

## Mary Carpenter Craig Shreck

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*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.

They removed to Denver, Colorado, where Dr. Craig was pastor of the Broadway Church of Christ, which he founded; later they went to New York, and then to Redlands, California, where he became pastor. In 1913 he was seriously injured in an automobile accident from which he never recovered, in 1916 he died. In 1918 she returned to Drake to become Dean of Women for a second time. She again resigned as Dean of Women in 1930, to marry Dr. John Addison Shreck of Redlands, California, who survives.

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DAVID W. SMOUSE, former Des Moines physician, died in Los Angeles, Cal., Sunday, July 2, 1939. He was born in the state of Maryland, where he attended school, graduating in 1876 from the University of Maryland Medical College. Immediately after graduation he located in Monroe, Iowa, where he practiced four years before removing to Des Moines. The following year he was married to Miss Amanda H. Cummings. A family physician of the old mould, he enjoyed a successful practice in Des Moines for thirty-five years before retiring and taking up a residence in California. In 1913 he was elected president of the Polk County Medical Association.

Dr. Smouse will be remembered for his philanthropies in the interests of handicapped children for many years by those who never knew the man. In 1930 he offered the Des Moines school board \$333,000 for the construction of a school for handicapped children, which, when built, was named the David W. Smouse Opportunity School. In 1933 and again in 1936 he gave additional bequests to the Des Moines school board for educational purposes.

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