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farm home, but was later removed to West Union. It furnished tornado and windstorm insurance to the members of county fire and lightning mutual associations. It soon amended its articles to cover the entire state, and the office in 1892 was removed to Des Moines. Mr. Herriman continued as secretary until 1919 when he was chosen president, in which position he continued until his death. At that time the association had about 130,000 policyholders, or members, and carried about \$600,000,000 of insurance, all of which was in Iowa except about \$1,500,000 in North Dakota, and was said to be the largest mutual tornado and windstorm association in the United States. Mr. Herriman did more in an early day, perhaps, than any other one in Iowa to lead the many farm mutual organizations of the state to success. In Des Moines he was for years a director in the Brotherhood of American Yeomen, and was also a director in the Town Mutual Dwelling Insurance Company. He was a member of the Unitarian church of Des Moines.

CLAYTON BARNEY HUTCHINS was born in Franklin County, New York, January 11, 1849, and died in Des Moines, Iowa, March 28, 1931. Burial was at Algona. He was with his parents, Dexter H. and Helen M. (Whitney) Hutchins, in 1855 when they removed to near National, Clayton County, Iowa. He attended common school, Briggs' Academy at Garnavillo, and was one term at Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin. In 1869 he removed with his parents to Kossuth County and that fall entered the Iowa State University where he remained two years. For a few years he followed teaching, being employed at National, at Algona and at Emmetsburg. Following that work he was farmer, public official, surveyor and drainage engineer. He was county surveyor of Kossuth County twice by election and five times by appointment of the Board of Supervisors, and from 1884 to 1890 he was county auditor. In 1910 he was elected representative and was re-elected in 1912, serving in the Thirty-fourth and Thirty-fifth general assemblies. He also held many minor positions of trust in his community.

WALTER HALBEN BUTLER was born at Springboro, Crawford County, Pennsylvania, February 13, 1852, and died in Kansas City, Missouri, April 24, 1931. He removed with his parents to Mankato, Minnesota, in 1868, attended public and private schools and was graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1875. He studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1875 and began practice at Princeton, Wisconsin. He taught school at La Porte City, Iowa, from 1876 to 1878, and at Manchester from 1878 to 1880. In 1883 he became owner and editor of the *Fayette County Union* at West Union. In 1883 he was the Democratic candidate for state senator against William Larrabee, afterwards governor, who was running for his fifth term in that body, and came near being elected. From 1885 to 1889 he was in the government railway mail service at Saint Paul, Minnesota, after which he returned to his newspaper work in West Union. In 1890 he was elected to Congress from

the Fourth District, defeating J. H. Sweeney, served in the Fifty-second Congress, ran again in 1892, but was defeated by Thomas Updegraff. He removed to Des Moines in 1897, and was in insurance business, but in 1907 went to Kansas City, where he was in real estate business for a time, but in his later life was a bank employee.

ARTHUR CRAIG SAVAGE was born at Prairieburg, Linn County, Iowa, January 2, 1870, and died in Des Moines February 22, 1931, interment being at Stuart. His parents were Allen Heil and Jennie Elizabeth (Craig) Savage. Arthur obtained his education in public school at Dexter and Stuart and at Grinnell College until in his junior college year. From 1892 to 1894 he was a bank bookkeeper at Stuart and Dexter, following which he was a bank cashier at Adair until 1914, and also conducted a fire insurance business there. In 1908 he was elected senator from the Adair-Madison district and was re-elected in 1912, serving from the Thirty-third to the Thirty-sixth General Assembly inclusively. He was president pro tem of the Senate in the Thirty-fifth, and chairman of the Appropriations Committee in the Thirty-sixth. In 1914 he was an unsuccessful candidate against Senator Cummins for the Republican nomination of United States senator. From May, 1917, until February, 1919, he was cashier in the office of State Treasurer Hoyt. In 1919 he was appointed state commissioner of insurance by Governor Harding and served until 1923. From February, 1924, until his death he was vice president of the Royal Union Life Insurance Company. He was popular in fraternity activities, and was grand chancellor of Iowa Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, for the year 1912-13.

CHRISTIAN MILLER was born in Bern, Switzerland, December 21, 1847, and died at Rapid City, South Dakota, August 25, 1927. Burial was at Clermont. He came with his parents to Fayette County, near where Elgin now is, in 1856. He continued to reside on the old family homestead after the deaths of his parents until 1906 when he removed to Clermont. He acquired several hundred acres of land in Fayette and Allamakee counties. In 1897 he was elected representative and was re-elected in 1899, serving in the Twenty-seventh and Twenty-eighth general assemblies. In 1906 because of his business interests at Clermont he removed to that town where he owned a hardware store, a brick-making plant, became president of the Farmers Savings Bank, and acquired the mill property formerly owned by Governor Larrabee, which he and his sons developed into an extensive water electric power company. He was a man of industry and ability and was useful to his community and state.

JOHN G. LEGEL was born in Saint Louis, Missouri, May 26, 1859, and died in Charles City, Iowa, December 17, 1930. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Charles City. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. John G. Legel,

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