

Edward Townsend

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physician on the frontier became to his patrons. He was liable to be called out at any hour of the day or night, to travel possibly 15 or 20 miles in mud, rain, or snow, often in a wild blizzard. It was the style in those days for the practitioner to carry his own medicines, and often to act both as nurse and doctor. In many a case it would be evident enough that his patients were too poor and destitute to pay a doctor's bill. But he treated all with equal kindness. One who knew him well compared him with William MacLure, of the "Bonnie Briar Bush" tales, with whom he had many traits in common. Wherever sickness and suffering demanded his presence, he went cheerfully and gladly. Few men have ever been more intimately and usefully identified with a community than was this beloved physician with Van Buren county, and for nearly a half century.

DR. EDWARD A. GUILBERT was born at Waukegan, Ill., June 12, 1827; he died at Dubuque, March 4, 1900. This distinguished homeopathist settled in Dubuque in 1857, where he soon built up a large medical practice. At the opening of the civil war he was appointed and for some time acted as surgeon to the board of enrollment of his district. In 1864 he raised a company of men which was mustered into the 46th Iowa infantry as Company A. His services in this capacity, while not at the front, were such that he retired with a good record. His regiment received the thanks of Abraham Lincoln for the alacrity and courage with which its duty as a patriotic volunteer organization was performed (Ingersoll's "Iowa and the Rebellion," p. 716). He was especially prominent as a Mason, in which order he held all the high offices—"passed all the chairs." He edited and published for several years, *The Evergreen*, a periodical devoted to that order. He was once a candidate for Secretary of State, and on another occasion for the nomination to Congress, but was both times defeated. He was for several years a useful member of the State Board of Health, and at one time its president, a distinction which he was the first man of his school of practice to reach. He also took a deep interest in Grand Army affairs, having organized Lookout Post in the city of Dubuque. Dr. Guilbert was an active and useful man to the end of his days.

ALFRED T. ANDREAS, a former resident of Davenport, Iowa, died in New Rochelle, N. Y., Feb. 10, 1900. Capt. Andreas was well known as a civil war veteran, and as a historical writer and publisher of county histories and atlases. He was born in Amily, N. Y., May 29, 1839. His parents were possessed of a comfortable fortune, but at an early age he started west to carve out his own fortune. He taught school and engaged in various business enterprises for some years. When the war broke out he enlisted in Company G, 12th Illinois infantry, and was in several of the most noted battles. After the war he removed to Davenport and there married. He amassed a fortune in the making of state and county atlases, but lost it through his efforts to help other men. He afterwards removed to Chicago, organized the Western Historical Company and engaged in historical writing on an extensive scale. "Andreas' Atlas" was his most considerable publication. While much of its space was devoted to portraits and sketches of individuals, it still remains a quite valuable work of general reference. It was one of the best publications of its class.

EDWARD TOWNSEND, a pioneer of Black Hawk county, died at his home in Cedar Falls, Jan. 19, 1900. He was born Nov. 28, 1831, in La Grange, N. Y. His early years were spent on a farm and his education received largely at the district school. In 1859 he removed to Iowa. He resided for two years in Waterloo, and then located in Cedar Falls, which was afterwards his home. For many years he was engaged in banking, later in the

lumber and coal business. He served in the civil war with Company B, 31st Iowa infantry, and was promoted to first lieutenant. Mr. Townsend occupied various positions of honor and trust. He was a member of the Board of County Supervisors; member of the City Council; Mayor of Cedar Falls; member of the Board of Commissioners for the erection of the Soldiers' and Sailors' monument at Des Moines, and trustee of the Iowa State Normal School. He was elected to the 22d and 23d General Assemblies. A memoir of this distinguished gentleman may be found in the proceedings of the Pioneer Law Makers Association of Iowa for 1900.

ISAAC PEARL TETER was born in Lewis county, West Va., in 1829; he died at New Sharon, Iowa, March 6, 1900. He came to Iowa about the year 1852 and was ordained as a Methodist Episcopal clergyman, by Bishop Matthew Simpson, in 1855. His early appointments were at Troy, Montrose, Winchester, Ft. Madison, Drakeville, Albia, East Des Moines and Sigourney. While at the latter place, in 1861, he was elected to the State senate, in which body he became active and prominent, especially distinguished by his efforts to secure temperance legislation. In 1863 he was commissioned as chaplain of the 7th Iowa infantry and went to the front. Resigning in 1864, he was appointed post chaplain to the military hospitals at Keokuk, where he remained until the close of the war. He was a popular preacher, able and eloquent, exerting a good degree of influence wherever he resided. He had long been one of the most widely known Methodist Episcopal clergymen in the State.

JOSEPH BRIDGMAN was born in Belchertown, Mass., Oct. 13, 1813; he died at Muscatine, Iowa, Feb. 22, 1900. He came west at the age of twenty-four years, stopping a while at Muscatine, but locating at Burlington (now Iowa) Wis., where he remained until 1844. He then returned to Muscatine, where he thenceforward resided. He was one of the pioneer merchants of that town, continuing in business until 1880. He was some time associated with Chester Weed, one of the founders of the old State Bank of Iowa. Mr. Bridgman had been prominent in several kinds of business, including the agency of the old Aetna Insurance Company, active in educational work, and enjoyed the distinction of being the oldest Odd Fellow in Iowa. He was the first Grand Treasurer of the order and afterwards representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States. He had a wide acquaintance in the eastern part of the State, and had won an enviable reputation wherever he was known.

MRS. J. G. LAUMAN, widow of the late Gen. Jacob G. Lauman of Burlington, Iowa, died in Chicago, Feb. 4, 1900. Louisa Douglas Viele was born in Valley Falls, N. Y., in 1835, both parents being members of old New York families. After the death of her father she removed with her mother to Davenport, Iowa. In 1854 she was married to Mr. Jacob G. Lauman of Burlington, and at once became a leader in the social circles of that city. Gen. Lauman died in 1867 from the effects of a wound received at the battle of Belmont, and Mrs. Lauman after residing some years in New York, and after extended travel, settled in Chicago where her sons were established in business.

MINDRET WEMPLE was born in Monroe county, N. Y., Sept. 15, 1830; he died in Garden Grove, Iowa, Feb. 6, 1900. He received a medical education at the Ohio Medical College, Cincinnati, and Jefferson College, Philadelphia, and practiced his profession first in the state of Kentucky and afterwards at Pulaski, Illinois. When the civil war broke out he entered the military service as a captain of the 4th Illinois cavalry. He was promoted to the rank of major and was later brevetted colonel. In 1893 he removed

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