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tained he attended for two terms the seminary at Kirtland, Ohio. In 1852 he purchased a fourth interest in the site of the town of West Liberty, Iowa. In 1856 he located in that place and has ever since been identified with its interests. For years he was a member of the board of supervisors. He was a member of the 13th and 14th general assemblies. During the war Governor Kirkwood appointed him one of the commissioners to superintend the drafting of soldiers in Muscatine county. He was for six years a trustee of the hospital for the insane at Mt. Pleasant.

HENRY H. WRIGHT was born in Wayne county, Indiana, February 26, 1840; he died in Centerville, Iowa, April 28, 1905. He located in Appanoose county in 1861. He served through the civil war in Co. D, 6th Iowa Infantry, as corporal, sergeant, and finally second lieutenant. From 1866 to 1874 he was sheriff of Appanoose county. His National Guard record was notable; he enlisted in 1878 and was elected 1st sergeant of Co. E, 2d regiment. He was successively promoted and finally commissioned brigadier general 1st brigade. Co. E of Centerville and what is now the 55th Iowa, owe their organization and success to him. He was appointed adjutant general of Iowa in 1896 by Governor F. M. Drake, with the rank of major general. At the time of his death he had ready for the press a history of the 6th Iowa infantry. Gen. Wright is represented in portraiture on the Iowa Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument.

LORENZO D. TRACY was born in Knox, Albany county, N. Y., July 5, 1829; he died in Jessup, Iowa, April 13, 1905. In 1859 he was ordained an elder in the Methodist church but poor health obliged him to abandon the work of the ministry. He came to Iowa in 1861 and in 1862 located in Grundy Center. He held the offices of county treasurer; county recorder, county judge, coroner, county superintendent of schools; was a member of the board of supervisors, justice of the peace, and was three times elected mayor of Grundy Center. He was a member of the 11th and 15th general assemblies. For many years he was editor of *The Grundy County Atlas* and afterward of *The Argus*; later he edited *The Cedar Falls Gazette* and *The Iowa Falls Sentinel*.

DELANO T. SMITH was born in Litchfield, N. Y., November 6, 1830; he died in Marshalltown, Iowa, May 10, 1905. He was admitted to the bar in Albany, N. Y., in 1852. After practising for a time in Dixon, Ill., he removed in 1855 to Minneapolis, Minn. He was a member of the House in the 8th Minnesota territorial legislature, and a member of the senate in the 1st State legislature. In 1861 he was appointed to a clerkship in the treasury department at Washington; in 1863 he became U. S. tax commissioner for Tennessee. From 1865 until 1869 he resided in New York and with his brother promoted the first subway in that city. In 1869 he again removed to the west, in search of health, and located in Marshalltown, where he had since resided.

MRS. RACHEL J. WILSON ALBRIGHT was born in Philadelphia, June 16, 1812; she died in Ft. Madison, Iowa, April 18, 1905, at the advanced age of ninety-two years. She came with her husband to Ft. Madison in the spring of 1841 and had since resided there. She was a granddaughter of Betsy Ross, who made the first United States flag. Mrs. Albright herself devoted her time to making copies of that first national flag, for which she found ready sale. The Historical Department of Iowa purchased one of these beautiful mementoes of our early days which she had made but a few weeks before her death. Her descent from Betsy Ross no less than her own fine social qualities, had made her widely known and highly esteemed.

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