

Rufus S. Benson

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DANIEL P. STUBBS was born in Preble county, Ohio, July 7, 1829; he died in Fairfield, Iowa, May 2, 1905. He settled in Fairfield in 1857 and soon after formed a law partnership with U. S. Senator James F. Wilson, which continued for five years. Mr. Stubbs became eminent in his profession and was especially successful in criminal practice. He served as mayor of his city in 1859 and 1860, and was in the State senate during the 10th and 11th general assemblies. He afterward identified himself with the "greenback" party and was a candidate at different times for the offices of governor, congressman and U. S. senator. He was a member of the board of trustees of Parsons College and president of the Jefferson county State bank.

JAMES BLAKENY PEASE was born in Washington county, Pa., January 24, 1817; he died in Ft. Madison, Iowa, May 9, 1905. In 1851 he removed with his family to Lee county, Iowa, where he purchased a large farm. In 1865 he sold it and settled in Van Buren county, where for the next fifteen years he engaged in agricultural pursuits. In 1880 he purchased a home in Ft. Madison, in which place he afterward resided. He served as member of the Iowa house of representatives from Lee county in the 6th general assembly, and as senator from Van Buren county in the 15th and 16th general assemblies. For forty-five years he had been an elder in the Presbyterian church.

CHRISTIAN SLAGLE SHAFFER was born in Washington county, Pa., March 6, 1823; he died in Abingdon, Ill., while visiting a daughter, April 1, 1905. He was one of the pioneer residents of Fairfield, Iowa, coming to the town in 1844, where for several years he was engaged in the mercantile business. In 1850 he took the overland trip to California, remaining on the Pacific coast for several years. The rest of his life was spent in Fairfield. The arrangement of the fine natural history exhibit in the Fairfield library, collected for the most part by his distinguished brother, Dr. J. M. Shaffer of Keokuk, was largely his work. He was one of the oldest Masons in the State.

A. J. ANDRES was born in Troy, New York, September 29, 1829; he died in Tabor, Iowa, October 8, 1904. He was admitted to the bar when 19 years of age, and for a time practiced law in the state of Illinois, where he had a business acquaintance with Abraham Lincoln and his partner. In 1825 he removed to Iowa and began the study for the ministry of the Methodist church. Two years later he took charge of his first appointment, which was in Red Oak. In 1876 he became presiding elder for the Boone district, which then embraced 29 churches. At the time of his death he had become one of the best known preachers in the Methodist church of this State.

RUFUS S. BENSON was born at Madison, Ohio, June 3, 1842; he died at Florence, New Mexico, March 15, 1905. In 1857 he located with his family in Franklin county, Iowa. He served throughout the civil war, for a short time in the 1st Wisconsin Infantry, afterward as 2d lieutenant and then captain of Co. H, 32d Iowa Infantry. In 1866 he was elected clerk of the district court; in 1873 county treasurer. He was a member of the house of the 19th, 20th and 21st general assemblies. 1885 he was appointed inspector general of the Iowa national guard. In the late eighties, having acquired business interests elsewhere, he removed from the State.

ROBERT E. BENTON was born in Dayton, Ohio, March 3, 1823; he died near Morning Sun, Iowa, May 20, 1905. He had lived in Louisa county for more than fifty-five years, and he died on the farm which had been his home for over fifty. He was a member of the 16th general assembly. He had been a man of studious habits and a lover of nature throughout his life.

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