

Edward K. Putnam

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NOTABLE DEATHS

MARLIN J. SWEELEY was born in Dallas County, Iowa, on a farm in Washington Township, December 18, 1857, and died in Twin Falls, Idaho, February 20, 1939. He attended high school in Adel, finishing under John B. White, principal, and after teaching for a year or two he graduated from the law department of the state university. He practiced law and in 1880, was elected clerk of the court for Dallas County and served four years. Having removed to Storm Lake he was elected county attorney. He later became attorney for the Farmers Loan and Trust Company in Sioux City, and in 1901, was elected to represent Woodbury County in the 29th General Assembly.

He removed to Twin Falls, Idaho, in 1906, and engaged in the practice of his profession with his son. He became active in business and public affairs, and was sent to the Idaho state senate in 1910. He sponsored a law that made a state park at Shoshone falls, which is the pride of the state. He was member of the Masonic lodge and other organizations. He was married March 28, 1879, to Alice J. Slocumb, of Albany, Ill., niece of Judge S. A. Callvert, of the circuit bench, and their son, Everett, survives. His wife died in 1927; Mr. Sweeley was married to her sister, Mrs. Geneva Lewis, who died in 1935. He was an able lawyer and good legislator in two states.

EDWARD K. PUTNAM, museum director and administrator, died in Davenport, May 22, 1939. He was the son of Charles E. and Mary L. Putnam, and was born in Davenport, November 17, 1868. Educated in the public schools of Davenport, he later attended Illinois College, Jacksonville, Illinois, receiving his A. B. degree in 1891. From 1891-96 he was engaged in newspaper work in Chicago, Detroit, and New York, during which time he did some graduate study in the University of Chicago. In 1899, he received an A. M. degree from Harvard University. From 1901, to 1906, he was an instructor in English at Leland Stanford University.

His first direct association with museum work and its related fields began in 1906, when he was called to Davenport to assume direction of his brother's estate, William C. Putnam, and to take charge of the Davenport Public Museum, a chief beneficiary of the Putnam estate. He continued in charge and in close relationship to the museum from that date until his death. In many fields the collections in the Davenport Public Museum are of outstanding excellence and compare favorably with any museum in the country.

Mr. Putnam is survived by his wife and son, and by two brothers.

JAMES S. CARPENTER, contractor and lover of art, died in Des Moines, April 5, 1939. He was born in Waterloo, Iowa, in 1871, removing to Des Moines with his parents when eight years old. Educated in the public schools of Des Moines and at the State University of Iowa, he early entered his career as a building and construction contractor, first as the Iowa Bridge Company, later as the J. S. Carpenter Construction Co.

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