

Jas. Norman Hall Died In Tahiti Home

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Heart Attack Ends

Colorful Life of Famous
Author Friday Morning

Death has ended the romantic, adventurous career of James Norman Hall, the Colfax boy who served in the English and American armies during World War I, then settled in Tahiti and became nationally famous as the author, with his collaborator, Charles Bernard Nordhoff, of South Sea stories, such as "Mutiny on the Bounty," "Pitcairn Island," "The Hurricane," and many others which brought them fame and fortune.

Distinguished Alumnus

He was one of the most distinguished alumni of Grinnell college, which granted him an honorary degree at the fortieth anniversary of his 1910 class at the 1950 commencement.

Death came to him early Friday morning at his home in Papeete, Tahiti, following a heart attack. He is survived by his wife, Sarah; two children, Mrs. Nicholas Rutgers of Honolulu, Hawaii, and Conrad of Hollywood, Calif., two sisters, Mrs. J. Clark Graham of Yankton, S. Dak., and Mrs. E. J. Forsythe of Fargo, N. Dak., and a brother, Fred, who still lives in the old Hall home in Colfax. He was last in this country in May of 1950, when he visited his native town of Colfax.

Hall and Nordhoff came into prominence when they wrote the history of the Lafayette Escadrille, famous flying outfit of World War I of which Hall was a member for a time. He was shot down in combat and was a German prisoner for a time.

After the war, Hall and Nordhoff found a congenial refuge in Tahiti, and began their



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fruitful literary partnership which continued for many years.

Legendary Figure

Norman Hall was almost a legendary figure in Grinnell. He was the author of the college song, "Sons of Old Grinnell," and in many ways he proved his love for and devotion to his alma mater.

Something rich and charming has gone out of life now that Normall Hall will not be coming back to Grinnell any more.