

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 1934.

The Close Of A Good Life

Funeral Services for Judge J. H. P.
Robison Are Held Here Mon-
day Afternoon

HE PASSED AWAY IN
CHICAGO LAST FRIDAY

Had Had A Long and Honorable
Career; Former Judge of
Superior Court

(By W. G. RAY)

It is not difficult for me to re-
member the first time I saw J. H.
P. Robison. He was mayor of
Montezuma and the date was
June 1879. He umpired a game
between the Freshman baseball
team of Grinnell college and the
Montezuma baseball team. He was
a good umpire and the Grinnell
team liked him. The friendship,
which began between us at that
time lasted during the years of his
residence in Montezuma and Grin-
nell.

Judge Robison's father and
mother moved to Iowa about 1833
and located on the banks of the
Mississippi river in Scott county.
Here Judge Robison was born Aug.
3, 1844 and grew to manhood in
what was known in those early
days as the blue grass section of
Scott county. He attended Grinnell
college and at once became one of
the best known students of the col-
lege. He served in the army and
later read law and after complet-
ing his study he moved to Monte-
zuma.

When W. R. Lewis was elected
judge of the district court Park
Robison became his court reporter.
He served in this capacity for
many years and while court re-
porter he moved to Grinnell with
his wife and here their son, Sidney,
entered college from which he
graduated in 1900.

Judge Robison was at the time
of his death nearly 89 years old.
When Park Robison came to Grin-
nell to enter college he soon made
himself one of the most popular
students of the institution. He was
one of the organizers of the Grin-
nell Institute Society and also of
the Lewis Literary Society.

He lived in Grinnell when the
first college building burned and
was a member of the college class
of 1874, though he did not grad-
uate with it. He did not finish his
education here but chose a broader
field of law and became one of
the best known lawyers at the
county seat.

During his residence in Grinnell
he became a leader of men and
after serving for some time as
court reporter, his friends made
him a candidate for judge of the
Superior court. This office he filled
for eight years after 1915 with
ability and to the satisfaction of
the legal fraternity and his friends.
After eight years he felt that he
was growing too old to serve in
this capacity and declined a re-
nomination. He was a man of un-
usual tact and unusual ability. The
death of a loving and faithful wife
fell as a severe blow to him and
soon after he made his home with
his son, Sidney.

A brief tribute to the life and
character of Judge Robison should
include a reference to his manifold
activities, not only in private and
public life but to his political life
as well. In all respects he had
been a leader of men and as he
grew older the friendships of
those who had known him from
manhood up grew stronger. He
was a genial character but just to
all men. I think those who knew
him longest loved him best. My
own memory of Judge Robison
pictures him as a kind man, who
loved sports and who enjoyed all
the better things that life afford-
ed.

Funeral services conducted by
Rev. Robert Inglis were held from
the Snyder Brother's Chapel at
2:30 o'clock Monday. Mrs. Mar-
gery Bouma sang two numbers,
"One Sweetly Solemn Thought"
and "My Saviour First of All," ac-
companied on the piano by Mrs.
Grace Peck. Pall bearers were F.
S. Edge, Paul P. Meyers, H. H.
Armstrong, C. K. Needham, A. L.
Burgett and C. M. Manly. Burial
was in Hazelwood cemetery.