

## Cassius C. Dowell

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## NOTABLE DEATHS

BERYL F. CARROLL, former Governor of Iowa, died in Louisville, Kentucky, December 16, 1939, during a visit with his son, Jean F. Carroll. He was born in Davis County, Iowa, March 15, 1860, one of a large family of Willis and Christina Carroll. Educated in Northern Missouri State Normal School at Kirksville, Missouri, from which he was graduated in 1884, he also took work in the Southern Iowa Normal at Bloomfield, Iowa. Teaching school in southern Iowa and northern Missouri from 1884 to 1889, he engaged in livestock business for two years thereafter before embarking upon eleven years work as editor of the *Davis County Republican*, from 1891 to 1902.

Mr. Carroll's political career began with his election to the state senate in 1895, in which he served until 1898, when he was appointed postmaster of Bloomfield, Iowa, a position he held until his election as state auditor in the fall elections of 1902. At the completion of three successive terms as auditor, he was successful in his candidacy for governor of Iowa, being elected in 1908 and again in 1910. He was the first governor of Iowa to be a native of the state he served. His administration was noted by the beginning of the good roads movement, the establishment of the State Board of Education, and other advancements. Following his four years as governor, Mr. Carroll engaged in the investment business, with which he was identified, with his other son, Paul, at the time of his death.

HOWARD J. CLARK, attorney, died in Des Moines, February 16, 1940. He was born in Cass County, Iowa, January 9, 1868, the son of Riley P. and Juliet Porter Clark. Educated in the Oakfield Academy and in Drake University, he completed his law training in the latter school in 1882. Rising quickly in the legal profession, he also played a prominent part in Republican party politics, although never elected to public office. In 1926 he failed in obtaining the party nomination for United States Senator in a race against A. B. Cummins and Smith W. Brookhart, a race which Brookhart won. Mr. Clark was a director in the Northwest Bancorporation, the Iowa Des Moines National Bank, and a trustee of Drake University.

CASSIUS C. DOWELL, Congressman, died in Washington, D. C., February 4, 1940. He was born near Summerset, in Warren County, Iowa, February 29, 1864, the son of James W. and Martha Reese Dowell. Educated in the Iowa Baptist College in Des Moines, and in Simpson College, Indianola, he took his final work in Drake University, being graduated in 1886. His law work completed in 1887, he began practicing in Des Moines the following year. Six years later, he began the first of two terms in the state legislature, in the House of Representatives; in 1902 he was elected to the state senate, in which he served until 1910. From 1915 until 1935, for twenty consecutive years in Congress he was the representative from the old seventh and later the sixth district. In the latter year, 1935, he was succeeded by H. H. Utterback, who

had won the previous fall election. In 1936 and again in 1938 Dowell was returned to Congress. Except for intervals totalling but twelve years, he served his state and nation in a public capacity for forty-six years.

HAMILIN GARLAND, author and novelist, died in Hollywood, California, March 4, 1940. He was born in West Salem, Wisconsin, September 16, 1860, the son of Richard and Isabelle McClintock Garland. When the family removed to Iowa in the seventies, first to Winneshiek County, then to Mitchell County, he accompanied them. He took his school work in the Cedar Valley Seminary, at Osage, Iowa, finishing in 1881. Teaching school in Illinois for two years, he next took up a claim in South Dakota, in 1883. After a short time there he went to Boston where he began his long and notable literary career. His books referring to Iowa were the well known "Middle Border" series, based in part upon the history of the Garland and McClintock families.

MAX E. FRITSCHEL, theologian and educator, died in Dubuque, Iowa, January 1, 1940. He was born February 21, 1868, the son of Sigmund and Magaretta Prottengeier Fritschel. His father was one of the founders of Wartburg Seminary. Max Fritschel was educated in Wartburg College and seminary, and the theological college in Greenville, Pennsylvania, from which place he received his A. B. degree in 1886, his A. M. in 1889, and an honorary D. D. in 1910. After teaching school one year, he engaged in six months' missionary work in Nebraska, following which he studied in European Universities. In 1891 he came to Wartburg Seminary as an assistant professor, in 1894 he was made a full professor, and in 1906 was elected president of the institution, a position he held until 1931. He was prominently active in Lutheran church circles as a writer, scholar, and organizer, helping to bring about the merger of the American Lutheran Synod.

FRED WESLEY SARGENT, railroad executive, died in Evanston, Illinois, February, 4, 1940. Born in Akron, Iowa, May 26, 1876, the son of Edgar W. and Abbie E. Sargent, he received his education in the University of South Dakota and in the State University of Iowa, from the latter he was graduated in 1901 with a law degree. Beginning his practice in Sioux City, in 1901, he was elected county attorney of Woodbury County for two terms, 1906-1910. In 1912 he removed to Des Moines to become the state attorney for the Chicago, Rock Island Railroad. While in Des Moines he took an active part in the civic life of the city and in the subsequent World War Work. In 1920 he made his home in Chicago, becoming vice-president and general counsel for the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad Co. In 1925 he became president of the road, and continued as such until May, 1939, when ill health forced him to retire.

In 1933 he was awarded the Rosenthal Foundation medal "for outstanding Civic Service." An Iowan by birth and by interest, he was an ardent student of farming, owning and managing a farm near Mt. Vernon, Iowa. He was a trustee of Cornell College.

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