

James D. Barr

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birds and dumb animals was one of the most distinguishing characteristics of his later years, and many anecdotes are told of him illustrative of his unvarying tenderness for these objects of his solicitude.

CHARLES H. LEWIS was born October 17, 1839, at Collins Centre, Erie county, New York; he died at Sioux City, Iowa, September 26, 1904. He came with his parents to Independence, Iowa, where they settled in 1851. The greater portion of his boyhood was spent upon his father's farm and in a furniture factory. At the age of 19 he entered Cornell College, at Mt. Vernon, where he remained until 1862, when he enlisted as a private in Co. H, 27th Iowa Infantry. At the end of his first year he was promoted to Sergeant-Major of his regiment. At the expiration of another year he became First Lieutenant, and was later commissioned as Adjutant of the regiment, in which rank he was mustered out of the service at the close of the war. Upon his return from the army he engaged in merchandizing in Buchanan county, but finally entered the law department of the State University from which he graduated in 1869. He practiced his profession for a short time in Cherokee, Iowa, but in 1870 was nominated for District Attorney of the 4th Judicial District, which then comprised twenty-two counties in the northwestern part of the State. In this capacity he served from 1871 to 1875. At the election in 1874 he was nominated and elected District Judge, his term commencing January 1, 1875. At the end of his first term he was re-elected and chosen again four years later. He thus served twelve years on the bench. At the expiration of his last term of office he resumed the practice of the law in Sioux City, where he resided up to the time of his death. He was a leader in his profession, and well known throughout northwestern Iowa. In a published interview, Craig L. Wright spoke as follows of the deceased jurist: "Personally he was the most lovable of men to those whom he knew well. His character was one of the purest, and mere contact with him left a marked impress. I have always had the highest regard for him as a lawyer and a judge. Before the bar he was stronger in consultation than as an advocate and was one of the most learned men who ever practiced in this State."

GEORGE R. PEARSONS was born in Bradford, Vermont, August 7, 1830; he died in Fort Dodge, Iowa, July 14, 1904. Mr. Pearsons was one of the best known pioneers in the State, having located in Fort Dodge in 1868. For a large part of his life he was connected with railroads; he helped to construct the Fort Dodge & Fort Ridgley road at an early day, and became its superintendent. He contracted with the government to drain Owl Lake, Humboldt county, and in payment received 3,000 acres of lake bed land. He was elected Mayor of Fort Dodge in 1873 and again in 1890. In 1885 he was appointed Indian Inspector and as such made an enviable record as one who instituted much needed reforms in the Indian agencies and schools. He was father of Mrs. J. P. Dolliver, and brother of Dr. D. K. Pearsons, the Chicago philanthropist.

JAMES D. BARR was born in Brandenburg, Kentucky, July 13, 1835; he died in Wapello, Iowa, July 9, 1904. He was the pioneer citizen of Wapello, having settled there in 1842 and lived there continuously for over 62 years. He was in newspaper work from 1850 to 1896; and was connected with the first paper published in Louisa county. During the war *The Wapello Republican* owned and published by him, was one of the most radical papers in the State. He afterward, with Thomas N. Ives, founded *The Louisa County Record*. He was a fearless and honest writer and devoted to the best interests of his town and State. He was married in 1857 by Dr. William Salter to Miss Louisa A. Jenkins.

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