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Captain Decker Left Record of Most
Important Dates in His Career
Written in June,
1914.

HE CAME HERE IN 1884

He Was Born in Ohio and is Descended From Knickerbockers of New York on Father's Side.

A short time before his death, Captain A. C. Decker wrote out a short biographical history. This was found among his papers yesterday, and the biographical sketch here is made from the notes and data contained in the sketch which he himself wrote some eighteen months ago, in June, 1914.

A. C. Decker was born on September 26, 1844. His father was a descendant on his father's side of the Hollanders, or what was known as the Knickerbockers of New York City; his mother was a Scotch woman. His mother's father was a Belfast Scotch-Irish man, and her mother was French.

Licking county, Ohio, in what is called Bowling Green valley, a few miles east of Newark, O., was the birthplace of Captain Decker. In the fall of 1854 he came with his parents to Illinois. The journey was made in a moving wagon, which was typical of the period. The family settled on a farm in McDonough county, a few miles southwest of Bushnell. Decker lived with his parents on the farm until he was 21 years old.

He was married to Miss Olive J. Cowdery of Melgs county, O., January 11, 1872. Three children were born, two sons and one daughter all living. In 1902 Mrs. Decker died. Captain Decker's second marriage was to Mrs. Nettie S. Weess on November 9, 1903.

Came Here in 1884.

On April 2, 1884, the Deckers moved to Keokuk from Bushnell, Ill. To quote directly from his history:

"I came here with James Ayers, who was my partner in business, we were known as the Ayers & Decker Manufacturing Co. We manufactured barbed wire for a number of years. Mr. Ayers died in the fall of 1890. After the death of Mr. Ayers I bought up the stock and ran the same in 1891 and adopted the name of the Decker Mfg. Co. At the present time I have no partner in business, it simply being A. C. Decker doing business as the Decker Mfg. Co. After the death of Mr. Ayers I began to make different lines of hardware specialties and finally sold out the barbed wire machinery and discontinued the making of barbed wire, and took up the manufacture of hog rings, hog ringers, and curry combs, and other hardware specialties."

Mrs. Harry Coulson who is the only daughter of the decedent, arrived last night. The two sons are expected to arrive today. The body is expected to arrive sometime during the day, but the exact time is not known. It will depend on the arrival of the body and the two sons as to the time for holding the funeral.

Request for Funeral.

Before Dr. George C. Williams, pastor of the First Congregational church left here in 1914, Captain Decker asked him if he would conduct the last services. Dr. Williams assured him that he would and last evening a long distance telephone call to Newton informed Dr. Williams of the death of Captain Decker. He expressed his regret at the death of his friend, and said that whatever arrangements were made he would make his own plans conform, when reminded of the promise he made.

Everywhere the greatest regret is being expressed at the passing of Captain Decker. He was well liked by everyone who knew him, and kindly remembrances of him are recalled by almost everyone who speaks of his death. He was a kindly man, good hearted and one who would help a friend who needed help.

CITY NEWS.

Special tomorrow: Eggs only 20c per dozen; tomatoes, 3 cans 25c. Fred DeYong.

Regular February meeting of the United Charities has been postponed on account of the absence from the city of the president Rev. Sage.

In the district court today an order was signed by Judge Hamilton approving the final report of J. B. Well, in the matter of the estate of C. A. Dolbear.

CITY NEWS.

Regular meeting of Keokuk aerie No. 683, F. O. E., tonight at Eagles hall, 523 Main, at 8 o'clock. Visiting brothers always welcome. Chas. A. Noakes, secretary. Business of importance.

A memorial service commemorative of the late Rector Emeritus Rev. Dr. Mellwain of St. John's Episcopal church, will be held in that church on Sunday morning at eleven o'clock. A memorial sermon will be preached by the rector, the Rev. John C. Sage.

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The feast of the purification of the Virgin Mary is being observed today with special services in the church of St. Mary the Virgin, High and Fourteenth streets. Tonight at eight o'clock there will be a festival service at which the Rev. John C. Sage, priest in charge, will be the special preacher. Following the custom of this parish the candles for use on the altar during the ensuing year will be presented and blessed. As this is the 26th anniversary of the services in the present church building, the congregation of this active colored church are much interested in the service and there will doubtless be a large congregation.

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Verlin Ginter Wanted to Ride Uptown, but Friend Made Him Get Off at Levee.

Verlin Ginter pleaded guilty before Judge McNamara this morning in the superior court to the charge of disturbing the peace of Jacob J. Wahrer, a conductor on the interurban car, and was sentenced to thirty days in jail.

According to the story told in court, Ginter was riding on the interurban from Warsaw to Keokuk yesterday afternoon. When the car reached the foot of Johnson street a friend who was with Ginter wanted him to get off there. Ginter, however, wanted to ride up town and is said to have used abusive language. Ginter's friend asked the conductor of the car, Jacob J. Wahrer, to help him take Ginter off.

This task was accomplished, but when the car started up it is said that Ginter threw a piece of rock at the car, hitting it on the side and applied epithets to the conductor. Later he was arrested. In court this morning he said that he did not remember the scrape.

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CITY NEWS.

Keokuk camp of W. A. No. 622 will hold its regular meeting tonight at Woodman hall. All members are requested to be present.

Leo F. Clow and Miss Emma Steffey, both of Macon City, Illinois, were married Tuesday afternoon by Rev. E. LeRoy Steffey, pastor of the First Methodist Protestant church.

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