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JOSEPH SHEPARD was born in Cattaraugus county, N. Y., about the year 1829; he died in Chicago, Jan. 25, 1903. He was brought up on the home farm in his native county, until he was sixteen years old, when he entered the printing office of *The Cattaraugus Freeman*, at Ellicottville. He continued some years working as a printer, becoming distinguished for the rapidity with which he worked the old hand presses. He was well known to the printing fraternity in Cattaraugus and Chautauqua counties, N. Y., and Erie county, Pa., as one of the fastest pressmen of his time. He left this business, however, and began at the foot of the ladder in the employ of the United States Express Company. In this department of labor he also excelled, rising rapidly, until he became the assistant general manager of the western department, with headquarters in Chicago. During the period of the civil war he spent a large portion of his time in Iowa, becoming well and widely known. Among other incidents connected with this period, he hurriedly transferred the guns from Eddyville to Council Bluffs for the purpose of arming Gen. Dodge's 4th Iowa Infantry. (See pp. 88, 92, 228-9, Vol. 5, ANNALS OF IOWA.) His course through life was marked by absolute fidelity to his employers, honesty that was never questioned, and rare business capacity. He was a genial, excellent gentleman, and an abiding friend, wherever his friendship was bestowed. He never forgot his old-time fellow apprentices in the country printing office, nor the men who grew up under him in the express business. His funeral was largely attended, especially by expressmen from New York to Omaha.

ROBERT MILLER HAINES was born near Salem, Ohio, Dec. 29, 1838; he died at Grinnell, Iowa, Dec. 22, 1902. He came to this State in 1857, and located at Iowa Falls, where he engaged in the profession of teaching. In 1860 he entered Iowa College at Grinnell, where by his own efforts he worked his way through the academy and college and graduated with high honors in 1865. He was in the first class that the college sent out after its removal from Davenport to Grinnell. In 1867 he was chosen to a position in the academy of Iowa College which he filled for four years. He entered the law department of the Iowa State University in the autumn of 1869. After some time spent in studying his profession he was admitted to the bar, although he did not receive the degree of LL. B. from the university until 1874. He entered into a partnership with Hon. J. P. Lyman, which continued without interruption for thirty-one and one-half years, until the death of Mr. Haines. He was elected State senator and served in the sessions of 1880 and 1882 with high distinction. He was a trustee of Iowa College for twenty-five years. He was active in politics during many years, and became widely known for his independence in his convictions upon public questions, more particularly the tariff. In all matters that pertained to the interests of Grinnell where public spirit and wise counsel were needed, he was especially active and energetic. He was often a delegate to the State Association of Congregational Churches, of which he was an influential member. He had been a member of the State Bar Association for several years, and at the time of his death was its president.

JOHN N. W. RUMPLE was born near Fostoria, O., March 4, 1841; he died at St. Luke's hospital, Chicago, Jan. 31, 1903. He was educated in the public schools and Ashland academy in his native state but after coming to Iowa, he attended Western College at Toledo, and the normal department of the State University, at Iowa City. While still a student in the university, in August, 1861, he enlisted in Co. H, 2d Iowa cavalry, remaining in the service until October, 1865, when he was mustered out with the rank of captain. He participated in the battles at Island No. 10, New Madrid, Corinth, Rienzi, Farmington, Iuka, Nashville, Franklin, Columbia, etc. After the war he studied law in the office of Hon. H. M. Martin, of

Marengo, Iowa, and was admitted to the bar in 1867. He was a member of the State senate at the adjourned session of the 14th, and in the 15th, 16th and 17th General Assemblies. He served six years as a member of the board of regents of the State University, and as curator of the State Historical Society. He had also held the position of mayor, councilman, city solicitor, member of the school board, and other minor positions. He was elected to the 57th Congress, but declined a renomination to the 58th, owing to his impaired health. His death resulted from cancer of the lip, which had baffled every effort of general or special treatment.

T. MAURO GARRETT, was born in Burlington, Sept. 1, 1855; he died in Chicago, Ill., Feb. 25, 1903. Fine qualities of character and capacity for business marked his early manhood, and brought him into positions of responsibility and trust in a commercial house and in banks in his native city, from which he was called in 1881 to the treasurer's department of the C., B. & Q. railroad in Chicago. He was married to Miss Ada Sawyer, daughter of Sidney Sawyer, M. D., of Chicago. Belonging to one of the oldest families in Burlington, his parents coming there when it was yet under the jurisdiction of Michigan territory, in the spring of 1836, he inherited the quick intelligence of his father, the late William Garrett, and the historical spirit of his mother's venerable father, Hon. David Rorer. With a warm affection for his native city and State, he cultivated a study of their history, and searched for the beginnings of their growth and prosperity with the passion and patience of the genuine antiquary. He was a life member of the Iowa Historical Society, and a painstaking collector for his own library of rare and valuable material upon Iowa and western history. He was an active member of the Chicago Historical Society, which closed its doors at the hour of his funeral, and its staff showed their respect for his character and their appreciation of his personal consideration for them in their work by attendance in a body upon the funeral services.

MORRIS MARKHAM died at Greenwood, Wis., about the middle of December, 1902. He was a soldier in the Spirit Lake Expedition of 1857, and it has been stated that he was the first man who discovered the massacre of the settlers. He went up to the settlement near the present town of Jackson, Minn., to warn the people of their impending danger, and was in the cabin where they were so closely besieged by the Indians. He was one of the refugees who were rescued by a detachment from the main expedition. The story of this siege and its results was told in THE ANNALS on the authority of Mrs. William L. Church. (See pp. 546-549, Vol. III.) Some years afterward he removed to Missouri and eventually to Clark county, Wis., where he died at the age of seventy-nine. We have no details in regard to the place and date of his birth.

DR. DAVID D. DAVISSON was born in Clarksburg, Va., August 28, 1826; he died at Winterset, Iowa, December 27, 1902. After receiving his medical education at Baltimore, he emigrated to Washington county, Iowa, in 1847, where he farmed and practiced medicine. After his marriage to Margaret A. Jenkins, of Oskaloosa, he removed to Winterset, Iowa, in 1854. He lived a year in Adel, returning to Winterset in 1856. He represented Madison county in the 14th General Assembly.

JACOB MERICLE, one of the very early pioneers of Webster county, died at his home in Ft. Dodge, Feb. 1, 1903, at the age of 86 years. He came to Webster county in the spring of 1849, first settling near Homer. Later on he removed to a farm near the Des Moines river, west or southwest of the town of Homer. He had always been one of the best known and most esteemed of the early settlers of Webster county.

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