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## NOTABLE DEATHS

GRANVILLE WALTER BARR, physician and journalist, died in Spartanburg, South Carolina, March 29, 1939. Born on October 25, 1860, in Medway, Ohio, he was the son of Dr. Jacob Cullen Barr and Kate Doll Barr. In 1872 he removed with the family to Lawrence County, Illinois. After graduating from the Mt. Carmel High School of Mt. Carmel, Illinois, and after an interlude in newspaper work in several Indiana towns, Mr. Barr entered the Indiana-Asbury University, now DePauw, from which he was graduated in 1883. A brief period at Rush Medical College, Chicago, preceded his study for a degree from Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, in 1884. He immediately located in Bridgeport, Illinois, where he continued his practice until 1890-91, when he accepted an offer to join the faculty of the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Keokuk, Iowa. While engaging in private practice he continued on the faculty until 1898, when he retired from the practice of medicine to re-enter the newspaper field. He was first city editor of the *Keokuk Constitution-Democrat*, then, the following year, assumed the same position with the *Keokuk Gate City*, being the managing editor as well. In 1902 he quit the *Gate City* position to publish the weekly *Standard*, which he continued until 1910.

While engaged in the newspaper work in Keokuk Mr. Barr contributed stories to various national magazines, *McClures*, *Lippincott's Success*, and others. In the meantime Mr. Barr demonstrated a lively interest in the civic affairs of the town, serving for many years on the school board and on the library board. He likewise was an organizer and supporter of Billy Sunday's evangelistic tours in vicinity of Keokuk. When the Keokuk dam was being built Mr. Barr enthusiastically served in the public relations department of the Mississippi River Power Company.

After a year in Burlington, 1924, where he was associated with the *Burlington Gazette*, Mr. Barr turned southwards. At the time of his death he was an associate editor of the *Yorkville Enquirer* of York, South Carolina.

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CAROLYN MARGARET OGILVIE, a former newspaperwoman and journalist, died in Seattle, Washington, June 6, 1939. Born in Oskaloosa, Iowa, in 1857, the daughter of Rev. Robert A. McAyeal, D. D. and Mary Sharpe McAyeal, she was educated in the public schools of Oskaloosa, graduating from the high school there and also from the high school of Lawrence, Massachusetts. She later was graduated from Monmouth College, Illinois. In 1888 she married George Ogilvie in Lawrence, Massachusetts. In 1903 she acquired control of the *Des Moines Mail and Times*, continuing to edit the paper until 1906, when she disposed of her interests and began the publication of the *Midwest-*

*ern Magazine*, of family and commercial content. She continued in the publication of the latter magazine until 1920-21, and after some time removed from Iowa to the west coast. At one time she was the president of the Iowa Press and Authors Association.

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JAMES ARTHUR DEVITT, born June 1, 1872, at DeWitt, Clinton County, Iowa, died at Oskaloosa, Iowa, June 30, 1939, aged 67 years. Mr. Devitt was active in the practice of law, took a large part in political and civic affairs and held several offices acceptably. He entered upon the practice of his profession in Oskaloosa immediately after his graduation from the law department of the State University in 1897. He had as a partner at first, W. C. Burrell, a fellow graduate, later was associated with J. C. Eichorn, and more recently had his son, James Lewelling Devitt, as an associate. He maintained for 42 years continually a law office in one place. His law practice covered a wide range and included an extensive corporation practice for railroad and utility companies. During all his life he had an active and influential part in political affairs. He was a member of the Republican state committee, and always interested himself in state and local affairs. He was appointed in 1913 to the committee of examiners for admission to the bar and had only a short time ago been reappointed to continue in that work. He was a member of the American Bar association, and represented Iowa on its general council, and was at one time president of the Iowa Bar association. He was county attorney of Mahaska county, 1922-23. He took a large part in church and lodge work. He interested himself in all civic activities and was especially effective in development of the highways radiating from his home city.

Mr. Devitt was son of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Devitt of Clinton county, and he was married Aug. 20, 1902, at Eldora to Pauline Lewelling, daughter of Governor L. D. Lewelling of Kansas, then a resident of Iowa. Three children survive—James L., Tiah (Mrs. Johansen) and John B., and two grandchildren.

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MARY CARPENTER CRAIG SHRECK passed away at her home in Redlands, California, March 27, 1939, at the age of 70 years. She was the daughter of George J. Carpenter, one of the founders of Drake University, and its first chancellor, and a niece of General Francis M. Drake, also one of the founders of the university to which his name was given.

Mrs. Shreck was a student at the university when it first opened, and received a Bachelor of Philosophy degree from Drake. After graduation from Drake she joined the staff of a Chicago religious paper. In 1897 she succeeded her mother, Henrietta Drake Carpenter, as University Librarian. Later she became girls' advisor, and in 1901, Dean of Women, retaining for a short time general supervision of the library.

In 1908 she resigned as Dean of Women, and on September 10 of that year married Chancellor Craig, the second chancellor of the university.

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