

John Hornstein

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capabilities of young and untried men. Among the many sorrowing friends who followed his remains to the grave none were more truly mourners than the young men with whom he had been associated, to all of whom he had been a father and friend. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Lee. His two sons, William Walker and Alfred William, died in childhood. His daughter, Laura Anna, now 11 years old, survives.

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JOHN HORNSTEIN was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., May 8, 1847; he died in Chicago, September 8, 1907. The family remained in Brooklyn until he was 7 years of age, when they removed to Washington county, Wisconsin. It was in this place that he afterwards learned the printing trade in the office of *The Washington County Democrat*. He worked for a number of years as a printer, when he returned to New York City and engaged in the printing business, entering one of the largest offices in that city. It is said to have been one which had most of the city work during the reign of "Boss Tweed." He was there some years, but came to Boone, where he settled in 1870, and entered the newspaper field. He purchased at first an interest in *The Boone County Democrat*, which up to that time had had a difficult struggle for existence. While he was but a part owner at the start, he soon afterwards purchased the whole business and succeeded in building it up to a respectable patronage and establishing it on a permanent basis. He was appointed postmaster of the city in 1896 to serve out an unexpired term. After serving out this term, he engaged in a real estate business, and also became connected with the Boone County Bank. He remained but a short time in the bank, when he removed to Chicago, where he entered into a partnership with his brother George in establishing an office for commercial printing. This was understood to be a very successful venture, and he remained in it until his death. He had been ill for some months and had been gradually fading away. Mr. Hornstein was a good printer, a versatile and able editor, a kind-hearted, excellent gentleman, and a useful member of the community. He was at one time mayor of Boone, when he performed a most important work in securing the services of Col. George E. Waring, Jr., the illustrious sanitary engineer, to establish a system of drainage which is not even yet completed. So far as this has been carried forward it has been very successful, and will probably ere long span the whole city. In all matters of public improvement Mr. Hornstein was ever ready to do his best, not only through the columns of his paper, but in every other possible manner. He was a man of many friends, and few, if any, enemies, dying widely lamented. On his removal to Chicago he presented, in durable binding, a file of his paper for twenty-five years, to the Historical Department of this State. That file and the volumes of *The Standard*, published in Boone during the same period, present the best history of the rise and progress of the flourishing city and county of Boone.

OLIVER MILLS was born at Gustavus, Ohio, February 1, 1820; he died at Lewis, Iowa, August 18, 1907. Harlow Mills, his father, was of pure New England stock and a native of Hartford county, Connecticut. He was a prosperous farmer and dairyman. In 1819 he emigrated to what was known as the West, and located in northeastern Ohio. That beautiful region was then known as the "Western Reserve." Here Oliver was born and grew to manhood. He attended the district school until he was 14 years of age, when he went for a time to Farmington Academy

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