

Iowa Pioneers

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man; had been active on the Bridgewater school board for 20 years and served several years on the town council; was a Methodist and member of the Masonic Order; survived by his wife, three daughters, Mrs. Hildreth Firch of Aspen, Colorado, Mrs. Betty Moser of San Diego, California, and Mrs. Jean Dewey of Miami, Florida, one son, Larry of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, a sister, Mrs. Grace Burgamyer of Regent, North Dakota, a brother, Ernest of Corning, Iowa, and eight grandchildren.

JOHN HENRY KELLEY, former legislator, newspaper publisher and peace officer, died in Des Moines, Iowa, July 25, 1961; born at Reho-beth, Ohio on January 7, 1872, the son of Henry and Sophia Kelley; moved with his parents to Altoona, Iowa at the age of ten years; gradu-ated from Altoona High School and then taught school for one year; married in 1892 to Kate Simpkins of Altoona who died in 1905 shortly after the birth of their third son; married in 1910 to Bessie Snyder of Altoona; owner and publisher of the *Altoona Herald* from 1894-1900; was Chief Deputy Sheriff of Polk County, 1900-1906; elected in 1906 State Representative of Polk County, serving in the Thirty-second and Thirty-second Extra General Assemblies; Superintendent of the State Archives in the Historical Building in Des Moines, 1908-1910; returned to sheriff's office as Chief Deputy in 1913, remaining in that post until 1931; for many years was assistant superintendent of the exposition building at the Iowa State Fair; was Justice of the Peace in Altoona from 1937 until 1958; was a 50 year member of the Masonic Lodge in Altoona, member of the Pioneer Lawmakers Association, and of the Methodist church; survived by his wife and two sons, Karl E. Kelley of Des Moines and Neil E. Kelley of Winterset, Iowa, (the third son, John Cecil Kelley having preceded his father in death), also three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

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Because there's placed on printed page the records of the passing age,
 The history of the pioneers that settled here in bygone years
 Can now be read by other men who'll wonder of that period when
 The State was formed by sturdy bands that settled on the Indian lands.
 Thus we are rich in every way, though not by money laid away
 But by these facts now given all, about these settlers, great and small,
 Who made a land of towering corn, a state wherein great men were born.

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