Ira Butler Background Information

A search of The Des Moines Register turned up several stories regarding Ira. He appears in this newspaper on 27 Jun 1919, on page 1, in a story titled "Arrest Two for Auto Holdup Here."

# AREST TWO FOR AUTO HOLDUP HERE

## Men Claiming Car Involved in Robbery Are Jailed As Bandits.

## VICTIMS IDENTIFY BOTH

## Charged With Wild West Stunt on Lonely Des Moines Road.

Police believed they have in custody the two men who held up and robbed two motorists of nearly $300 on the cement road southwest of Des Moines early Wednesday morning.

Ira Butler, 28 years old, and James MacDonald, aged 24, were arrested as they walked into the Des Moines police station last night. Both men were identified by O. M. Dillon and Joe Herribout, victims of the “stickup.”

The men came to the police station to claim the Jackson car which the bandits used. They said the car was stolen from them on Wednesday night.

Just as the police were about to deliver the car to them, Chief MacDonald and T. Jay Hubbard, detective, halted the deal and had the men taken to the detective bureau.

Chief MacDonald said they answered to the description of the bandits. They were questioned by detectives and later put in jail.

Chief of Police Ab Day said last night that the stories told by the men about the car did not jibe.

The two are accused of holding up Dillon and Herribout in true western style. The bandits left their victims stranded in their car after they had taken their money and blown out the tires of the auto with revolvers.

They went to a car that was standing nearby but, finding that it had no gasoline they abandoned the machine and fled to the woods.

Butler told the police that he lives at 904 South East Ninth street and MacDonald at South East Fourteenth and Davis. They are being held for further investigation.

Five years later, on 16 Oct. 1924, he appears in another news story, this time on page 2.

# Three Men Arrested on Bootlegging Charge

Three men arrested near the corner of Thirtieth and Scott streets by the police booze squad entered pleas of not guilty when arraigned yesterday before United States Commissioner Piper on charges of violating the prohibition laws. Their names and ages are: Orville Kinser, 24 years old; Ira Butler, 31 years old, and Virgil Huycke, 22 years old.

They men were remanded to the county jail when unable to furnish bond, which was fixed at $800.

The preliminary hearing will be held Saturday forenoon.

In 1928, Mr. Butler again appears in the 2 Sep 1928 edition of The Des Moines Register, on page 9.

# Ira Butler Arrested for Possessing Liquor

Ira Butler, 2857 Raccoon street, was arrested by Carl Vonn, inspector of the liquor bureau, on a charge of illegal possession of intoxicating liquor at 7:15 p.m. yesterday. The arrest was made when Inspector Vonn discovered Butler placing a gallon can, alleged to contain alcohol, in an automobile parked near the intersection of Ninth and Crocker streets.

Page five of The Des Moines Register on 5 Apr 1929 contained another story involving Mr. Butler.

# Thirty-three Defendants

The following persons are defendants in liquor injunction proceedings: … Ira Butler….