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Jeremiah Shade was an Iowa pioneer, and had a notable career as a banker and business man. His career as a banker has been continued through his son, Charles Grant Shade, who for over forty-two years has been connected with the Savings Bank of Lockwood and the First National Bank of Rock Rapids, of which he is president.

Jeremiah Shade was born near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, September 11, 1828, and died September 14, 1901. His father was a German sailor, who early located in Pennsylvania.

Jeremiah Shade spent the first twenty-four years of his life in his native state, had a practical education, and was always a hard worker and possessed of a very excellent business judgment. At the age of twenty-four he went west to Bloomington, Illinois, and engaged in farming there for about ten years. At the outset of the Civil war he volunteered, but was rejected on account of disability. However, he was assigned duty as a cooper, making barrels for the Government.

Jeremiah Shade came to Iowa in 1862 and settled in Delaware County, on a farm, and in July, 1871, moved to Lyon County. He became one of the largest farm and land owners in that section of the state and was associated with other progressive men in organizing banks and other institutions. He was elected and served eight years as county treasurer. He was one of the group of men who organized the First National Bank of Rock Rapids, and became president of the institution on May 17, 1880. The other original directors of the bank were T. K. Bradley, B. L. Richards, B. B. Richards and F. A. Keep.

Jeremiah Shade was associated with B. L. Richards in the purchase of 8,000 acres of land, and the management of this land, together with the bank, occupied his energies fully until he retired in 1895. **Mr. Shade** was a Republican in politics, was a charter member of Border Lodge No. 406, A. F. and A. M., of Rock Rapids, and a member of the Methodist Church.

He married at Bloomington, Illinois, in 1849, **Miss Isabel M. Martin**, who was of Scotch-Irish parentage. They reared a family of ten children: **Hanna R.**, born April 30, 1851; **Robert A.**, born February 17, 1853; **Jeremiah Elwood**, born October 4, 1855; **Harriett Alice**, born in December, 1857; **Mary Louise**, born July 16, 1859; **Seymour Eugene**, born December 10, 1861; **Emma May**, born September 15, 1863; **Charles Grant**, born March 29, 1865; **Ostor Burr**, born February 18, 1867, and **Harry Well**, born July 16, 1873.

Charles Grant Shade, eighth in age, in this large family of children, was born March 29, 1865, and has spent practically all his life in Rock Rapids. He attended public schools there, for several years worked at the trade of printer, and at the age of nineteen graduated from Upper Iowa University at Fayette, Iowa.

On November 11, 1886, he began his long career as a banker, and that has been his life work. He has been president of the First National Bank of Rock Rapids since 1902. He organized and was at the head of a syndicate that owned fourteen banks, but in 1909 he withdrew from connection

with all but four of these banks. **Mr. Shade** is independent in politics and is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason. In 1914 he was honored with the office of president of the Iowa State Bankers Association. He is a past grand treasurer of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Iowa and is affiliated with the Congregational Church.

Mr. Shade married in 1887 **Miss Minnie B. Bradley**, daughter of **Edwin** and **Laura Bradley**. **Mr. Shade** has a winter home in Pasadena, California.



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Jeremiah Shade was born September 11, 1828, on a farm eighteen miles southwest of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. His parents were **George** and **Hannah Shade**. Germans, who at the time of his birth each had children by a former marriage—the father five, and the mother one. "**Jerry**" was the oldest of the thirteen, making a family of nineteen. Located three and one-half miles over the mountain from the district log school house with only a six months' school during the winter, his education was neglected.

November 8, 1849, in the town of Lancaster, Illinois (now Glassford,) he married **Miss Mary Isabella M. Martin**, then in her sixteenth year, a native of Perry County, Pennsylvania, the youngest child of **Nathaniel** and **Rebecca Martin**. **Mr. Martin** was an Irishman by birth, born in Cork, Ireland.

Mrs. Martin was Scotch and Welsh, a native of Pennsylvania. To this union were born ten children, to-wit: **Hannah R.**, born at Lancaster, Illinois, April 30, 1851; **Robert A.**, born at Lancaster, Illinois, February 17, 1853; **Jeremiah E.**, born at Lancaster, Illinois, October 4, 1854; **Harriet A.**, born at Towanda, Illinois, May 27, 1857; **Mary L.**, born at Towanda, Illinois, July 16, 1859; **Seymour E.**, born at Hickory Grove, Iowa, December 10, 1861; **Charles G.**, born at Hickory Grove, Iowa, March 29, 1865; **Ostor B.**, born at Hickory Grove, Iowa, February 18, 1867; **Harry F.**, born at Hickory Grove, Iowa, July 16, 1873.

Five of the above have passed on before, to-wit: **Harriet A.**, died at Towanda, Illinois, March 1, 1858; **Robert A.**, died at Hickory Grove, Iowa, April 8, 1873; **Harry F.**, died at Hickory Grove, Iowa, August 22, 1873; **Emma M.**, died at Rock Rapids, Iowa, May 8, 1883; **Ostor B.**, died at Cherokee, Iowa April 13, 1900.

In the fall of 1860 he loaded his family, wife and four children, and household effects into a wagon and emigrated to Delaware County, Iowa, settling at Hickory Grove. Purchasing a fifty-acre home, he farmed in crop season, and coopered at odd times and during the winter months.

When the Civil war broke out he soon became an active member of the Republican Party, continuing in the faith until death. On account of his large family he did not consider it his duty

to enlist and go the front, but did assist the families of those who did, to over \$1,000, of means he and his family acquired, mostly by hard labor.

The great sorrow of his life occurred April 25, 1886, when his wife of his youth and mother of his children was stricken with paralysis and passed away in a few hours. From this time on during the remainder of his life, his devotion to the religion of his choice, and desire to assist his fellows in every good word and work, increased as the years sped by.

After nearly thirty-seven years of wedded life, the loss of her whom the family, as well as many friends and neighbors affectionately called mother, and his love of a home life left him like a ship afloat without a rudder. Naturally of a self-reliant disposition this desire to have a home he could call his own, led him to wed **Miss Levisa S. Millar**, at Indianola, Iowa, August 27, 1889, who survives him. She proved a faithful consort and helper, assisting in many ways to lighten the burden of his declining years.

Jeremiah Shade died at Larchwood, Iowa, Sunday, September 14, 1901, aged seventy-three years, three days. Short funeral services were held at the family residence and the following Tuesday the remains were conveyed to the Methodist Episcopal Church at Rock Rapids, where **Dr. Emory Millar**, of Indianola, Iowa, (a brother-in-law by marriage), assisted by W.J. Carr, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Rock Rapids, and Rev. G.H. Croker, pastor of the First Congregational church of Larchwood, conducted the services. **Rev. Millar** took as a basis for his remarks, the thought "Why does it pay a man to lead a good life?" At the close of the service at the church a large concourse of old neighbors, early settlers, friends and acquaintances of the deceased and family, followed the remains to the beautiful cemetery south of town, where after a few well chosen remarks by Rev. A.H. Bryan, pastor of his home church, his mortal remains were laid to rest in the family lot, beside those of his mother. Peace to his ashes, and may his life and example continue through all time to wield an influence to assist in the up-building of the human race.

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