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MATTHEW A. TINLEY, physician and surgeon, retired lieutenant general and commander of the 34th division, died at Council Bluffs, Iowa, March 11, 1956; born in Council Bluffs, Iowa, March 5, 1876; son of Matthew Hale Tinley who came from County Cavan, Ireland, in 1850, at 12 years of age. and Rose Dolan of the County Roscommons; besides attending school as a youth, carried papers, cared for a garden and herded cattle for spending money; was graduated from the old Council Bluffs high school in 1894, having begun his military career in training as high school cadet; private in 3rd Iowa National Guard 1894-98; after nearly two years in the expeditionary force and in occupation of Germany, returned in charge of the regiment as colonel in 1919; appointed colonel of the 168th and on July 7, 1921, placed in command as brigadier general of the 67th infantry brigade; promoted to major general in charge of the 34th division, 1924; combined a distinguished military career with practice of medical profession over a long period in Council Bluffs; always known in Council Bluffs as "Dr. Mat," probably was the only Iowa army combat officer who was simultaneously a practicing physician; was in military service more than 45 years, with almost four years of this period in Federal service; at outbreak of the Spanish-American war, was a freshman medical student at the University of Nebraska; resumed studies there after that war and received his medical degree in 1902, and practiced at Council Bluffs when not on active army duty; at one time was chief of staff of Jennie Edmundson Hospital; at Council Bluffs, and until her death, had been associated with his sister, the late Dr. Mary Tinley; retired from medical practice in 1953; in 1902-03 took special medical work at the New York Postgraduate School and the School of Obstetrics and the Lying-in hospital; served as the second president of the Rainbow Veterans Association in 1920; was the first commander of the Iowa Department of the American Legion; served as vice-president of the National Guard Association of the United States in 1933 and as president of the association in 1934; service medals and decorations received were Distinguished Service Spanish War Service Medal, Philippine Congressional Medal, Philippine Campaign Medal, Mexican Border Service Medal, Victory Medal with one silver star and five bronze stars and the following clasps: Champagne, Aisen-Marne, Meuse-Argonne, Saint Mihiel, Chateau Thierry, Defensive Sector, also the Legion of Honor, Of-

ficer, with Rosette, and the Croix-De-Guerre, with Gold Star; on August 2, 1938, was awarded a special medal by the state of Iowa in recognition of long service in the Iowa National Guard; commanded the Iowa National Guard troops during the "farm strike" disorders in northwest Iowa in 1933 and for this duty received the medal of the United States Flag Association, given annually for law enforcement, was with the guard troops for a month at Newton, Iowa, during labor difficulties in 1938; appointed district surgeon for the Union Pacific Railway in 1904, and also for many years represented the Wabash and Burlington railways at Council Bluffs; served as vice-president of the Iowa State Medical Association and chairman of the commission named by the governor of Iowa at the time of repeal to draw up the plans which were the basis for formation of the Iowa state liquor commission; also served as a division president for the National Railway Surgeons Association; in politics was a Democrat and was supported for nomination as a candidate for vice-president at the national Democratic party convention in 1932, with 230 pledged votes for the nomination; was a member of the Council Bluffs Community Committee on Poor Relief; an active member of the Knights of Columbus and served as grand knight of the home council; all brothers and sisters also became distinguished—the oldest of the children, Hubert, became a bank president, Emmett, the next child, served as president of his state bar association; the oldest daughter, Mary, recognized as a national authority on the treatment of diseases of women and children; John, the next boy, was a judge; Beatrice, the next after John, married a millionaire; Aurelia, the youngest girl, became a school teacher and George, the youngest of the family, became a public official; surviving are the widow, the former Lucy Shaw Williams, from Norfolk, Nebraska; a son, Dr. Robert E. Tinley, Denver City, Texas, a daughter, Miss Winifred Tinley, and a sister, Miss Aurelia of Council Bluffs, four grandsons and one great grandson.

FRANZ JOHN WOOD, farm machinery manufacturer and inventor, died at Des Moines, Iowa, April 14, 1956; born on a farm in Fremont township, Winona county, in southeastern Minnesota, March 7, 1864; attended rural school and worked with his father and brother Robert on the farm; inventive genius developed early in construction of a crude corn planter; moved in 1883, with family to Spink county, South Dakota where the father took a homestead claim on land twenty miles from Redfield, the county seat, then a small, one-street town; assisted in farming and log hauling, resumed school

at Redfield for a time, alternating with farm work and as a hod carrier and later a book agent; farm machinery purchased intrigued him and quickly he devised improvements, fashioning other farm equipment; from his crude inventions came demand for the machines, and with his brother secured an old foundry and machine shop run by water power and in 1893 began the manufacture of a line of farm machinery including threshing machines, steam engines, reapers, binders, stackers, feeders, power rakes, etc., all the time showing improvements until in total he registered 25 separate inventions; a plant was operated at Pipestone, Minn., and after coming to Iowa, plants were operated by Wood Brothers successfully at Fort Dodge and Forest City; in 1899 moved the plant to Des Moines, building the present extensive factory in 1926, in which threshers and other harvesting machinery were manufactured and shipped in great volume over the years intervening; suffered the death of Robert on April 6, 1943, and retired from the presidency of the company in 1945, since having lived in retirement in Des Moines, engaged in writing his memoirs, a portion of which have been published; in 1955 the factory became the Des Moines Implement Plant of the Ford Motor Co.; survived by a daughter, Helen Wood, a teacher in the Des Moines school system; a son, Robert of Cedar Rapids, and three grandchildren.

JOHN WILLIAM HAGGARD, Iowa newspaper man for 63 years, died at Algona, Iowa, Christmas eve, December 24, 1955; born in a sod house in Irvington township, Kossuth county, Iowa, on January 3, 1870; a son of Mr. and Mrs. David A. Haggard, the father a Civil war veteran; began his newspaper career as an apprentice on the old *Algona Republican* in 1882, and retired in 1949 by sale of his interest in the *Algona Upper Des Moines*; during early part of career went to South Dakota and spent two years working upon newspapers, and then to Milwaukee and employed on the *Milwaukee Journal* three years; returned to Algona and became foreman upon the *Republican* when Milton Starr was editor and publisher; became a partner of Mr. Starr in 1899, and in 1902 they bought the *Upper Des Moines* from Harvey Ingham, engaging in several partnerships in its publication until his retirement; active all his mature life in community affairs; helped organize and was a vice president at time of his death of the Security State bank; became known late in life as the oldest newspaperman in point of continuous service in his section of the state; was a rugged individualist in religion and politics and independent in his viewpoint; surviving is his widow Segrid, and two sisters, Mrs. Margaret Moore, San Antonio,

Texas, and Mrs. Mattie Falkenhaimer, Algona, a brother, Melzar Haggard having preceded him in death.

HARLEY A. (Tex) GRANTHAM, newspaperman, merchant and former chairman of the Iowa Tax Commission, died at his home in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, March 13, 1956; born at Marseilles, Illinois, November 21, 1894; came with family to Belle Plaine, Iowa, as a small boy and attended grade school; obtained further education through a correspondence school and attended night school at Cedar Rapids and Coe college there; employed by the C. & N. W. railroad at Belle Plaine; enlisted in the aviation division of the U. S. army in 1918; became a newspaper reporter on the *Cedar Rapids Republican* and the *Long Beach (Cal.) Telegram*; was publisher of the *DeWitt Observer* from 1926 to 1936 before coming to Des Moines as publicity man for the state Republican committee; became secretary of the state Republican committee, and was regarded as the "man behind the victory" when the Republicans ended six years of state Democratic control with the election of Gov. George Wilson in 1938; appointed a member of the State Tax Commission in 1941 and elected chairman; retired in 1949 to enter business and moved to Fort Lauderdale where he opened and conducted a general store; one son, Francis A., by his first wife, who died, succeeded his father in business, operating a variety store in DeWitt; member of the Masonic and Odd Fellows orders and the American Legion; survived by his wife, Maxine, the son Francis, and a step-son, John Williams.

EDWARD CHARLES MABIE, educator, died at Iowa City, Iowa, February 9, 1956; born in LaCrosse, Wisconsin, October 27, 1892; was graduated from Dartmouth college with a bachelors degree in 1915, and received his master's degree there in 1916; in 1925, was honored with a degree of doctor of fine arts by Illinois Wesleyan University; came to the State University of Iowa as head of the S.U.I. department of speech and drama in 1920, when only one course in dramatic arts was offered; by 1930, 47 master of arts degrees in drama were granted and during the 35 years he has headed the department an estimated 500 such degrees have been granted; a former president of the National Association of Teachers of Speech, former vice-president of the National Theater Conference, former president of the American Educational Theater Association, and member of the American Theater Council and National Society for the Study of Communications; a member of Delta Sigma Rho forensic fraternity, Acacia social fraternity, a thirty-second degree Mason, and member of

the Congregational church; was largely responsible for obtaining a \$50,000 grant from Rockefeller Foundation for constructing the theater building in 1934; is survived by his widow, a daughter, Mrs. Thomas Stewart, Bradenton, Fla.; a brother, Roland, Milwaukee, Wis., and a sister, Mrs. Phillip Falk, Madison, Wis.

F. LAZELLE SAWYERS, banker, community and church leader, died at Centerville, Iowa, March 21, 1956; born in the same community August 20, 1895; son of Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Sawyers; enjoyed an unusual educational career, first in Centerville public schools, in 1905 and 1906, the Calvert school at Baltimore, and at age 9 accompanied his parents to Germany and attended school for two years while his father was taking special surgical training; later graduated from Lawrence high school at Lawrenceville, New Jersey, and was graduated by Princeton University in class of 1918; enlisted in French army with the Mallet reserve and attached to a general staff as an interpreter, being a linguist, speaking four languages; attached to the U. S. army and came to Centerville following the war and entered the Centerville National bank; in 1921 married Almira Baker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Baker, of Baltimore; as a grandson of former Gov. Francis M. Drake, has resided in the former Drake home; in 1945 served as president of the Iowa Bankers association; was a trustee of Drake University in Des Moines and chairman of the trustees' divinity school committee; was active in Christian Church work and a Drake benefactor; surviving are his widow, one daughter, Mrs. John B. Imboden, Baltimore, Md., and one son, Dr. John L. Sawyers Nashville, Tenn.

JOSEPH KELSO, JR., banker and legislator, died at Youngstown, New York, January 12, 1956; born at Bellevue, Iowa, September 12, 1875, son of Joseph and Sophia Shaw Kelso, of Scotch descent; attended Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and became associated with the Bank of J. Kelso, founded by his father; also associated with the Bellevue Pottery and the Bellevue Telephone company; served as a member of the House of Representatives of the Thirty-fifth and Thirty-sixth General Assemblies in 1913 and 1915 from Jackson county; a member of the state board of conservation and the Iowa State Florists Association; in 1910 held the world's record in 20-foot speed boat competition; always an ardent outdoor man indulging in baseball, hunting, fishing, and became an expert gardener; a member of the Presbyterian church, the Masonic order, the Elks, and a Democrat; after leaving Bellevue made his home for a number of years with his sister, Mrs. W. B.

Guthrie, in New York; went to Youngstown in 1950 to make his home near a niece, Mrs. Campbell Robertson; survived by one sister, Mrs. W. B. Guthrie of Bronxville, N. Y., and other nieces, Mrs. H. J. Altfillisch, Dubuque, Mrs. J. M. Abraham, Flossmoor, Ill., Miss Mary Helen Russell, New York City, the Misses Jean and Molly Guthrie, Bronxville, N. Y. and Mrs. Ralph G. Miller, University Park, Md.

CHARLES W. WADE, merchant and legislator, died at Fairfield, Iowa, January 26, 1956; born in Mercer county, Illinois, February 23, 1872; the third son of Oliver P. and Martha Cora Wade; moved with his parents as a small boy to Maryville, Missouri, where he attended the public schools, and in 1893 was married to Margaret Karnes of Maryville; came to Fairfield in February, 1897, and purchased a small variety store, beginning his business career with a capital of \$257, which he had saved from earnings as a store clerk in Maryville; the growing business later called the Fair store, ultimately became the city's largest department store; retired from active business in 1943, after 46 years continuous operation; became active as a civic leader and belonged to many organizations, including service as vice president of the Iowa State bank; in 1944 elected state senator representing Jefferson and Van Buren counties; a member of the Presbyterian church, the Fairfield Library board, and a trustee and treasurer of Parsons college; bereaved by death of Mrs. Wade in November, 1925, and married to Mrs. Myrtle Simpson in April, 1928, who survives with two step-children, Mrs. Roy Lawson, Council Bluffs, and Roy Simpson, Fairfield, two brothers, a sister and two step-grandchildren.

CHARLES ROE, lawyer and jurist, died at his home in Council Bluffs, Iowa, March 1, 1956; born in Nevada, Iowa, in 1896; of Norwegian ancestry, son of Ole O. and Elizabeth Emmons Roe; moved with parents to Des Moines and educated in the public schools of that city; was graduated in 1908 from East high school as president of his class; attended Drake university and was graduated from the law department in 1913, again the head of the senior class; admitted to the practice of law and located at Carson, Iowa, becoming associated with the late Frank Shinn, veteran Pottawattamie county attorney, and a year later was married to Pearl Mason of Des Moines; elected a judge of the Fifteenth Iowa district court in 1938, comprising Audubon, Cass, Fremont, Harrison, Page, Mills, Pottawattamie, Montgomery and Shelby counties, serving in that capacity until his death; a member of the Methodist church, Elks lodge, Masonic order, county, district and state

bar associations, the Iowa Judicial association, and a Republican; surviving are his widow, two daughters, Mrs. Lawrence Deupree, Moorhead, and Mrs. Harry Bigbee, Santa Fe, N. M., two sons, Charles M., assistant Pottawattamie county attorney, and Hugh, also of Council Bluffs, and 11 grandchildren.

MILTON J. WHITSON, structural engineer, died at Englewood, New Jersey, December 14, 1955; born at LeClaire, Iowa, in 1879; was graduated from the University of Illinois School of Architecture in 1901; early association was with Stone & Webster Engineering Corporation, first as district manager in Seattle and later as Pacific coast manager in San Francisco; during World War I was commissioned a colonel in the Army Quartermaster Corps and placed in charge of the construction division of the corps; later became associated as partner with Grant Smith & Co. of St. Paul in the development of power plants and railroad rights in the Pacific Northwest and for a period was vice chairman of Ulen & Co. engaged in construction developments in South America and in Europe; was a partner in Mason, Walsh, Atkinson & Kier during the construction of the Grand Coulee Dam on the Columbia river in Washington state; since retirement as a member of the board of trustees of Englewood Hospital at Englewood, devoted most of his time to the development of the building plans for the new Englewood hospital; surviving are his widow, Mrs. Kathryn Whitson; a son, Henry J. Whitson of Englewood, a sister, Miss Mae E. Whitson of Davenport, Iowa, and four grandchildren.

RAY O. GARBER, attorney and legislator, died April 30, 1956, at Des Moines, Iowa; born October 16, 1887, at Adair, Iowa; attended public schools and was graduated from Adair high school; attended the State University of Iowa; admitted to the Iowa bar in 1914, after having read law in an Adair office; began practice of law in Adair the same year; moved to Des Moines in 1930 to become a member of the firm of Clark, Byers, Hutchinson and Garber; served in World War I as a lieutenant in the U. S. air corps; was a past commander of Sedan post of the American Legion in Adair; served as a member of the executive committee and chairman of the resolutions assignment committee of the national American Legion convention in 1935; was a member of the committee in the three previous conventions and for years was a member of other national Legion committees; represented Adair county in the Iowa house of the Thirty-ninth, Fortieth and Fortieth extra General Assemblies in 1921 and 1923 and during the code revision session of 1924; became supreme chancellor

of the order of Knights of Pythias from 1940 until 1942, and had served as Iowa grand chancellor in 1925; was general counsel for the Farmers Life Insurance Co., of which he was a director; was a delegate to the Republican national convention in 1948; survived by a sister, Mrs. Wauneta Jones of Adair, a brother, W. M. Garber of Chicago, Ill., and his wife, who was the widow of Carl H. Cook of Glenwood, former Iowa Republican state chairman, his first wife, Helen Graham of Atlantic, having died in 1947.

WILLIAM FREDERICK STIPE, attorney and legislator, died at his home, at Clarinda, Iowa, May 17, 1956; born on a farm near Grant, Montgomery county, Iowa, March 7, 1870; son of David Stipe, a native of West Virginia and a Federal soldier in the War of the Rebellion, and Amy Overman Stipe, born in Ohio; educated in the rural schools, Villisca high school, Western Normal college at Shenandoah and Highland Park college (A.B.—1894) at Des Moines; edited the *Villisca News* and the *Call* at Stanton, Iowa, four years; studied law in the offices of McPherson & Beeson at Red Oak, and took a special course in law at George Washington University, Washington, D.C.; was admitted to practice and became a member of the law firm of Stipe & Clark, later Stipe, Davidson and Davidson, at Clarinda, remaining a member of that firm 54 years; was clerk of the committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce in the Sixtieth congress; served as chairman of the Republican county central committee for two years and of the Eighth district Republican congressional committee for four years; elected State Representative in 1910 and re-elected in 1912; author of the city manager plan law; also served as Clarinda city attorney for 14 years and chairman of the legal advisory committee of the Iowa League of Municipalities for 10 years; during World War II it was estimated that he sent some 40,000 news letters to Clarindans in the armed forces; had two sons in the armed service, one of them being killed in the war; active in the Methodist church and at their national conferences; a member of the Fifteenth district bar association and the state association, serving on the executive committee of the latter four years; also a member of the American bar association, the Kiwanis club and the Masonic order; survivors include his widow, a son, William, of Evanston, Ill., a daughter, Mrs. Agnes Hitt of Alexandria, Va.; two sisters, a brother and five granddaughters.

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