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WILLIAM WALTER SCOTT, humanitarian, soldier and jurist, died at his home in Davenport, Iowa, December 7, 1947; born at Rock Island, Illinois, February 24, 1884, son of William Walter and Margaret Ann Scott, his father dying in 1905 and his mother in 1945; received his education in the schools of Rock Island and Valley Junction, Iowa; became a student in Drake University in liberal arts, and returned to Rock Island with the family in 1904, becoming a postoffice clerk there until 1910, when he re-entered Drake as a law student graduating in 1913; entered law practice in Davenport with John Weir, a former classmate at Drake; served on the Mexican border as a lieutenant, and Battery F, 123rd Field Artillery, and captain in World War I; served as justice of the peace at Davenport on his return and elected as district judge in Scott county beginning service in January 1922; a jurist twenty-seven years until his death; married Winifred K. Griffin in Davenport, August 1, 1927, who with his brother John, of Rock Island survives; known as a humanitarian of the purest type, for years devoting activities to relief of the needy and helpless; a member of the American Legion, fraternal orders, bar associations and enjoyed life-long association with the Y.M.C.A.

HENRY L. ADAMS, attorney, educator and legislator, died at Des Moines, Iowa, December 14, 1947; born on a farm near Maynard, Fayette county, Iowa, November 28, 1875; graduated from the Maynard schools at sixteen and from Upper Iowa University at Fayette in 1897; was principal of the Waucoma schools two years, and appointed county superintendent of schools for an unexpired term and was re-elected three times; resigned in 1905 and entered the law school of the University of Chicago, which he attended one year, then entered the law department of the State University of Iowa, and admitted to the state bar in 1907; located at West Union in the firm of Rogers and Adams; elected senator in 1908 from the Allamakee-Fayette district, serving in the Thirty-third and Thirty-fourth General Assemblies; moved to Des Moines in 1912, becoming attorney for the C. & N. W. railway, and in more recent years specialized in insurance law; married in 1898 to Ina Holmes, of Fayette, a classmate, who graduated in the same college class, and who survives with two daughters, Mrs. Edward Rate, Iowa City, and Mrs. Paul Dowty, Evanston, Illinois; a vice president of the Pioneer Lawmakers association of Iowa, a Republican, a Mason, and a member of the Prairie club of Des Moines.

ORIEN W. FIFER, minister and editor, died at Indianapolis, Indiana, September 18, 1947; born in 1868, he entered the ministry in 1891, and held pastorates in Methodist churches at Lincoln, Wahoo, Geneva and York, Nebraska, before coming to Des Moines.
in 1904 as pastor of the Grace church, remaining until 1913, when he was transferred to Denver, Colorado, and from there to Indianapolis, where he served ten years as minister at the Central avenue church, and later became superintendent of the Indianapolis district; during World War I was pastor at Camp Gordon, Atlanta, Georgia; a delegate to the Methodist General Conference in 1912, 1924, 1928, 1932 and 1936; in 1939 was a delegate to the uniting conference, and in 1940 a delegate to the general and jurisdictional conferences; from 1932 to 1940 was editor of the Cincinnati edition of the Christian Advocate, and later as a member of the Indiana Conference, he continued to serve as pastor even after accepting the retired relationship; surviving are three sons, Warren of Webster Groves, Missouri, Paul of Oak Park, Illinois, Orien of Indianapolis, and a daughter, Mrs. Herschell E. Davis of Indianapolis.

JOHN N. HUGHES, attorney and railway counsel, died at Des Moines, Iowa, December 14, 1947; born at Galena, Illinois, August 8, 1867; moved the next year with parents to a Jones county, Iowa farm near Scotch Grove; attended Upper Iowa university at Fayette, the University of Chicago, and Northern Illinois college at Fulton, where he graduated receiving his law degree; admitted to Iowa bar in 1895, and began practice that year in Cedar Rapids; served that city as solicitor from 1898 to 1906 and became attorney for the C. M. & St. P. railway in 1915, in charge of its legal business in Iowa until 1942 when he became special attorney; removed to Des Moines in 1922 becoming a member of the legal firm of Hughes, O'Brien and Hughes; also served as general attorney for the Des Moines Union Railway company and district attorney for the Wabash railway; married Sarah Mabel Nichols at Madison, Wisconsin, August 12, 1902, who with a son, John N. Hughes, Jr., of Des Moines, survive him; a Democrat, a Mason, and a member of the Methodist church and Prairie club, of Des Moines.

HARRY B. MCCLURE, film director and technician, died July 15, 1947, at Washington, D. C.; born at Dallas Center, Iowa, in 1879; graduated from Iowa State college in 1902 and went to Washington in 1906; was a Federal hay standardization expert in the Department of Agriculture, and a former motion picture director; employed in the department for thirty-nine years and its director of motion picture service and film librarian for ten years prior to his retirement in June 1945; was one of the principal technicians in the department's hay marketing and standardization laboratory established in Alexandria, Virginia, in 1920; resided at 2014 Perry street, N. E. Washington; a member of King David Masonic lodge.