

## Benjamin Franklin Shambaugh

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the *Annals of Iowa* on request. He was one of the Iowa delegation to that convention. He was strongly urged for nomination for congress, and received substantial support for the nomination for governor and for the United States senate.

Mr. Funk had been a member of the Masonic order for 65 years. He took delight in the Prairie Club of Des Moines. His religious convictions were well established. He carried through life a steadfast adherence to principles of honor, justice and fairness. In his retirement he took great pleasure in returning to the scene of his life work and most enjoyable achievements on the shores of the northern Iowa lakes.—ORA WILLIAMS.

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BENJAMIN FRANKLIN SHAMBAUGH, university teacher, administrator, and historian, died in Iowa City, Iowa, April 7, 1940, of cerebral thrombosis. The son of John and Eva Ann Shambaugh, he was born in Elvira, Iowa, January 29, 1871. After an early youth on the farm he entered the State University of Iowa, being graduated with a Ph.B. degree in 1892, and receiving his M.A. degree in history the following year. Two years later he received his Ph.D. degree from the University of Pennsylvania. In later years he studied at intervals in the universities of Halle, Leipzig, and Berlin, Germany. The same year in which he received his Ph. degree he began his forty-five years' association on the faculty of the state university. First as professor, then as head of the newly formed department of Political Science in 1897, Professor Shambaugh established a nationally recognized reputation in that field, as a teacher and an administrator.

With a marked interest in local Iowa history, Professor Shambaugh had been associated with the State Historical Society of Iowa several years before 1907, the date he was named superintendent of the society. In 1903 he was largely responsible for the launching of the *Iowa Journal of History and Politics*, and contributed articles and reviews to that journal. With energy and zeal in the years since 1907 he has caused to be produced a wealth of material which has enriched the story of Iowa and the understanding of her peoples, through biographies, monographs, and other special studies, many of which were undertaken at his direct inspiration. In 1920 the society began the publication of the *Palimpsest*, a popularizer of Iowa history.

Distinguished in appearance, cultivated in taste and manner, Professor Shambaugh touched many fields and exhibited many interests, leaving behind numerous traditions in the university he loved so well. Probably none will prove so fruitful, however, as his "Campus Course" inaugurated in 1933, in a protest against over specialization and the resultant ignorance of the cultural forces which have produced and have moulded our society.

Professor Shambaugh is survived by his wife, Mrs. Bertha H. Shambaugh, a brother, and a sister.

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