

JOHN HARTMAN DIES; 45 YEARS COURIER EDITOR

Long Newspaper Career Ended

Honorary bearers will be H. Maynard, C. W. Chapman, James M. Graham, W. F. Parrott, C. F. Altstadt, John W. Rath, H. O. Bernbrock, Dr. J. G. Hildebrand, B. F. Swisher and John G. Miller.

Active bearers will be Bruce F. Gates, H. G. Northey, C. A. Morris, Henry G. Frank, Sidney C. Smith, T. C. Menges, W. A. Hendry and J. A. Young.

Waterloo lodge 105, A. F. & A. M., will open lodge at 1:15 p. m. Sunday at the Masonic temple to conduct the lodge ritual prior to the service in First Methodist church.

The body was taken to the Kistner funeral home.

Life Devoted to Newspaper;
Left Office for Last Time
Month Ago.

FUNERAL SERVICE TO BE SUNDAY AFTERNOON

John C. Hartman, editor of the Waterloo Daily Courier for the last 45 years, died at 6 a. m. Friday at his home, 2425 West Fourth street, after a month's illness. He was 79 years old.

Death was caused by ailments incident to advanced age.

Mr. Hartman had been bedfast exactly four weeks Friday, since Dec. 6, and last was at his office in the Courier building on Tuesday, Dec. 3.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p. m. Sunday in First Methodist church. Burial will be in Elmwood cemetery.

Spent Life on Newspaper.
John C. Hartman spent his entire life in the business of putting out a newspaper—and always the same newspaper.

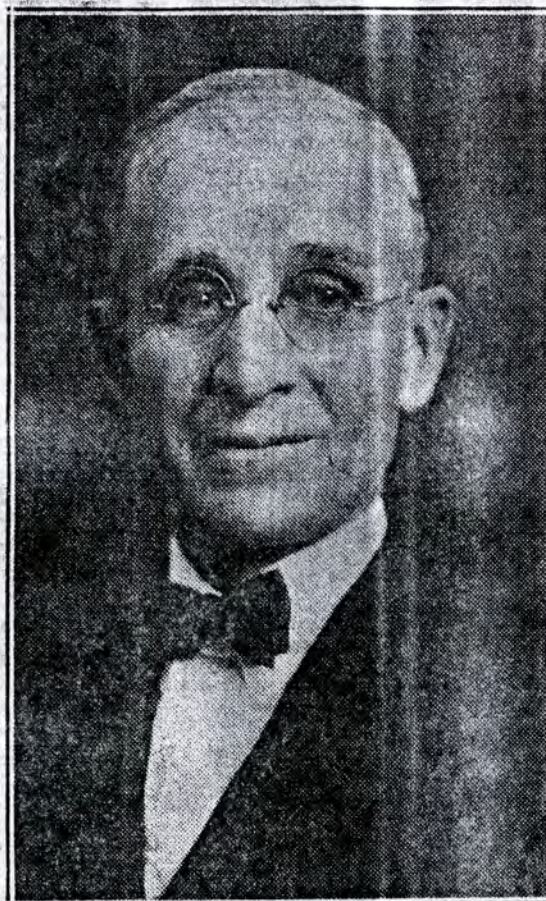
He saw the development from the handpower cylinder press used to print the weekly paper when he started as a printer's devil in his father's shop, to the perfecting rotary press of today, and from the hand case where in his youth he spent many hours setting type, to the linotype and stereotyping machines found in the modern plant.

Thru the years he not only kept pace with the growth of the community but he pioneered in adopting many of the developments that have come with the application of science and invention to the newspaper business.

Born in Waterloo.
John Clark Hartman was born in Waterloo June 21, 1861, the son of William H. and Dorinda Z. (Clark) Hartman. His father was editor and owner of the Courier, which had been founded in 1854 as the Cedar Falls Banner and moved to Waterloo by the elder Hartman in 1858.

During the progress of his education in the public schools, John Hartman worked in the Courier office, becoming a practical printer and familiar with all departments of the business.

The Courier became a daily paper in 1890, and in 1891 the W. H. Hartman company, which now owns the paper, was formed, with W. H. Hartman and his sons, J. C. and W. D. Hartman, as officers and directors.



John Clark Hartman (above), longtime editor of the Waterloo Daily Courier, died Friday at his home.

Editor Since 1895.

At the death of W. H. Hartman July 1, 1895, John C. Hartman succeeded him as editor of the paper and president of the W. H. Hartman company, both of which positions he continued to hold until his death.

In 1935 he was designated as "master editor-publisher" by the Iowa Press association.

On Nov. 8, 1886, in Waterloo, he married Ida M. Hummel, who was born May 23, 1860, in Shamokin Dam, Pa., daughter of Jacob P. and Sarah M. Hummel. They have no children. A brother, William D. Hartman, died Oct. 4, 1902, and a sister, Mrs. John P. von Lackum, died Oct. 20, 1915, both in Waterloo.

Surviving besides the widow are two nephews, John P. von Lackum, 220 Home Park boulevard, and Karl C. von Lackum, 389 Sheridan road, and two nieces, Miss Genevieve von Lackum, 389 Sheridan road, and De Ette (Mrs. Lester W.) Miller, 2315 West Fourth street.

Former Republican Chairman.

Mr. Hartman, following in the footsteps of his father, was active for many years in the affairs of the Republican party, and was county chairman for a time. The Courier is independent Republican in politics.

Mr. Hartman was a member of the Masonic orders.

Interested from boyhood in hunting and fishing, he was an earnest advocate of wild life conservation

and this topic received frequent mention in the columns of the Courier.

He was a student of Iowa history, particularly that of the northeast part of the state; and accumulated a mass of data on the Indian inhabitants and the coming of the white man. He was a life member of the Iowa State Historical society. In 1915 he edited a "History of Black Hawk County and Its People."

Acquaintance Wide.

His acquaintance was very wide in Waterloo and the surrounding community. He grew up with the city and knew many of the people who lived in it.

During his many years as editor, he continued an active personal direction of the conduct of the newspaper. As the paper grew, he developed specialized departments and gave his close attention to the local news, the telegraph news that came daily over three leased wires, the syndicated features (which he personally selected), and the business department.

He shunned public office (the only such offices he ever held were those of playground commissioner and park commissioner), but thru the columns of his paper exerted an influence for good government in the city, county and state, and for the development of the city.

Rotarians Casket Bearers.

Honorary and active casket bearers at the funeral Sunday afternoon will be fellow members of the Waterloo Rotary club.

Court, Drake Will Officiate at Rites for J. C. Hartman

1-5-41
Funeral This Afternoon a
First Methodist.

Dr. Frank W. Court, Waterloo district superintendent of the Methodist church, and Rev. Alber L. Drake, pastor of First Baptist church, will officiate at funeral rites this afternoon for John C. Hartman, editor of the Waterloo Daily Courier for 45 years.

The service will be at 2 p. m. in First Methodist church. Rev. Henry Leonard Weiss, pastor, is away on vacation.

Dr. Court, a personal friend of Mr. Hartman for 25 years, will conduct the service and give a tribute to the veteran newspaperman. Rev. Mr. Drake will preach the sermon.

Mr. Hartman died at the age of 79 Friday morning in his home at 2425 West Fourth street.

Special sections will be reserved for Courier employes, their wives and husbands, Rotarians and Masons.

Waterloo lodge 105, A. F. & A. M., will open lodge at 1:15 p. m. Sunday at Masonic temple, after which members will go in a body to the church to attend the service.

Burial will be in Elmwood cemetery.

John C. Hartman.

When young John Hartman was old enough to spell, he began setting type in his father's newspaper office. During the rest of his long life, publishing a newspaper—that same newspaper—was his profession. When he died Friday morning, at nearly 80, he had been editor of the Waterloo Daily Courier, and president of the company publishing it, for 45 years.

In his lifetime John C. Hartman linked the early days when Waterloo was a village with the years of its growth, the achievements of its present, and its hopes and plans for the future. A generation past the pioneers, he was founded on the rock of Iowa pioneer life and admired the pioneer characteristics of industry and thrift.

Thru the years there were few who had much to do with development of this city and section who did not know John Hartman, and those who knew him respected and loved him. Setting high standards of energy and accuracy in the making of the newspaper, he inspired his staff and he was quick to praise a good job.

His interests and contacts were many, and there was no rank among his friends. As an equal he met the man highly placed and the man in the street. Politicians and industrialists and railroad presidents were his friends, and so were farmers and store clerks and mail carriers and school boys. If there was a special spot in his heart, it was for the river men whom he had known as comrades in the boats on the Cedar.

All his life John Hartman helped uphold principles of righteousness and integrity. He had the searching mind that sought for truth. Tho he is dead, his memory and his influence live. In the best sense, he carried the torch; and the torch will not go out.

HARTMAN ESTATE LEFT TO WIDOW, NEPHEWS, NIECES

1-8-41
Stock in W. H. Hartman Co.
Held in Trust Until Heirs
Order Sale.

The will of John C. Hartman, filed for probate Tuesday by his widow, Ida M. Hartman, leaves to her their residence at 2425 West Fourth street and one-third of all the remainder of his estate.

His shares in the W. H. Hartman company, owner of the Waterloo Daily Courier, were left in trust to his executors, one-fourth of the income to go to the widow during her lifetime and the other three-fourths of the income to be divided in four equal shares among his nephews, John P. von Lackum and Karl C. von Lackum, and nieces, Genevieve M. von Lackum and De Ette V. Miller. After the widow's death, all the income is to go to the nephews and nieces.

Majority Approval Required.

The will directs that none of his W. H. Hartman company stock may be sold unless a majority of the four nephews and nieces approve. If such sale is directed, the stock is to be offered to Jackson McCoy (treasurer of the company and general manager of the Courier), if he is then alive and in the company's employ, at the same price as the best offer of the same.

If such a stock sale is made during the life of the widow, one-fourth of the proceeds shall go to her and the other three-fourths shall be divided equally among the four nephews and nieces. If such a sale be made after the death of the widow, all the proceeds are to be divided among the four nephews and nieces.

All the remainder of the estate is bequeathed to the four nephews and nieces in equal shares.

Nephew, Niece Executors.

The will, witnessed by George E. Pike and Carleton Sias, attorneys, appoints the nephew, John P. von Lackum, and the niece, Genevieve M. von Lackum, as executors without bond and as trustees of the W. H. Hartman company stock.

It is provided that in case of the death of any of the nephews or nieces before distribution of the estate, their share in the income or proceeds shall go to their surviving children, if any, and if

not shall be distributed among the other nephews and nieces.

In case any of these others is dead, his or her share shall go to his or her surviving children. If he or she has no surviving children, his or her share shall go to the other nephews and nieces or their surviving children.

Mr. Hartman, who was for 45 years president of the W. H. Hartman company and editor of the Waterloo Daily Courier, died Friday at the age of 79. The will was made Dec. 20, 1935.

Tribute to J. C. Hartman * * * * * Editor Called "One of Iowa's First Citizens"

1-9-41 From the Des Moines Register

Only occasionally is a life as long as John C. Hartman's identified with a single community and a single institution in it. His father had founded the Waterloo Courier before the Civil war, before John Hartman was born, and he "grew into" the editorship of the newspaper as it grew.

A few years ago Mr. Hartman received one of the master editor-publisher awards given for faithful and conscientious service in the Iowa newspaper field by the Iowa

Press association. This was of course only suggestive of the place that he held in Waterloo and Black Hawk county for several decades. For he was not only a capable and successful business man, but he gave his time and energy and support to many worthwhile public enterprises.

The Register joins in the regret of northeastern Iowa people and of many others throughout the state, at the passing of one of Iowa's first citizens and a colleague who lived nobly and builded well.

John C. Hartman's Estate Estimated at \$700,000 Total

Gross value of the estate left by John C. Hartman, editor of the Waterloo Daily Courier for 45 years, was estimated at \$700,000 as District Judge George W. Wood appointed a nephew, John P. von Lackum, 220 Home Park boulevard, and a niece, Genevieve M. von Lackum, 389 Sheridan road, executors without bond.

In the application for executor appointment, filed by Attorney Carleton Sias, value of personal property was set at \$650,000, in addition to real estate.

Hartman