

Charles W. Irish

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the years 1871-74. In writing of him, Col. G. W. Crosley says: "As soldier and citizen his record is without a stain, and in the history of Iowa his name deserves a prominent place." When Col. Brown fell wounded at Jackson, Mississippi, Col. Crosley, then Major of the regiment, took his place in leading the terrible charge.

CHARLES W. IRISH was born in New York City, February 11, 1834; he died at Gold Creek, Nevada, September 27, 1904. He was a pioneer settler in Iowa City, a brother of Hon. John P. Irish, the well-known Iowa legislator, who removed to California several years ago. Gen. Charles W. Irish was by profession a civil engineer. In this capacity he was connected with the projection and laying out of many lines of railroad in this and surrounding states and farther west. He was especially distinguished as a friend of the State University, to the collections of which he was one of the most liberal contributors. Under President Cleveland he was chief of the Bureau of Irrigation, and at one time deputy mining surveyor of Nevada. He organized the Iowa Engineering Society, and the Agassiz Natural History Society of Iowa City. Latterly, and at the time of his death, he was the general manager of some of the great mining interests in Nevada. Many years ago he was city engineer of Iowa City, and the first county surveyor of Tama county. His life was full of useful works which were continued to the end of his days. Several of the leading Iowa journals in the last days of September and the early days of October gave liberally of their space to biographical sketches of this useful and eminently distinguished man.

GEORGE FRAZEE was born in New York City, April 1, 1821; he died in Burlington, Iowa, December 8, 1904. In 1843 he removed to Danville, Kentucky, where he studied law and was admitted to the bar. In 1849 he settled in Burlington, Iowa, which place has since been his home. At the time of his death he was the oldest member of the Burlington bar. He had held many important offices, having served as justice of the peace, United States court commissioner, collector of customs, and judge of the police court. For many years, including the period of the early sixties, Judge Frazee was an editorial writer on *The Burlington Hawkeye*. He was the author of several pamphlets; the best known being "Our Judges," sketches of the judges of the first judicial district of Iowa, from the territorial organization to November, 1895. He wrote for *THE ANNALS* (Vol. IV, pp. 118-137) a detailed and highly interesting account of a "Fugitive Slave Case," in Burlington, Iowa. He was also the author of a pamphlet giving an account of another Iowa fugitive slave case, which was copied in full in *THE ANNALS* (Vol. VI, pp. 9-45).

EDWARD MARTINDALE was born at Sandy Hill, New York, February 4, 1817; he died in San Diego, California, July 14, 1904. Coming to Des Moines in 1833 to practice law, he was for many years a prominent resident of the city. He was at one time Chancellor of the Diocese of Iowa, a member of Crocker Post, G. A. R. and of the Loyal Legion of the Commandery of Iowa. His family was a distinguished one in New York state, his father serving in Congress twelve years. His own education was received in Union College, Schenectady, New York, where he graduated in 1836. He practiced law in the city of New York from 1840-83, with the exception of the time he served in the rebellion. He was in many severe battles as Lieut.-Colonel of the 26th New Jersey regiment, was later promoted to Colonel, and after the capture of Richmond served as military governor of Petersburg, Virginia. On several occasions he refused the rank of brigadier-general. A few years ago he left Iowa to make his home in California.

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