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JUDGE D. W. HAMILTON FUNERAL RITES HELD

Members of Bar of Judicial
District Present.

Died Friday Morning at Rochester,
Minn.; Had Been Ill for
Sometime.

Funeral services for the Hon. D. W. Hamilton, held at the Congregational church Sunday afternoon, were attended by practically the entire bar of the Sixth Judicial District in which he has presided as judge for almost 18 years. Relatives, neighbors and friends from far and near gathered to do him honor. Judge Hamilton's death occurred at Rochester, Minn., Friday morning, August 21.

Prof. J. D. Stoops of Grinnell College, who was in charge of the services read a requested passage of scripture and gave an inspiring short talk.

James A. Devitt, well known lawyer of Oskaloosa, representing the bar of the Sixth Judicial District, spoke eloquently and earnestly of the career of Judge Hamilton, stressing his rare courage, his unassailable integrity and his sense of responsibility. He paid high tribute to Dan Hamilton, the lawyer—but stated that the real service, the lasting benefit that his district, his state and his country has received from the life of Judge Hamilton emanated from his service as a judge.

A program of organ music was furnished by Prof. Elias Blum of Grinnell College.

Bearers were Carl E. Child, Charles K. Needham, Prof. R. H. Perring, James Buswell, Charles M. Manly and S. J. Pooley. Burial was at Thornburg, Iowa.

Judge Hamilton was born in Ogle county, Illinois on December 20, 1861. When he was about seven years of age he came west with his parents in a covered wagon, first locating in Kansas, arriving in Prairie township, Keokuk county, Iowa, May 2, 1874. Here he grew to manhood on his father's farm.

He attended school in the country and early in life gained an enviable reputation as a debater and public speaker. He graduated from the law department of the State University of Iowa in 1884. Shortly thereafter he engaged in the practice of law in Sigourney where he continued until he was elected Judge of the District Court of the Sixth Judicial District of Iowa in the fall of 1918.

On May 21, 1885, he was married to a daughter of a pioneer Quaker family of Prairie Twp., Miss Elvira Gibbons. They made their home in Sigourney until the summer of 1919, when they came to Grinnell. Mrs. Hamilton died in June, 1928. Ten children, and sixteen grandchildren survive them.

In 1908 Judge Hamilton was elected to represent the old Sixth district in Congress. He was postmaster in Sigourney under President Cleveland's administration, and served that community in many and varied capacities. He was always active in politics, local, state and national. A few months before his death he announced his candidacy for the office of Judge of the Supreme Court of Iowa on the democratic ticket. Later, however, he withdrew his name from consideration. Until quite recently his condition was not considered alarming. He had two years yet to serve as district judge and until practically the day of his death he confidently expected to be able to take up his usual court work the second week in September.

He had returned to Rochester for further observation and treatment when he was stricken with pneumonia. With him at the time of his death were three daughters: Helen, who has served as his official reporter since he has been on the bench, Mrs. Margaret MacVicar, Mrs. Ruth Hass and his son, George Hamilton.

The surviving children are Abigail Schipfer of Cleveland, Ohio; Dean P. Hamilton of Sigourney; Helen Hamilton of Newton; Gertrude Davies of Los Gatos, California; Donald W. Hamilton of Seattle, Wash.; Homer G. Hamilton of Sigourney; Ruth Hass of Des Moines; Margaret MacVicar of Denver, Colorado; George F. and Robert D. Hamilton of Grinnell. Two children, Julia and Ellen, died in infancy. All of the children except Gertrude and Donald were present at the services yesterday.

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