

## Rolland E. Heywood

Rolland Edward Heywood was born near Winthrop, Iowa on June 13, 1882. He was the youngest of five sons born to Alfred and Adelaide Benedict Heywood. The Heywoods were of English origin, the family seat was Heywood Hall in Devonshire.

When Rolland was still a young boy, the family moved to Winthrop where he graduated from high school. He attended Lenox College in Hopkinton for a year, and then worked in a bank in Winthrop for two years. In 1903 he went to Laurens to work with his older brother Will Heywood, who was connected with the Lane-Moore Lumber Co. He was successfully in charge of the yards at Webb and at Peterson, and then was auditor of the company. For nine years he was in the general offices of the company in Webster City, as treasurer and purchasing agent. From January 1913 to August 1915 he was auditor of Conger and Co., a company with a large line of elevators and lumber yards in Saskatchewan, Canada. In August of 1915, he returned to Peterson and was married to Hortense Butler on August 11, 1915. They made their home with Mrs. Butler at ~~the~~ "The Oaks", for three and a half years, then moved to Webster City for nine years. In the spring of 1928 he purchased from the Wisconsin Lumber Company their lumberyards at Peterson and Pioneer, which operated under the name of "Heywood Bros." *He lived at Peterson from then until his death.*

He and his wife adopted in the fall of 1931 a little daughter, named Julia Charlotte. He died on January 17, 1933.

Rolland Heywood was a man of honor in all his business and personal relations. All who had any dealing with him learned to depend on his absolute integrity, his fine sense of justice, and his splendid generosity. One of his distinguishing characteristics was his love of nature, in all its manifestations. ~~From early boyhood, he found his recreation in hunting and fishing. He went at his amusements just as carefully as he attended to business.~~

He was a careful and painstaking business man, but he knew how to play, too. Sports of all sorts made their appeal. Outdoor sports ~~x~~ were his chief recreation, and he was an avid hunter and fisherman. He went at his amusements as carefully as he ran his business. For this reason, he excelled at everything he undertook. He was an expert trap shooter,, and in his younger years was ~~XXXX~~ considered one of the finest baseball catchers any where around. He played on the Peterson baseball team, that was renowned for its great number of outstanding players. When the weather kept him inside, he was among the best at almost any game, from checkers to bridge. He was a true sportsman in every sense of the word. When he died, it was said of him that he was indeed "a prince among men", and that he numbered his friends by those who knew him. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Peterson, and of the Elks in Webster City. At the time of his death, he was a member of the Peterson ~~x~~ school board. As a young man, he joined the Congregational Church, and throughout his life was a consistent supporter of that church. He had a talent for friendship, and now, nearly half a century after his death, people go out of their way to remark on what a wonderful man he was. One of the great regrets of his daughters life is that she was never privileged to know this man.