death were three sons, Frank, Paul and George, his first wife, and one daughter, Mrs. John (Kate) Conrad.

Mr. Stillmunkes, a life-long member of the Democratic party, was elected as Representative in the lower House, serving two terms during the Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth sessions of the General Assembly.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Forty-ninth General Assembly of the State of Iowa, That in the passing of the Honorable Peter Stillmunkes the state of Iowa has lost a valued and honored citizen, and the House belatedly tenders its sympathies to the surviving members of his family.

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

J. W. MANLEY,
ROBERT C. REILLY,
F. E. SHARP,

Committee.

Unanimously adopted, April 3, 1941.

HONORABLE REYBURN L. RUTLEDGE

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare appropriate resolutions commemorating the life, character, and public service of the Honorable Reyburn L. Rutledge begs leave to submit the following:

Reyburn L. Rutledge was born in Webster county, Iowa, June 29, 1888, and died August 26, 1939. Mr. Rutledge spent his entire life in Webster county, actively identified with every phase of community life.

He attended and graduated from the Fort Dodge public schools. In a judging contest at the 1908 state fair he received a scholarship to Iowa

State College. He continued his studies at that institution and before his graduation won honors on the football team.

His interest in farming continued through the years. He and Mrs. Rutledge were associated with the Farm Bureau in all of its activities.

He volunteered in the World War, and was assigned to aviation service in 1918. He was a member of the American Legion, and took part in all of the activities of this organization.

Mr. Rutledge was elected Representative from Webster county and served in the Forty-second, Forty-third, and Forty-fourth General Assemblies, where he proved to be one of its most diligent members. He was speaker pro tem of the Forty-fourth General Assembly. His official activities were characterized by honesty and upright business methods. He was a staunch Republican and a zealous worker for his party.

He was united in marriage to Miss Mabel Mears of Grinnell. To this union four daughters were born, Jean, Ann, Alice, and Mary. He was a member of the Congregational church of Fort Dodge and the burial service was from that church.

The news of the sudden death of Reyburn L. Rutledge shocked not only his family and the immediate community but his numerous friends throughout the state. His passing brought a sense of desolation and loss which was manifestly evident, wherever the information was received.

Mr. Rutledge was a typical product of his day and generation, representing the best characteristics of the immediate descendants of the early pioneers who made valuable contributions to Iowa history. His grandfather, the Honorable L. S. Coffin (lovingly called Father Coffin) was one of the best known pioneers of northwest Iowa. His mother, Carrie Coffin Rutledge, during her lifetime, was one of Iowa's most capable women, prominent in woman's suffrage, temperance, and religious groups; she pioneered in each.

The highest compliment that can be paid to the memory of Mr. Rutledge is to recall his faithfulness to his friends and his intimate love and devotion to his family.

He was the author of the following poem which expresses eloquently his outlook in life:

RELIGION

When the talk turns on Religion
I have notions of my own,
Have my versions of the Bible
And the things I think alone.

For Religion as I see it
Is a pathway to a goal,
It is something to be settled
Between each man and his soul.

Now I'm not a Roman Catholic
But I wouldn't go so far
As to throw away the friendship
Of the folks I know who are.

For I've lived and neighbored with them
Found them loyal through and through,

I've respect and admiration
For the kindly things they do.

So I've come to the conclusion
Tho some people think it odd
That it makes but little difference
How a good man worships God.

I know Methodists and Baptists,
Lutherans, Scientists and Jews
Whose friendship is a treasure
I wouldn't want to lose.

And I honor and respect them
And wouldn't dare condemn
The form of prayer and worship
That is comforting to them.

So when bigots talk Religion
I just settle back and see
All the kindly friends and loyal
Every Church has given me.

Reyburn L. Rutledge

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Forty-ninth General Assembly, That the foregoing Memorial be adopted as its appreciation of the life, character, and public service of the late Reyburn L. Rutledge.

Be It Further Resolved, That these resolutions be spread on the records of this House and a copy thereof be sent to the family of the deceased.

JOHN S. HEFFNER,
MELVIN WILSON,
JAMES F. STANEK,

Committee.