

HISTORY AND CHRONOLOGY  
of the  
MAYORS OF CLINTON, IOWA

1856 - 1974

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## FORWARD

A research into the lives of the Mayors of the City of Clinton, Iowa is a challenging, and, to a degree, a rewarding assignment.

It is challenging, for very few of the mayors have found their lives in the pages of a book. This first attempt to gather information concerning all the mayors of the City is partially fulfilled.

It is rewarding, in a limited degree, in that little or nothing has been written of the personal lives of most of the mayors. The political life of the early mayors is evidenced mostly through ordinances that have been signed by them and little more than that. In the early period of Clinton history, politics seem to have played some part in the news coverage given to a candidate or to a newly elected official.

Books on the history of Clinton are few. A researcher must resort exclusively for historical information on many of the mayors to the Clinton Herald newspaper. Most of the issues of the Clinton Herald are on microfilm but the missing issues are just so many missing links in the chronological record of Clinton's daily history. At times, an election has to be inferred from events which preceded and followed an election date.

Furthermore, there are discrepancies in the date of election for mayors between the few books available and the Clinton Herald. Where such discrepancies occur, the dates recorded in the Clinton Herald were chosen as being the more accurate, for events and ordinances preceding and following an election verified the time of an election.

No effort was made to list the mayors who served pro tem.

The coverage of information given to the mayors is uneven. But to attempt to give even coverage in this study for the purpose of attaining more uniform-

ity in style and amount of content would be to leave unrecorded, valuable and interesting material on some of the mayors.

It is hoped that this research, undertaken at the request and under the inspiration of Mayor H. Edward Obermiller, will be developed into a more detailed history of the mayors and of the City they served.

## HISTORY and CHRONOLOGY OF THE MAYORS OF CLINTON, IOWA 1856-1974

### SAMUEL CROZER, 1856-1857

Samuel Crozer was born in Belmont County, Ohio, April 30, 1813. He held a position of merchant's clerk for four years in East Fairfield, Columbiana, Ohio. He owned a drug and grocery store for three years. In Wellsville, Ohio, he was engaged as "mind host" for two years. For about five years he was captain of a steamboat, plying the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers. For four years he engaged in the produce business in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. In 1856 he located in Clinton and embarked in mercantile pursuits, he also was elected Mayor of Clinton, the first person to serve as Justice of the Peace and as Mayor of the City. In public affairs, Mr. Crozer served for sixteen years as Justice of the Peace, was a Republican in politics, and prior to the organization of that party, was an old time Whig. He held the position of Overseer<sup>2</sup> of the Poor for eight years. He belonged to the Masonic Fraternity and to the I.O.O.F.

In the following years, he erected a warehouse and for three years engaged in the purchase of grain. His next move was to Chicago, where for four years, he engaged in the commission business, becoming head of Crozer and Wills. Next, Mr. Crozer erected a hotel in Boone, Iowa. One year later he sold out and in 1867 he returned to Clinton<sup>1</sup> where he engaged in real estate with a reasonable profit.

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### J. C. BOUCHER, 1858-1859, 1861-1862

J. C. Boucher was engaged as a wholesaler and retail merchant. Advertisements for "J.C. Boucher and Co." list his wares as: dry goods, hats, hosiery, caps, iron, nails and glass.<sup>3</sup>

J. C. Boucher was Mayor of Clinton in 1858-1859,<sup>4</sup> and was elected for a second term on March 13, 1861.<sup>5</sup>

**-H. B. HORTON, 1859-1860**

H. B. Horton engaged in banking, real estate and insurance. His office was<sup>6</sup>  
on Fourth Avenue, Clinton, Iowa.

He was editor of the Clinton Herald,<sup>7</sup> was elected the first City Treasurer on<sup>8</sup>  
April 6, 1857, and served as Mayor of the City from 1859-1860.<sup>9</sup>

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**T. J. FLOURNEY, 1860-1861**

T. J. Flourney served as Mayor of Clinton from 1860-1861.<sup>10</sup> No information  
seems to be available concerning his activities as Mayor. A letter was written by him  
and published in the November 16, 1861 issue of the Clinton Herald. The letter is ad-  
dressed from "Army Correspondence Second Regiment, Iowa Infantry" from Benton Barkacre  
St. Louis, Missouri, dated November 12, 1861. Mr. Flourney expresses his views of  
Civil War events, defends the position of Fremont, and describes the desolation brought  
on by the South for which he judges the South to be totally responsible. He asks for<sup>11</sup>  
news from Clinton.

Before his services as Mayor, T. J. Flourney served as Clinton Alderman during the<sup>12</sup>  
term of Mayor J.C. Boucher, 1858-1859.

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**T. S. BRISCOE, 1862-1863**

T. S. Briscoe administered the oath of office to the first elected officials of<sup>13</sup>  
the City of Clinton. He served as Alderman for the City of Clinton for the year 1858-<sup>14</sup>  
1859, and served as Mayor of Clinton for the term 1862-1863.<sup>15</sup>

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**WILLIAM H. ANKENY, 1863-1864, 1866-1867**

William H. Ankeny was elected Mayor of Clinton on March 5, 1863,<sup>16</sup> and for a  
second term on March 20, 1866. During his time the Overland stage mail and express  
line across the continent was bought by Wells-Fargo, who then monopolized the stage

and to a large extent the banking business of the whole country from the Missouri<sup>17</sup>  
River to the Pacific Ocean.

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**WILLIAM JOHN YOUNG, 1864-1865**

William John Young was born in Belfast, Ireland, on February 2, 1827. He came to  
American in 1846. He was employed in railway offices, and later became general freight  
agent in the Cincinnati, Longansport and Chicago Railroad. He was sent to La Crosse,  
Wisconsin to look into the conditions of a saw mill which was owned by some businessmen  
in Cincinnati. The venture was a failure. Upon Young's recommendation the mill was re-  
moved from La Crosse to Clinton, Iowa, and opened here in August 1859. He built the new  
mill in 1860 and another mill in 1866. In twenty years time he became the proprietor  
of the largest sawmill in operation on the American continent. The development of Young's  
operations grew until by the latter 80's, no mill in the world could compare in cut with<sup>18</sup>  
Young's "Big Mill" in capacity.

Mr. Young introduced two new systems on rafting logs; towing logs by steamers, and  
the system of brail rafting, in which loose logs, arranged in tiers or ranks, are sur-<sup>19</sup>  
rounded by a log boom and towed by steamers.

Mr. Young was a member of the Mississippi Logging Company, a director of the Clinton  
National Bank, president of the Clinton Savings Bank, and was prominent in financial<sup>20</sup>  
circles. He served as Mayor of Clinton for the term 1864-1865. He was elected Vice-  
President of the School Board on March 13, 1866.

Mr. Young's philanthropic gifts included the Esther Young Sunday School Chapel at  
Clinton, erected and presented to the Methodists; a twenty thousand dollar building given<sup>24</sup>  
to the Clinton Young Men's Christian Association; gifts to various personal charities.

Mr. Young died on June 8, 1896.<sup>22</sup>

Photo: P.B. Wolfe, ed., Wolfe's History of Clinton, Iowa, opposite page 489.



**ABRAM, P. HOSFORD, 1865-1866**

Abram P. Hosford was born December 8, 1811, in Orange County, Vermont. From the age of 19 to 24, Abram taught school during the winter months. At the age of 24 he went to Ohio and engaged as a pedagogue during the winter of 1835-1836. He succeeded in obtaining a position in LaSalle County, Illinois, bought a 180 acre piece of land and cultivated it from 1837 until 1848. In 1849 he moved to Ottawa, Illinois and bought 160 acres of land at \$4.00 per acre. Between 1849 and 1852, he purchased 320 adjoining acres. He sold his land in 1854 for \$50.00 per acre. He then became a real estate dealer in Waterloo, Iowa, becoming a partner with Edwin Miller until 1857. In that year he came to Lyons and built a saw mill. The panic of 1857 induced him to change the location of his mill from Lyons to Clinton. In 1859 his mill was constructed and was organized in 1865 as the Clinton Lumber Company. For a time, Mr. Hosford served as president of the company.

Mr. Hosford had large interests in real estate in the City of Clinton, and had built several of the best business blocks. In 1852 he built a fine brick house on the corner of Fifth Avenue and Third Street. For a time he owned interests in the gas works, the street railway, the water works, and in the paper company. He came into possession of and conducted the machine shops and foundry on Second Street.

Mr. Hosford was elected Mayor of Clinton on March 7, 1865. In politics he was a Republican. During the Civil War he was a staunch union man. He became one of the charter members in the organization of the Congregational Church on May 12, 1866, and later served as Deacon. He died on September 12, 1886.

During his time, the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad pushed its mileage from Clinton toward Des Moines. A public library was organized in Lyons, the physical plant consisting of a single reading room. An appeal was made to start a similar library in Clinton.

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**JOSEPH CROSSET YOUNG, 1866-1867**

Joseph Crosset Young became Mayor of Clinton on March 4, 1866. He was born on November 1, 1811 in Onondaga County, New York. In 1838 he moved to Oakland County, Michigan where he purchased an 80 acre farm. In 1839 he returned to New York and settled in Oneida County. There he engaged in mercantile pursuits. About the year 1847 he came to Clinton, Iowa and invested again in the grocery business. He built the Young Block at the corner of Second Street and Fifth Avenue.

Joseph C. Young was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was a member of the first council of the City of Clinton and served as Mayor of the city for two terms. Politically he was a Republican. He died on June 1, 1906.

Photo: P.B. Wolfe, ed., Wolfe's History of Clinton, Iowa, opposite page 888.

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**LEROI B. WADLEIGH, 1868-1869**

LeRoi B. Wadleigh was born on August 20, 1833 in Meredith, New Hampshire. He came to Clinton in 1863. He was employed for several years by the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad. He was in the service of W. J. Young and Company for eight years, and for a time was president of the Clinton Lumber Company.

In politics, Mr. Wadleigh was a Democrat. He was elected Mayor of Clinton in 1868. In 1889 he served as Alderman for the City Council. Fraternally he was a Mason and attained to the thirty-second degree in that order.

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**J. W. GOTTLOB, 1869-1870**

Note: Issues of the Clinton Herald for this period are missing on the available micro-films.

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**C. S. TAYLOR, 1870-1871, 1871-1872**

C. S. Taylor, originally a native of Ermont, was brought up in Canada and came

to Iowa in the Spring of 1863. He engaged in the business of jeweler and became the proprietor of the oldest jewelry house in Clinton. Mr. Taylor held the office of Mayor for three terms, 1870, 1871, and 1872. He also held the office of Town Trustee for a number of years.

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#### CHARLES H. TOLL, 1873-1875

Charles H. Toll, a native of Van Buren, Onondaga County, New York, was born on April 18, 1827. While living in New York he served as supervisor of the town of Lysander. In 1853 he came to Chicago, and the following year located at Lyons, Iowa. While he resided in Lyons, he was made Assistant Treasurer of the Iowa Land Company and he assisted in the building of the railroad from the Mississippi River to Council Bluffs.

In 1855 he was elected Mayor of Lyons. When business in connection with the railroad called him to Clinton, he resigned as Mayor. In 1856 he was elected to the State Legislature. In 1859 he was elected sheriff of Clinton County, serving for two years. From 1862 to 1866 he served as United States Commissary for a Division of the Union Army. On March 3, 1873, he was elected Mayor of Clinton. In December 1875 he was appointed Post Master of Clinton. Mr. Toll was a Republican.

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#### JOHN J. FLOURNOY, 1875-1876, 1877-1878

John J. Flourney, a Democrat, was elected Mayor of Clinton on March 1, 1875, and served two terms. He was later elected to the office of City Auditor.

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#### J. T. PIERSON, 1876-1877

J. T. Pierson was born on Orange County, New York on December 5, 1806. He was engaged in building in Auburn, New York, and later in mercantile business in Buffalo.

After his marriage in 1832, he came to Illinois, and in 1840 located at Crystal Lake McHenry County. While in Illinois he held various public offices: County Treasurer for four years, Representative to the State Legislature, and Justice of the Peace for twenty years. In 1872 he came to Clinton, Iowa. He was elected Mayor of the City on March 6, 1876, and City Treasurer in 1877. Mr. Pierson was a Democrat.

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#### UPTON LARKIN, 1878-1879, 1879-1880

Upton Larkin, a Democrat and long time resident of Clinton, was elected Mayor on March 4, 1878 and served two terms. Mr. Larkin was a bricklayer.

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#### RICHARD PRICE, 1880-1881

Richard Price, born on August 13, 1824, was a native of England. He emigrated to America in 1842. He lived in Ohio and from there went to Galena, Illinois in 1845. He served in the Mexican War, enlisted in the 8th Regiment, U. S. Infantry, Company A, the grenadier company of the regiment, serving there for two years. In 1853 he came to Sabula, Iowa; in 1869, to Clinton, Iowa. By trade he was a brick manufacturer. He held the office of City Alderman for eleven years and was Chairman of Streets and Alleys for eight years. He was elected Mayor of Clinton on March 1, 1880. Mr. Price was a Republican.

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#### F. A. SEAVEY, 1881-1882, 1882-1883, 1883-1884

F. A. Seavey, prominent and prosperous business man of Clinton, was elected Mayor on March 7, 1881. He served three terms.

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#### DR. ALBERT REYNOLDS, 1884-1885

Dr. Albert Reynolds received the nomination for Mayor in both the Democratic and

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Republican conventions. He was elected Mayor of Clinton on March 3, 1884. 54

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**F. E. McDOWELL, 1885-1886**

F. E. McDowell, a Democrat, was elected Mayor of Clinton on March 2, 1885, on  
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an Independent ticket.

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**ARNOLD WALLIKER, 1886-1887**

Arnold Walliker, a lawyer, was elected Mayor through the efforts of the  
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Clinton Knights of Labor Organization on March 1, 1886. Mr. Walliker was reputed  
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to be a Socialist.

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**JOHN J. POLLOCK, 1887-1888**

John J. Pollock was elected Mayor of Clinton on March 7, 1887. 58

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**CHARLES WARREN CHASE, 1888-1889**

Charles Warren Chase was born in Loudon, New Hampshire, on December 8, 1834. He  
clerked one year in a drug store in Concord, New Hampshire, and worked three years in  
a wholesale drug house in Fitchburg, Massachusetts. He spent four years taking a clas-  
sical course at New Hampton Institute, New Hampton, New Hampshire; entered Dartmouth  
College in 1858 and graduated from this institution in 1860. He entered the law office  
of Col. T. J. Whipple at Laconia, New Hampshire and was admitted to the bar in 1861.

In 1862 he enlisted as a Private in Company G., Twelfth New Hampshire Volunteers.  
He was voted Captain of Company G and served in General Hooker's division. After be-  
ing seriously wounded at Fredericksburg, he was made Post Commandant at Jefferson, In-  
diana. Ill health forced him to resign in 1864.

Captain Chase came to Clinton, Iowa, in January, 1865 and began the practice of

law. In his practice he became an authority on municipal and corporation law, gain-  
ing legal reputation in other states as well as in Iowa.

In Clinton he served as a member of the School Board and introduced many improve-  
ments in school affairs. From 1870 to 1872 he served as Clerk of the County Court. In  
1878 he was made City solicitor in Clinton. In this capacity he revised the ordinances  
his first important work for the City. Later he was elected County Attorney and in 1880  
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was made Circuit Judge, holding the office for four years. In 1888 he was elected to  
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the office of Mayor and held the office until soon after June 1889.

In his administration, ordinances were passed governing paving conditions. By  
his efforts, state laws were revised to gain better paving service; the water works  
franchise was extended, and a settlement effected which was favorable to City interest.  
Better water service was obtained; the great legal battle over the sewage ordinances  
was fought and won. He was responsible for the ordinance governing permanent walks.  
He worked unflinchingly to enforce laws, including liquor laws.

From 1893, he was a member of the firm Chase and Seamna. He died on August 10,  
1907.

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**T. M. GOBBLE, 1889-1892, 1896-1898**

Note: Many issues of the Clinton Heralds at this time of history, 1889, are incomplete.  
No record of the 1889 election is available. Mr. Gobble is first referred to as Mayor  
in the July 3, 1889 issue of the Clinton Herald in an article titled "State of Iowa."  
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T. M. Gobble was sworn into office of Mayor for a second term on March 16, 1896.

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**EDWARD ARTHUR HUGHES, 1892-1894, 1894-1896**

Edward Arthur Hughes was a native of Pennsylvania. He was born in Columbia County  
on March 26, 1857, the son of Edward and Eliza Hughes. He grew to manhood on a farm.



In the Spring of 1868 he entered the preparatory department of the Gettysburg, Pennsylvania College, where he completed a two year course. Upon his removal to Lee County, Illinois, he entered the High School at Sixon, supplementing his education by a course in the Dixon seminary. In 1883 he came to Clinton and resided there for nineteen years. He purchased the livery business from D. R. Toll and in connection with this business he operated a first class cab line. Hughes was one of the organizers of the Clinton District Fair Association.

Socially, Hughes was an honored member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Pythias and the Knights and Ladies of the Golden Precept.

Previous to his election in 1892 he served as Alderman for four years, during which time he was responsible for the introduction of many improvements including the construction of the City Hall. Hughes, a Republican, was re-elected as Mayor of March 7, 1894 and March 31, 1902 respectively. He died on August 14, 1902.

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#### GEORGE D. McDAID, 1898-1900, 1900-1902

George D. McDaid, a Republican, was elected Mayor of Clinton on March 28, 1898. He was re-elected on March 26, 1900.

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#### WILLIAM BANKS FARVER, 1902-1904 1914-June 30, 1914

William Banks Farver was born on August 20, 1860 and died on June 30, 1914. He moved with his parents in 1869 to Wapello, Iowa. His first venture from Wapello was to Burlington where he was employed in the Burlington Hawkeye newspaper plant. He engaged in the newspaper business in Dexter, Iowa, in southern Illinois, and in New Boston. In 1893 he came to Clinton and was employed in the job of printing office operated by Fred Weeks in Lyons. Later he engaged in business for himself.

Will B. Farver was head officer of the New Era Camp of Woodman of the World for fourteen years. He had served twice in the City Council as Councilman. He was president of the Tri-City Labor Congress for many years and to the time of his death. He claimed membership in the Odd Fellows and the Typographical Union.

He was one among three nominees for Mayor, running on the Labor ticket, elections to be held on September 15, 1902.

Mr. Farver was elected Mayor a second time on March 30, 1914 and held the office until his death on June 30, 1914.

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#### JAMES PETERSON, 1904-1906

James Peterson was born in Denmark on October 20, 1853. At the age of sixteen he came to America and located in Sabula, Iowa. In 1872 he came to Clinton, entered the lumber establishment of C. Lamb and Sons, and remained there for nineteen years. He established a small box factory at the intersection of Franklin Avenue and the Northwestern tracks. From 1892 to 1895 the company was incorporated with Mr. Peterson as president and treasurer. In 1910 Mr. Peterson became interested in the Fish Brother Wagon Works.

Politically, Mr. Peterson was a Republican. In public affairs, Mr. Peterson entered the City Council in 1900 and served for four years from the Fifth Ward. He was a member of the School Board for three successive terms, from 1894-1903. He was elected Mayor of the city on March 28, 1904.

Mr. Peterson belonged to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Wapsipinicon Club. He was one of the organizers of the American Wire Cloth Company serving as president for two years, and later was secretary. He was vice-president of the Land Timber Company, and later president of the Clinton Timber Company.



**HARRISON ULYSSES CROCKETT**  
**1906-1908, 1908-1910**

Harrison Ulysses Crockett was born March 19, 1865 on the island of North Haven, Penobscot Bay, Maine. He attended the schools of North Haven and graduated from the Commercial College of Rickland, Maine in 1883. Between the ages of eighteen and twenty he engaged as a fisherman, being captain of the schooner, "Roger Williams." He then took state board examinations and received a pilot's license from Cape Hatteras to Eastport, Maine, the youngest man who ever passed that examination. For two years he was first officer on the steamer "Novelty," with Captain N. B. Hoyce. In March of 1888 he came to Chicago and engaged in the hide, tallow, wool, and fur business. As a business traveling man, he did business in both Chicago and Clinton until 1897. The gold fever took him to Alaska where he worked in "18 Below Bonanza" claim for four years.

In July 1902 he returned to Clinton, located at 613 North First Street and re-established himself in his old business.

In politics, Mr. Crockett was a Republican. He was elected Mayor of Clinton on March 26, 1906 and served two terms. He was a member of the Scottish and York Rites of Masonry, the Knights of Pythias, the Elks, and the Woodmen.

Photo: Clinton Herald, March 22, 1916.

**JAMES C. SMITH, 1910-1912**

James C. Smith, a Democrat, was elected Mayor of Clinton on March 28, 1910.

**E. M. HOWES, 1912-1913**

E. M. Howes, a Republican, was elected Mayor of Clinton on March 25, 1912.

Photo: Clinton Herald, March 3, 1912.

**H. C. HANSEN, 1914-1916, 1916-1918**

Upon the death of Mayor William Banks Farber, Mr. H. C. Hansen, a Democrat,

was made Mayor by appointment of the Council on July 7, 1914. He was re-elected for a second term on March 27, 1916.

**TRUELOVE M. CORSON, 1918-1920**

Truelove M. Corson, commonly known as "Thomas M. Croson," was born in Jasper County, Iowa. He was a resident of Clinton for 18 years, and worked his way up from the carpenter's bench. He was elected Mayor on the Republican ticket on March 25, 1918.

Photo: Clinton Herald, March 20, 1918.

**H. W. COWLES, 1920-1922, 1922-1924**

H. W. Cowles was elected on a Labor ticket on March 29, 1920 and served two terms.

Photo: Clinton Herald, March 29, 1924.

**RICHARD N. HOWES, 1924-1926**  
**1926-1928, 1936-1938, 1938-1940**

Richard N. Howes was born in Clinton on November 9, 1866. His parents came from England and Wales, and settled in Clinton in 1846. As a young lad of thirteen he worked in C. Lamb & Sons saw mills. At the age of sixteen he worked for the James Leslie Grocery Store on the corner of 7th Street and 7th Avenue, and as a young married man he went into the grocery business for himself.

Always interested in life insurance, he entered this field in which he became very successful, winning many awards from the Aetna Insurance Company with which he was affiliated.

He helped to organize the first clerk's union that ever was in Clinton. He opposed the so-called Labor party, but was a friend to organized unions. He was selected

arbitrator between street railway employers and the company. He served on several boards created by the Council to meet local emergencies such as fuel crisis and flu epidemic.<sup>88</sup>

Mr. Howes was largely responsible for the building of the Central Fire Station on Third Avenue, and was instrumental in bringing to Clinton, E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Schick Hospital during World War II.

Richard Howes was awarded the Silver Beaver by the Boy Scouts for outstanding service to the Scout program in Clinton; was a delegate to the Republican Convention in Cleveland in 1936; was a charter member of the Kiwanis Club of Clinton and Governor of the Illinois-Eastern Iowa District of Kiwanis International. He was a 32nd Degree Mason, belonged to the Elks and Odd Fellows and was a long time member of the First Presbyterian Church.<sup>89</sup>

Richard Howes, a Republican, was elected Mayor of Clinton on March 31, 1924,<sup>90</sup> serving two successive terms, and on March 30, 1936, again serving two successive terms. He died on November 19, 1945.<sup>91</sup>

Photo: Clinton Herald, March 29, 1938

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**WILLIAM J. GREENE, 1928-1932, 1934-1936**

William J. Greene was born in 1876 and educated in Clinton schools. He served as Alderman of the Fifth Ward for three terms, as State Representative two sessions, as State Senator for two sessions, and was a member of the Board of Parole for three years.<sup>92</sup>

Mr. William Greene, a Democrat, was elected Mayor of Clinton on March 26, 1928<sup>93</sup> and again on March 26, 1934.<sup>94</sup>

Photo: Clinton Herald, March 27, 1924

**HARRY F. BULOW, 1932-1934**

Harry F. Bulow, at the time of his election, was proprietor of one of the city's downtown barber shops, where he had been in business for several years. He previously operated a shop on Camanche Avenue. He had served one term as a member of the Board of Directors of the Clinton Independent School District,<sup>95</sup> and had been prominent in Boy Scout work in Clinton. He was elected Mayor of Clinton on March 28, 1932.<sup>96</sup>

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**HARRY F. PAPE, 1940-1942, 1942-1944**

Harry F. Pape was born in Hoboken, New Jersey on September 22, 1894. He came to Iowa at approximately six years of age and entered the Will Flather's farm home as a foster son. He attended country schools in the Welton area and also Brown's Business School.

In World War I he served in the 88th Division. On June 30, 1920 he married Leota M. Riggs. He was employed at the Rock Island Arsenal until moving to Clinton in 1923. In Clinton he was employed at the Climax Engineering Company until his death on August 20, 1958.

His political life involved two terms as Mayor.<sup>97</sup> He was elected Mayor on the Republican ticket on March 25, 1940.<sup>98</sup> During his time as Mayor, Schick Hospital was constructed. He appointed the original Airport Commission which made possible the Clinton Municipal Airport.

Mr. Pape was a member of Eagles, Izaak Walton League and American Legion. He was active in Masonic organizations, a member of the Kaaba Shrine and High Twelve.<sup>99</sup> He also served as a deacon at the First Presbyterian Church.

Photo: Clinton Herald, March 26, 1940

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**WILLIAM NELSON JUDD, 1944-1946**

William Nelson Judd was born in Schuyler, Nebraska. He attended Clinton schools and became a barber when he was fifteen. He worked as yardmaster and brokerboard of railroad trainmen for the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad from 1906 until years before his death on January 13, 1955.

He was active in political and fraternal circles all his life. He had started a seventh term as Clinton County representative in the Iowa State Legislature. <sup>100</sup> From 1926 to 1934 he was a member of the City Council. On March 27, <sup>101</sup> 1944 he was elected Mayor of Clinton on the Republican ticket serving two terms.

He was a member of the Methodist Church, and belonged to the Masonic, Eagle, <sup>102</sup> Moose and Elks Lodges.

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**JOHN W. CARLSEN, 1946-1947**

John W. Carlsen, a Democrat, and a former F.B.I. agent was elected Mayor of <sup>103</sup> the City of Clinton on March 26, 1946. He was the youngest city executive in <sup>104</sup> 60 years. Due to ill health he resigned as Mayor of Clinton on June 20, 1947.

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**GEORGE STILL, July 1947-1948  
1948-1950**

George Still was born July 29, 1895 in Fulton, Illinois, the son of Alexander and Margaret (Feldt) Still. He attended schools in Fulton and Morrison, Illinois. His first employment was as a nurseryman in Morrison. In 1916 he came to Clinton and became associated with the Clinton Industries, working for this concern until 1922, when he went into business for himself. Mr. Still operated a grocery store at 2399 Dunham Street, Clinton Chancy Park, from 1922 until 1947.

He was elected Councilman on the Republican ticket in 1944, and in July, 1947,

was appointed Mayor to fill the unexpired term of John Carlsen.

He took a prominent role in trade organizations of the grocery industry. He was president of the Clinton City Grocers Association and secretary-treasurer of the Clinton County Food Stamp Committee.

Mr. Still was engaged in many civic activities. He served as president of the League of Iowa Municipalities for a number of years, was a member of the Clinton Chamber of Commerce, and of the High Twelve Club. He was very active in <sup>106</sup> war bond drives and other civic patriotic enterprises.

Fraternally, George Still held membership in many orders. He holds the Thirty-second Degree in the Masonic Order and is a past master of Emulating Lodge No. 255, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; past High Priest of Heystone Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; head of this Commandery of Knights Templar; and identified with Delta Council of the York Rite, De Molay Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Kaaba Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of Mystic Shrine and a KYCH.

Mr. Still is also affiliated fraternally with the Knights of Pythias, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Loyal Order of Moose, the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Turners. He is past Sachem of the Improved Order of Red Men and a member of <sup>107</sup> the Odeon Association. He belongs to the First Methodist Church of Clinton.

Photo: Clinton Herald, March 30, 1948.

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**DON ROBERT ALLISON, 1950-1952  
1952-1954, 1954-1956**

Don Robert Allison, Republican, was born in Clinton, Iowa on August 9, 1892, and died on March 12, 1966. He lived in Clinton all his life, was educated in Clinton schools and graduated from Clinton High School. His place of residence was 700-13th Avenue North.



He was engaged by the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad for 45 years, serving 20 years on the road and in various other capacities. In Clinton he served as Chief Clerk in the ticket office.<sup>108</sup>

On August 27, 1950 Mr. Allison was honored in Clinton by being declared "Man of the Week."<sup>109</sup>

Previous to his first election as Mayor, on March 27, 1950 Mr. Allison served as Councilman of the Sixth Ward in 1948, and before the term had expired he became Councilman-at-Large. He also served as head of the Budget Committee for the City of Clinton.<sup>110</sup>

During his term of office, Mayor Allison fought and defeated a "City Manager Plan,"<sup>111</sup> and the City celebrated its centennial during the week of June 19 through 25, 1955.<sup>112</sup>

Mr. Allison was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, a member of the Masons, and of the Lyons Club.<sup>113</sup>

Photo: Clinton Herald, March 28, 1950.

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**ANDREW H. DALL, 1956-1958**  
**1958-1960, 1960-1962**  
**1962-February 1964**

Mayor Dall was born on December 24, 1900 in Clinton, Iowa, the son of Peter J. and Ida Andrea Jebson Dall. He was educated in Clinton Public schools and attended Clinton Business College. He was the owner and operator of the foreign Crystal Dairy, he later became treasurer and general manager of the Mello-Gold Dairy, predecessor of Sanitary Dairies. He owned a dairy farm on West Main Avenue Road. He retired from business after selling his interest in 1946. He was first elected Mayor in 1956.

Mr. Dall was appointed to a second term by Governor Hughes on the Mississippi Parkway Commission for the State of Iowa and was appointed by United States Representative, Bromwell, to the National River and Harbor Congress in Washington.

Dall was a member of many city and rural organizations: the Clinton Garden Club, the Elks Club, various Masonic bodies, the Clinton Humane Society, Emulation Lodge No. 25S, AF & AM, De Molay Consistory, Kaaba Shrine and the Clinton Shrine Club. He was a member of the Iowa Historical Society and the U. S. Conference of Mayors. He was a charter member of the Isaak Walton League and a past president of the Gyro Club.<sup>115</sup>

Dall left his mark upon the City of Clinton. During his administration, the "Gateway Bridge," begun on September 21, 1954 was completed June 30, 1956.<sup>116</sup> Work on the Mississippi Parkway Commission was done. Camanche Avenue and other street lighting was improved; modern traffic signals were introduced. At the time of his death, February 14, 1964, a new sewage system was almost ready to operate, a new Master Plan was almost complete, new industries were coming and old industries were expanding.<sup>117</sup>

Photo: Clinton Herald, February 15, 1964

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**HAROLD H. DOMSALLA, 1964-1966**  
**1966-1969, 1971-1973**

Harold H. Domsalla, a native of Clinton, was born on January 12, 1915. He was educated in Clinton schools, graduated from Clinton High School in 1932, and attended Wartburg College from 1932 to 1935.

He worked as technician at the Clinton Foods Company, and later served as laboratory supervisor.

He was first elected Councilman from the Fifth Ward in 1950, and later was appointed Councilman-at-Large, serving his seventh term when he was unanimously elected

for the City of Clinton and the first Pollution Commission. He was also instrumental in the acquisition of subsidiary housing for the City of Clinton.

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H. B. Horton.....	1859-1860.....	2
T. J. Flourney.....	1860-1861.....	2
J. C. Boucher.....	1861-1862.....	1
T. S. Briscoe.....	1862-1863.....	2
William H. Ankeny.....	1863-1864.....	2
William John Young.....	1864-1865.....	3
Abram P. Hosford.....	1865-1866.....	4
William H. Ankeny.....	1866-1867.....	2
Joseph Crosset Young.....	1867-1868.....	5
LeRoi B. Wadleigh.....	1868-1869.....	5
J. W. Gottlob.....	1869-1870.....	5
C. S. Taylor.....	1870-1872.....	5
Charles H. Toll.....	1872-1875.....	6
John J. Flournoy.....	1875-1876.....	6
J. T. Pierson.....	1876-1877.....	6
John J. Flournoy.....	1877-1878.....	6
Upton Larkin.....	1878-1880.....	7
Richard Price.....	1880-1881.....	7
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