

brother, the late Philip Ryder, in the Ryder Brothers Wholesale Grocery Co. In 1919 the brothers organized the Ryder Realty Co., in which they were both associated until their respective deaths.

Mr. Ryder, a life-long member of the Democratic party, was elected one of Dubuque county's two representatives in the lower House and served during the Forty-first, Forty-second, Forty-second Extra, Forty-third, Forty-fourth, Forty-fifth, Forty-fifth Extra, Forty-sixth, Forty-sixth Extra and Forty-seventh General Assemblies.

It was during the Forty-seventh General Assembly that Mr. Ryder received wide publicity throughout Iowa, when he was brought into the House in a wheel chair to cast his Democratic vote which broke a tie in the race for Speaker of the House. Mr. Ryder had been ill for several months before the opening of the session. When it became obvious that his vote was needed to insure the election of LaMar Foster, a Democrat, Mr. Ryder made the trip and cast the vote that elected Mr. Foster.

Mr. Ryder was widely known throughout the state through his connection with the state organization of the Catholic Order of Foresters. He was a member of St. Columbkille's Court of that Order in Dubuque for many years. He represented his Court at many state conventions and was elected to many state offices, eventually being made head of the Order in the state, holding the office of Chief Ranger for many years.

Mr. Ryder was married to Miss Anna L. Killeen in St. Raphael's Cathedral in Dubuque in 1917. She died in 1923. He was a life-long member of the Catholic faith and of St. Raphael's Parish. He was a member of the Holy Name Society of St. Raphael's Parish and of the Dubuque Council of Knights of Columbus and the Fourth Degree Assembly of that Council.

Mr. Ryder served his community and state and served them well. The city of Dubuque and the state of Iowa have lost a valuable citizen.

Mr. Ryder is survived by his sister, Miss Esther Ryder, and two nieces, Miss Marian Ryder and Miss Isabel Ryder.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Forty-ninth General Assembly of the State of Iowa in Regular Session, That in the death of John Ryder, the people of Dubuque county and the state of Iowa have sustained a great loss.

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the Journal of the House and that the Chief Clerk be directed to send an enrolled copy to the sister and nieces of Mr. Ryder.

ROBERT C. REILLY,
J. W. MANLEY,
ARCH W. MCFARLANE,

Committee.

Unanimously adopted, April 3, 1941.

HONORABLE HENRY O. SEIFFERT

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

Henry O. Seiffert was born December 12, 1845, in Schoenberg, Holstein, Germany, and died at his home, 523 West 6th Street, Davenport, on December 12, 1940—his ninety-fifth birthday.

As a youth Mr. Seiffert took up the milling trade and, having learned it, traveled all over Germany and Austria working at his trade. When he was 21 years old, in the summer of 1866, he left Germany with a boyhood friend, William Ruser, for America. They traveled on a cattle boat to Hull, England, and from there to Liverpool, and they sailed for Quebec on the sailing ship St. David. From Quebec they went overland to New York, traveling by way of Albany.

Failing to find work in New York, Mr. Seiffert came to Davenport later in the summer, staying for a time at Hoering's boarding house, an establishment that few now living will remember. Failing to secure work at his trade, he worked on a farm near Davenport, attending business college in Davenport during the fall and winter. In the spring of 1867 he secured work in the flour store owned by John Good of Moline, located on Harrison Street. Later the store was sold and Mr. Seiffert obtained work in what is now the Phoenix Mill here, owned by the Freihofter Milling Co. For many years he was president of the Phoenix Company.

Two years after his arrival in Davenport he was married to Catherine Bauck. She preceded him in death. Four children survive: Otto H. Seiffert, president of the H. O. Seiffert Lumber Co., residing in Moline, Illinois; Miss Helan Seiffert and Mrs. C. T. Beiderbecke, both of Davenport, and Mrs. Martha Boes, Magdeburg, Germany. He also leaves a brother, Herman Seiffert, Avoca, Iowa, nine grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

About the time of his marriage Mr. Seiffert decided that greater opportunity for advancement lay in the western part of the country, and with Henry Weise, a schoolmate, went to Avoca, Iowa, where they entered the land business. His land dealings prospered and in 1875 he started a brick and lumber yard in Avoca. Shortly after the establishment of the brick and lumber yard, he began to acquire grain elevators and to crib corn. Soon he owned eight lumber yards, located at Avoca, Walnut, Hancock, Oakland, Minden, Carson, Harlan and Adair. He extended his interests in Avoca, buying an interest in the flour mill there and becoming a director in the Avoca bank.

In 1881 Mr. Seiffert was elected to the Iowa House of Representatives from Pottawattamie county, although, as he related, he neither sought nor campaigned for the office. At the time of his death he was the oldest Iowa legislator.

In 1892, with his children growing up, he decided that they should have greater educational opportunities than were afforded in Avoca, and returned to Davenport, where he established his lumber business at its present location, 923 West Second Street.

Shortly after his return to Davenport he became a director in the Citizens Trust & Savings Bank, and later became a director and a vice president of the German Savings Bank, remaining for 30 years in the latter capacity.

He had been a director of the Davenport Bank & Trust Company since

its organization and up until his retirement he had attended board meetings faithfully. He was also a director for the Friendly House for many years and was president of the Glucose Company, when it was Davenport's leading industry.

In addition to his business affairs here, he founded the Monroe Shingle Company in Monroe, Washington, the H. W. Seiffert Co., at Everett, Washington, and served as president of the Monroe Timber Company at Eugene, Washington, for many years.

Outside of his business and family, Mr. Seiffert had few hobbies. He was fond of traveling and made numerous trips abroad, as well as traveling extensively through his adopted country. He enjoyed walking and frequently took long jaunts on foot.

At the age of 16 he was confirmed in the German Lutheran church.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Forty-ninth General Assembly, That in the death of Henry O. Seiffert, the entire state of Iowa has sustained a great loss.

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 forward an enrolled copy to the surviving children of the deceased.

HOWARD P. ECKERMAN,
WALTER DIETZ,
H. W. WALTER,

Committee.

Unanimously adopted, April 3, 1941.

HONORABLE JOHN H. SELBY

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable John H. Selby, of Sac county, Iowa, begs leave to submit the following report:

John Hanna Selby, son of Sadie Hanna and Seymour Douglas Selby, was born May 12, 1892, at Villisca, Iowa. As a small child he came with his parents to Odebolt, Iowa, which has since been his home. He was graduated from Odebolt high school in 1910 and from the University of Omaha in 1914.

During the World War, Mr. Selby served as a first lieutenant in the 35th division and saw active service in France. He was gas officer in the 160th regiment and was badly gassed himself during a major engagement in the Argonne.

On November 1, 1919, he was united in marriage to Della Nelson at Omaha, Nebraska. To this union were born two sons, John Douglas, and Laurie Nelson. He is also survived by his mother, Mrs. S. D. Selby of Omaha, Nebraska; a brother, Paul D. Selby of Omaha, Nebraska; and a sister, Mrs. Richard J. Krueger of St. Paul, Minnesota.

Mr. Selby's civic service was given not only in war but in peace as well. He was former mayor of Odebolt, a member of the General Assembly from 1934 to 1936, a world war veteran, and secretary-treasurer of the National Farm Loan Association for Sac and Ida counties.