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an uncle, Dr. Charles Scott, of Belvidere, Illinois, was also a physician.

Dr. Marston and his wife arrived in Mason City on April 6, 1893, in a snowstorm and since that time in storm and sun he carried on the best tradition of American medicine. Some years ago his record showed that he had brought into this world more than 5,000 children, and it was with great pride that he said he had lost but five mothers during that time.

His patients all over Cerro Gordo County will remember well the brown team which he drove making his calls in winter and summer, and how that team was so well trained that it needed no guidance when the Doctor returned late at night from some call. His experiences, those of every pioneer doctor—frozen hands, face, and feet—were a part of every winter and the perils and suffering which he underwent justify the love his patients had for him.

Shortly after the outbreak of the first World War, he joined the Army of the United States, in August, 1917, being commissioned a captain. Training at Ft. Oglethorpe, Georgia, he was commissioned a major before going overseas in July, 1918.

Shortly after his return from the World War in May, 1919, he was invited to become a Fellow in the American College of Surgeons, being sponsored by Dr. Will Mayo of Rochester, Minn., and Dr. Charles Oeschner, of Chicago, Illinois.

Dr. Marston was also a member of the American Medical Association, the Iowa State Medical Society, and the Cerro Gordo County Medical Society, of which he was a former president. He was one of the sponsors of the Story Hospital of Mason City.

Dr. Marston was a charter member of the Clausen-Worden Post of the American Legion, and one of the organizers of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Mason City. He was for many years active in the First Regular Baptist Church of his city, a member of the board of trustees. He was also an active member of the Masonic orders.

He served his county in the 32nd, 32nd Extra, and the 33rd sessions of the Iowa State General Assembly, 1907-1911.

REMY J. GLASS

J. W. JOHNSON, teacher and editor, a lifetime resident of Iowa, died at Coral Gables, Florida, June 18, 1942, aged 93. Mr. Johnson taught school in Mahaska County for 20 years and was county superintendent of schools. He engaged in newspaper work in Colfax, Knoxville and Oskaloosa. At the age of 76 he received a B. A. degree from Penn college after a course of study long deferred. He was a vigorous writer.

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JULIA ALMIRA ROBINSON, librarian, died May 19, 1942, in Ontario,
California. The daughter of Wilbur E. and Almina N. Robinson, she was born in Dubuque, Iowa. Following a year in the Carnegie-Stout Library of Dubuque, she attended the Wisconsin Library School, from which she was graduated in 1909. Two years spent as secretary to the North Dakota Library Commission and the Kentucky Library Commission was followed by a year as supervisor of the Iowa state institutional libraries under the Iowa State Board of Control, 1912-1913. In 1913 she was elected Secretary of the Iowa Library Commission, in which position she continued until September, 1938, when she retired after twenty-five years of service.

A frequent contributor of published articles on her profession, Miss Robinson was likewise noted for her hobby of dolls and literature surrounding them.

MARY MORTON ROSEMOND, for 35 years with the State library, died at her home in Des Moines, November 8, 1941. Miss Rosemond, the daughter of Capt. Wm. E. Rosemond, was born in Washington, Ohio, graduated from the high school in Independence, Iowa, and attended the State University of Iowa in preparation for her chosen career in library work. She came to the State library in 1899 and her service covered the administrations of seven governors. She had charge of, and built up, the library of economics and sociology and reference department, which she made of great value to legislators and students of politics. At the time she was stricken she was doing a good work in the State Department of History and Archives. Her keen insight into the needs of library patrons and especially her deep interest in the affairs of the State, were much appreciated by state officials and many others. She was active in the Iowa Federation of Women’s clubs, the Des Moines Community Drama association, and many other activities of the women of Iowa. Her quiet patience and sincere devotion to her work gained for her many warm friends.

STANLEY R. SMITH, legislator and business man, died June 9, 1942, in Osage, Iowa, aged 61. He was actively engaged in the lumber trade all his life, and was the head of an extensive chain of lumber yards established by his father, in association with other sons. He was mayor of Osage, 1921-23, and while living at Tripoli was elected to the 37th General Assembly in 1917. He was at one time treasurer of the Republican state committee. He was a graduate of the State University of Iowa. The father, James A. Smith, who founded the lumber business in 1877, also served a number of years with distinction in the State senate.