

## Charles Burton Robbins

ISSN 0003-4827

No known copyright restrictions.

---

### Recommended Citation

"Charles Burton Robbins." *The Annals of Iowa* 25 (1943), 142-143.

Available at: <http://ir.uiowa.edu/annals-of-iowa/vol25/iss2/21>

Hosted by [Iowa Research Online](#)

courses have been geology of Iowa, geology and man, and Pleistocene geology; becoming dean emeritus at the age of 68, headed the liberal arts college from 1917 until 1941. During tenure as dean, he was responsible for the establishment and selection of the first directors of the schools of journalism, fine arts, letters, and religion, all of which were added to the liberal arts college. He remained chairman of the board of trustees of the school of religion from its inception in 1924 until his retirement as dean in 1941.

Dean Kay attended schools as a lad in the district near Virginia, York county, Ontario, and was graduated from the Port Perry High school and the Owen Sound collegiate institution, receiving his degree from the latter in 1896. He took his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Toronto in 1900 and his Master of Arts degree two years later at the University of Chicago, where he was a fellow from 1903 until 1904. In 1914, he was granted a Doctor of Philosophy degree at Cornell college, Mt. Vernon, Ia., and returned to the University of Toronto in 1936 to be granted an honorary Doctor of Letters degree.

He was a former vice president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, a fellow of the Geological Society of America, and a former president of the Iowa Academy of Science. In addition, he was a member of the Presbyterian church, a fourteenth degree Mason and a Kiwanian. He is survived by his wife, the former Bertha Hopper of Paisley, Ontario, and two sons, George Marshall, associate professor of geology at Columbia university, New York, N. Y., and Capt. Galvin F., of the army medical corps in India. A daughter, Marjorie Kay McLaughlin, died in 1936.

---

**CHARLES BURTON ROBBINS**, jurist, banker, veteran of two wars, born at Hastings, Iowa, on Nov. 6, 1877; died at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, July 5, 1943; son of an Iowa farm couple, Lewis Robbins and Harriet E. Benson Robbins; attended the public schools of Mills county, Iowa, and a private school at Hempstead, Long Island, before entering the University of Nebraska, from which he was graduated in 1898; enlisted in First Nebraska Volunteers in April the same year when the war with Spain began; later was commissioned a second lieutenant and saw service in twenty-seven major engagements; wounded in the battle of Marilaio, in the Philipines, on March 27, 1899; cited for gallantry in action and discharged with rank of captain; after a post graduate course at the University of Nebraska he made a trip around the world; married to Helen Larrabee, of Clermont, Iowa, Sept. 9, 1903, who died Aug. 9, 1919; entered law school of Columbia University, and after graduation and

while there kept his association with the military by entering the New York national guard; continued law studies in law office of Grimm, Trewin & Moffit in Cedar Rapids and admitted to the Iowa bar in 1904; served as judge of the superior court of Cedar Rapids, by appointment of Gov. B. F. Carroll, until this country entered the war with Germany, when he assisted organizing Battery E in Cedar Rapids and went to Camp Cody, N. M. for service on the border with rank of major on the staff of General H. A. Allen; later assigned to the Thirty-fifth division in France, and to the Thirty-fourth division in the United States; following the war becoming a major in the U. S. army reserve and subsequently promoted to the rank of colonel in command of the 349th regimental U. S. infantry, and served as commander of the Iowa department of the American Legion.

During the administration of Pres. Calvin Coolidge, Colonel Robbins was named assistant secretary of war, succeeding Col. Hanford MacNider, of Mason City, Iowa, who resigned to receive the appointment of Minister to Canada. Upon his retirement from the war department he re-assumed command of the 349th regiment of infantry, retiring as its commander in 1940. He was the first president of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines in 1931 and also has served as its chairman, having a territory including Iowa, Minnesota and the Dakotas. He was active in Cedar Rapids social and business life; was president of the Cedar Rapids Life Insurance Co.; was a collector and student of rare coins and had a collection of more than 5,000 coins. In recent years had served as counsel and general manager of the American Life convention. The burial was in Arlington national cemetery at Arlington, Va.

---

R. G. CLARK, legislator and state dairy and food official, born Feb. 9, 1861, at Lawrence, Mass., died June 25, 1943 at his home in Des Moines, Iowa; when ten years old came with his parents to Manchester, Iowa, where his father, a long time produce merchant, purchased and embarked in the creamery, egg and poultry business; completed his education in the public schools, the Manchester academy and Grinnell college, graduating in 1882; entered the butter and egg business for himself at Marcus, Iowa, in 1883; removed to Webster City in 1885 continuing in the creamery, egg and butter business until appointed Dairy and Food Commissioner of Iowa by Gov. N. E. Kendall on May 1, 1922; married Oct. 13, 1887 to Emily S. Rann, of Manchester. Mrs. Clark and an only daughter, Sibyl, survive him. The family resided in Des Moines twenty-one years.

"Rush" Clark was for many years a distinguished citizen of Webster City, which he always regarded as his home, serving

Copyright of Annals of Iowa is the property of State of Iowa, by & through the State Historical Society of Iowa and its content may not be copied or emailed to multiple sites or posted to a listserv without the copyright holder's express written permission. However, users may print, download, or email articles for individual use.