

Clyde E. Brenton

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## NOTABLE DEATHS

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CLYDE E. BRENTON, banker and real estate operator, died in Des Moines, September 19, 1938. He was born on a farm near Dallas Center, Iowa, April 20, 1868, the son of W. H. Brenton, farmer, stockman, and banker. For fifty-three years Clyde Brenton followed the latter career with eminent success, first entering the banking business at the age of seventeen when he was but a janitor in his father's bank in Dallas Center. Three years later he became cashier of the bank and directed its operations. After the death of his father, he and his brother Charles expanded their banking interests with the opening of banks in Dana, Waukece, Granger, Woodward, and Dallas Center, also engaged in extensive real estate operations in Dallas County as well. The later years of his career, however, were more intimately connected with the banking history of Des Moines institutions, though he retained his interests in many of the other smaller banks. In 1915 he became associated with the Citizens National Bank of Des Moines as vice president, and when this bank consolidated with the Iowa National in 1917 he became vice president of the enlarged bank. In the following year he again expanded his interest in banks outside Des Moines, this time with banks opening in Jefferson, Grinnell, Van Meter, and the purchase of interest in the First National Bank of Perry. In 1930 when the Iowa National Bank merged with the Des Moines National, as the Iowa-Des Moines National Bank, Mr. Brenton became its president. Several years later he retired from the presidency to become chairman of the board, which position he held at the time of his death. In addition to his banking interests, Mr. Brenton continued to own and manage considerable real estate properties, principally farm holdings. At the time of his death, in addition to being chairman of the board of the Iowa-Des Moines National Bank, he was president of the Jefferson State Bank, Jefferson, Iowa, the Poweshiek County National Bank, Grinnell, and the Dallas County State Bank, Adel. He was also a director of the Brenton State Bank, Dallas Center. In addition he was a director of the Northwestern Bell Telephone Company, president of the Brenton Brothers, Inc., a realty holding company. A member of the Republican party, he was a Mason, and a member of the Central Presbyterian Church of Des Moines.

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LOUIS LASHER, former Adjutant General of the State of Iowa, died in Des Moines, August 12, 1938. He was born in Davenport March 17, 1873 of Swiss and Welsh parentage. He was educated in the public schools of Davenport, Kemper Hall, and in the Griswold Business College. Shortly after entering the business field he was transferred to Alleghany, Pennsylvania. At the outbreak of the Spanish American War, however, he rejoined Company B, 50th Iowa Infantry, and from May to November 30, 1898, he was with the company in Des Moines

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