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NOTABLE DEATHS

CHARLES GRANDISON PATTEN was born in Theresa, Jefferson County, New York, November 4, 1832, and died at Charles City, Iowa, November 28, 1921. In 1847 he removed with his parents to near Madison, Wisconsin. He attended rural school and in 1854 was a student for two terms at Delton Academy, Delton, Wisconsin. A few years were then spent in farming and in railroad grading. In November, 1864, he and his wife reached Charles City, Iowa, having driven their stock overland. In 1866 he started a small nursery near Charles City and commenced experiments in horticulture. He soon became convinced that eastern varieties of fruit trees would not successfully withstand the severe and changeable Iowa climate, and was the first to advocate the production of new apples for Iowa conditions, by the planting of seeds and making selections from the products. Because of his advocacy a small appropriation was made by the state through the Iowa State Horticultural Society to create a few scattered experiment stations among interested men. As the years went by these stations dropped out until his was the only one remaining. Patten's Greening, Eastman, Iowa Brilliant, Silas Wilson, University, Iowa Beauty, and Summer Pear apples are all the product of his endeavor. This is said to be by far the largest list of new apples ever to have been produced by any one individual or state institution, and accepted and disseminated by nurserymen. During the later years of his life he produced a large number of apples, plums and pears that are now in the testing stage. As years went on he realized his experiments were becoming so extensive that he would not, in his declining years, be able to complete them, that they were really beyond the scope of any one lifetime, so he sold to the state in 1916, for the use of the Iowa State College of Agriculture, his seventeen acres of experimental grounds, with all plant material thereon, so the experiments might be continued. Honorary recognition was given Mr. Patten by the United States Department of Agriculture, by the Iowa General Assembly, by the St. Louis Exposition in 1904, by the American Pomological Society, by the Jamestown Exposition in 1907, by the Iowa State College of Agriculture, and by the University of Minnesota. He did more than any other person has ever done to breed fruit trees, especially apple trees, that are best suited to Iowa. During nearly all his career he was an active life member of the State Horticultural Society and was at one time its president. He was also a prolific writer on horticultural subjects.

WILLIAM VINCENT LUCAS was born near Delhi, Carroll County, Indiana, July 3, 1835, and died at Santa Cruz, California, November 11, 1921. His education was obtained in common school. In 1856 he removed to Bremer County, Iowa, and engaged in common labor. After

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