

John H. Keatley

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He was not mustered out until August 29, 1865, after a most creditable career in the army of four years, during which time he was constantly in active service. At this time he was offered a commission in the regular army, which he did not accept. He returned to Mt. Pleasant, where he was employed by the C., B. & Q. R. R. Co. In this field of effort he rose to a prominent and responsible position. He became a railroad contractor in 1879, and followed that business for several years. Upon his retirement he engaged in farming, stock-raising and manufacturing. He was one of the most prominent citizens in southern Iowa, a man of high character and great usefulness.

WILLIAM M. MCFARLAND was born in Posey county, Ind., April 1, 1848; he died in St. Paul, Minn., July 15, 1905. He was graduated at the Wesleyan University, at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, in 1873. Shortly afterward he started *The Brooklyn (Iowa) Chronicle*, with which he continued until 1884, when he removed to Estherville, Emmet county, where he engaged in the publication of *The Vindicator*. He was elected to represent his county in the house of representatives of the 22d general assembly, and re-elected two years later. In 1890 he was elected Secretary of State. He held this office three terms. Mr. McFarland was a man of decided ability, and in whatever public position he occupied created a most favorable impression. He was able and versatile as an editor, active and influential in the legislature, growing constantly in the public esteem until he reached the second office in the gift of the people of the State. At one time it seemed not improbable that he would easily reach the governorship. He possessed many elements of popularity. He was a model of hearty cordiality in his address, a graceful and pleasing writer, and a ready and eloquent speaker. To these qualities he added the wide and versatile information which distinguishes the born journalist. That he was three times elected to the high office of Secretary of State speaks volumes regarding the estimate placed upon his character and ability. Retiring from this last position, he settled in Indianola, where he resided at the time of his death. The last few years of his life had been devoted to editorial work, or to traveling in various business interests. He died very suddenly in St. Paul as he was entering a private car bound for Des Moines. His death was attributed to heart failure.

JOHN H. KEATLEY was born in Center county, Pa., Dec. 1, 1838; he died at Washington, D. C., June 20, 1905. Col. Keatley grew up on a farm and educated himself through his own exertions. He studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1860. Soon after commencing his legal practice he became editor of *The Blair County Whig*, a newspaper which supported the administration of Abraham Lincoln. When the call for 300,000 volunteers came, he enlisted in the 125th Pa. Infantry, which was soon after engaged in the second battle of Bull Run, at South Mountain, and Antietam. He participated in the Gettysburg campaign, where he was assistant adjutant general on the staff of Gen. Higgins. Later, he was actively engaged in the campaigns with General Grant which resulted in the capture of Gen. Lee and his army. After the war he was connected for a time with the freedman's bureau for five counties in southeastern Virginia, and later became a judge in the military court at Norfolk. He removed to Iowa in 1867, locating at Cedar Falls. In 1868 he settled in Council Bluffs, where he became editor of *The Nonpareil*, serving until April, 1870. In the campaign of 1872 he supported Horace Greeley for President against Gen. Grant. He ran for attorney-general in 1874, and in 1878 for congress in the 8th district, but was both times defeated. In 1876 he was chosen Mayor of Council Bluffs. In 1892 he was appointed commandant of the Iowa Soldiers' Home, at Marshalltown, which position he held for two

years. Since he retired from the Soldiers' Home he has held a civil service position in the Treasury Department at Washington. Col. Keatley was an active and influential politician, a man of very considerable ability, who made an excellent record in the public positions which he held from time to time. He was one of the well known editors of this State.

HENRY NIELANDER was born in Detmold, Germany, May 26, 1833; he died at Lansing, Iowa, June 14, 1905. He came to this country in 1851 and spent the first year in Waupun, Wis. He went to Galena, Ill., the following year where he served as a clerk in a mercantile establishment. He came to Iowa in 1854 and settled at Lansing, entering upon a successful career as a merchant and banker. He was a stockholder in the First National Bank during its entire career, and President of the Allamakee Savings Bank. His business transactions became very large. In 1879 he was elected to the State senate from the 41st district, serving the regular term of four years. He had previously served a term as Mayor of Lansing. It gave Mr. Nielander great pleasure to relate that in the early sixties, "Marshall Field, the dry goods prince, Philip Armour, the great packer, M. D. Wells, of boot and shoe fame, were all knights of the grip and called regularly at his store, using the same persuasive arguments to sell their respective wares that their less renowned successors continue to employ at this time." In his prosperous days he became quite a traveler. He crossed the ocean no less than five times to visit his old home. *The Allamakee Journal* says that "he was a man of sterling character, upright, and the soul of honor. Beneath a sometimes rugged exterior there was always a liberal, generous, sympathetic soul. He enjoyed the high confidence of his fellow men, because he was governed by a strict regard to the dictates of conscience, and he never shaded the truth to please anybody. He was courageous, energetic, optimistic, uncomplaining and always cheerful. He was kind to children and enjoyed their prattle and loved their company."

ROYAL H. BARNHART was born in Chautauqua county, N. Y., October 16, 1833; he died in Chicago, whither he had gone for medical treatment, Aug. 19, 1905. Mr. Barnhart was an apprentice in the office of *The Jamestown* (Chautauqua county) *Journal*, when it was published by F. W. Palmer and E. P. Upham, back in the early fifties. He came to Iowa in 1854, settling at first in Dubuque, but the following year removed to Marshalltown, where he lived the remainder of his life. He was for a time partner of E. N. Chapin, in *The Iowa Central Journal*, the first paper published in Marshall county. He established *The Marshall County Times*, the lineal predecessor of the present *Times-Republican*, but sold it to W. H. Gallup, and engaged in the drug business with R. Howe Taylor. Mr. Barnhart was a good printer of the old school, and had performed all of the labors from roller-boy to editor incident to the country office of those times. He was very retiring in his habits and it was said that he repeatedly refused to accept public office. Hon. F. W. Palmer, who knew him well as a boy, and from that time to the end of his life, always spoke in highly appreciative terms of Royal Barnhart. His remains were returned to Marshalltown and the funeral took place on Monday, the 21st of August.

MRS. ELIZABETH D. ADAMS was born in Hanover, N. H., Jan. 1, 1821; she died in Waterloo, Iowa, July 12, 1905. Her maiden name was Elizabeth Douglas. She was married to the Rev. Ephraim Adams, Sept. 16, 1845, at her home in Hanover. Shortly after their marriage the couple came west and settled in Davenport. Mr. Adams became quite widely known as a member of the "Iowa Band" of nine young Congregational clergymen who volunteered for work in the then territory of Iowa. Of the

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