

George M. Titus

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son, Ted, an electrical engineer with the Southern California Edison company at Los Angeles, and a daughter, Mrs. Gilbert Blue, the former Alice Van Law, who has been prominent in Marshalltown as a teacher and secretary of the Y. W. C. A.

GEORGE M. TITUS, lawyer and legislator, died at Muscatine, Iowa, April 9, 1947; born in Cayuga county, New York, May 19, 1856; moved with his parents to Michigan when eleven years old and attended school there, the family later moving to Iowa where he attended the Baptist college at Wilton, in the meantime started teaching school at the age of fifteen, and continued for seven years; undertook the study of law in 1876 in the office of A. N. VanCamp at Wilton; later studied in the office of Allen Broomhall and was admitted to the bar in 1880; associated in law partnership with DeWitt C. Richman until 1886 and then joined with D. V. Jackson in forming the firm of Titus & Jackson which continued until Mr. Jackson's election as district judge; served as state senator from Muscatine county in the Twenty-seventh and Twenty-eight General Assemblies; author of the Titus amendment to the Iowa constitution which changed from annual to biennial elections; also author of the legislation establishing the state library commission; active in state and local civic affairs and at time of his death was president of the P. M. Musser library, a position he had held since 1901; president of the Titus Loan & Investment company and a past president of the Iowa Pioneer Lawmakers' association; married June 1, 1881, in Muscatine to Ella Broomhall, who died May 5, 1907; again married October 10, 1909 to Hannah Jefferson Hutchinson, who also preceded him in death, those surviving being one son, G. Raymond Titus, of Muscatine, and a daughter, Miss Harriett Titus, of Red Oak, Iowa.

JOHN T. HANSEN, farmer and legislator, died at his farm home in Sheridan township, Scott county, Iowa, March 15, 1947; born in Davenport, Iowa, November 28, 1858; son of Margaret and Henry Hansen who came to Iowa from Germany in 1851; educated in the rural schools of the county; learned the blacksmith trade, but went to farming when he became of age; married to Emma Harst of Scott county, March 12, 1887, who died October 6, 1897, leaving four children, two girls and two boys, both the latter having served in the U. S. armed forces in World War I; served upon the board of education in Sheridan township, as justice of the peace and as vice president of the Scott county farm bureau; a member of the Iowa House of Representatives for sixteen years from 1916 to 1932; a member of the Woodmen of the World and a Republican.

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