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NOTABLE DEATHS

ELMA G. ALBERT, lawyer and jurist, died February 19, 1942, in Jefferson, Iowa. Born June 5, 1866, near Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, he came to Iowa with his family when four years of age. Mr. Albert was educated in the country schools receiving his professional training in the law school of Drake University, from which he was graduated in 1891. County attorney for Greene County from 1901 to 1906, he was elected judge of the 16th judicial district in 1914, serving continuously from 1915 to 1925, when he became a justice of the Iowa State Supreme Court. He served on the supreme bench continuously until 1937.

FRANK P. CLARKSON, journalist, died March 7, 1942, in North Hollywood, California. The son of Richard P. Clarkson, former owner and editor of the *Iowa State Register*, Des Moines, Mr. Clarkson was educated in the Des Moines schools and the State University of Iowa. Following a period on the *Register*, he bought and edited the *Ida Grove Pioneer*. At the time of his death he was the managing editor of the *San Fernando Valley Times*, North Hollywood, California, a position he had held for twenty-five years.

LAMONTE COWLES, lawyer, died February 24, 1942, in Burlington, Iowa. Born in Oskaloosa, Iowa, September 30, 1859, he was the son of the Reverend William Fletcher Cowles and Maria E. Cowles. LaMonte was educated in Iowa Wesleyan College, Mount Pleasant, Iowa, from which he was graduated in 1879. After a brief career with the engineering departments of the Union Pacific and the Chicago Burlington and Pacific railroads he read law and was admitted to the bar in 1886. Commencing the practice in Burlington that same year, he remained there continuously in the practice since. A staunch Republican in politics, he served in the Iowa State General Assembly as senator from his district in the 34th and 35th assemblies, 1911 and 1913. At various times in his career he served as chairman of the city, county and state congressional committees, was a member of the state central committee, and represented his party at three national conventions. A member of his county, state, and the American bar associations, he was likewise a member of numerous fraternal organizations.

MILLARD FILLMORE EDWARDS, jurist, died February 23, 1942, in Parkersburg, Iowa. Born October 22, 1858, near Muncie, Lycoming

County, Pennsylvania, he was the son of William and Catherine Smole Edwards. Educated in Williamsport and Lock Haven, Pennsylvania, graduating from the Central State Normal School of the latter place in 1882, he taught school one year before entering the law school of the State University of Iowa, from which he was graduated in 1884. After one year in Pennsylvania he returned to Iowa and the practice of law in Parkersburg. Active in community affairs, Mr. Edwards at various times served as Mayor, town clerk, and member of the school board of Parkersburg. A member of the 28th and 29th General Assemblies of Iowa, he also served as judge of the 12th judicial district from 1917 to 1939.

RAY VANCE LUCAS, newspaper publisher, died April 26, in Oelwein, Iowa. Born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, January 16, 1876, he was the son of Albert Gallatin Lucas and Annie Maria Byers Lucas. Following an early career as a postal clerk on various Iowa railroads, Mr. Lucas entered the newspaper business at the turn of the century as editor and publisher of the Earlville, Iowa, *Phoenix*. Later, in 1906, he became editor and publisher of the Bedford, Iowa, *Free Press*. Three years later he joined the staff of the Shenandoah, *World*. In 1919 began a four year period as field secretary for the Greater Iowa Association and as secretary of the Oelwein Chamber of Commerce. In 1923 he became editor of the Oelwein *Register*, where he continued until his death.

He was an active member of the Republican Party.

HENRY SCHOLTE NOLLEN, insurance executive, died April 24, 1942, in Des Moines, Iowa. The son of John and Johanna S. Nollen and the grandson of Henry P. Scholte, founder of the town of Pella, Iowa, Mr. Nollen was born September 26, 1866, in Pella. Educated in the Pella schools, he attended Central College, Pella, from which he was graduated in 1885. After a year as professor of mathematics in his *alma mater*, he entered private business in Des Moines as bookkeeper and traveling auditor before joining the Bankers Life Association in 1893, remaining in insurance the rest of his life. In 1913 he became executive vice president of the Equitable Life Insurance Company of Iowa; in 1921 he became president; from 1939 to his death he served as chairman of the board.

A member of the board of trustees of the Des Moines Waterworks for over twenty years, Mr. Nollen was also a trustee of the Des Moines Public Library from 1909 to 1920, a member of the Des Moines Association of Fine Arts, and of numerous national educational, professional and scientific societies. A member of the Episcopal Church, he was an active member of the various Masonic orders.

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