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SABRET T. PATTERSON was born in Marion county, Mo., July 4, 1831; he died in Keokuk, April 23, 1905. In 1837 he came with his family to West Point, Iowa; in 1846 they located in Keokuk. Mr. Patterson was a member of the firm of Patterson Bros., which executed large contracts for the government on the upper Mississippi river. He had been a resident of Keokuk for nearly fifty years, and was a son of Col. William Patterson, one of its most distinguished citizens, and a member of the 1st territorial legislature of Iowa, and of the constitutional convention of 1857.

S. H. WATKINS was born in Clark county, Indiana, August 4, 1831; he died in Libertyville, Iowa, April 12, 1905. He came with his father to Jefferson county in 1849. In 1863 he enlisted in Co. H, 30th Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and soon became captain of his company. He was a member of the 24th and 25th general assemblies. In 1898 he was elected a trustee of the State Agricultural College and served six years. He was a member of the State commission to locate monuments to Iowa soldiers on the battle fields of Lookout Mountain and Missionary Ridge.

ROBERT B. PARROTT was born in New Brunswick in 1829; he died in Des Moines, Iowa, August 25, 1904. In the fifties he was a prominent member of the bar in Osceola, Clarke county. In 1858 he was elected district attorney for the 3d district and served one term. He removed to Indianola about 1876, where he practiced law. About 30 years ago he went with others to the west prospecting for gold. He discovered valuable deposits, and the famous Parrott mine of Butte, Montana, was named for him. He had resided in Des Moines for some years.

P. HENRY SMYTHE was born in Washington county, Va., March 10, 1829; he died in Cleveland, Ohio, March 21, 1905. He was admitted to the bar in Henry county, Tenn., and practiced for a time in Cleveland, Ohio. In 1857 he removed to Burlington, Iowa, where he became one of the best known members of the legal profession in the State. In April, 1874, he was appointed by Governor C. C. Carpenter district judge of the first judicial district, to fill a vacancy. In 1900 Judge Smythe returned to Cleveland, where he had since resided.

ISAAC M. CHRISTY was born in Trumbull county, Ohio, April 18, 1844; he died in Phoenix, Arizona, April 1, 1905. He came with his parents to Clarke county in 1842, where they settled on a farm. He served throughout the civil war in Co. I, 15th Iowa Infantry and was in the battles of Shiloh, Corinth, the siege of Vicksburg and the Atlanta campaign. In 1871 he engaged in business in Burlington. He located in the southwest some years ago and was treasurer of the territory of Arizona at the time of his death.

WILLIAM G. KENT was born in Centre county, Pa., Aug. 10, 1837; he died in Fort Madison, Iowa, Feb. 20, 1905. He came with his parents to Lee county in 1842. For many years he resided in Jefferson township, but in 1898 removed to Fort Madison. He had served as county superintendent of schools, township clerk, and in other minor offices. He was a member of the house of the 21st general assembly, and was in the senate during the 22d, 23d and 24th general assemblies.

ELIZA MILLER was born in Akron, O., Jan. 2, 1834; she died in Des Moines, Iowa, Jan. 8, 1905. She removed with her husband, John Stover, to Lena, Ill., in 1854. The family came to Tipton, Iowa, in 1875, removing to Des Moines in 1883. She united with the Lutheran Church during her residence in Illinois, and was soon recognized as one of its most active and useful members, especially in the field of missionary effort. She was for many years president of the Ladies' Aid Society.

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