

Owen Bromley

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OWEN BROMLEY was born in the county of Denbyshire, North Wales, May 20, 1825; he died at the Home for the Aged in Des Moines, August 9, 1907. He came to America in 1852, but did not settle in Iowa until 1860. He thereafter resided in Fairfield, Jefferson county, up to 1874, when he removed to Des Moines. While a resident of Fairfield he was elected to the Iowa House of Representatives, serving in the Tenth General Assembly. He enlisted in the Union Army, but was rejected on account of his infirm health. In 1880 he was made Sergeant-at-Arms of the Iowa House of Representatives, in which position he served four years. Some time later—having been a practical miner for several years—he was Secretary of the State Board of Mine Examiners and Mine Inspectors. He was an ardent Republican, and as such served in the various positions to which he was chosen. He was an especial friend of Hon. James F. Wilson, member of Congress and U. S. Senator, and stumped the southeastern portion of the State in company with him. Mr. Bromley was an eloquent and effective speaker, and always a favorite whenever he appeared before an audience. As a public officer he was honorable and straightforward in all his dealings, and never subjected to any sort of criticism touching his character or capacity for efficient work. Some five or six years ago, his health having failed, his friends made a successful effort to place him in the Home for the Aged in the city of Des Moines. In this institution he spent his remaining years, and it was understood he was well pleased with the treatment he received. He was a favorite with all who knew him.

ROBERT McNULTY was born in Lebanon, Indiana, July 8, 1839; he died at his home in Des Moines, Iowa, August 9, 1907. The greater part of his youth was spent on a farm in Polk county, Iowa, where he worked very hard, and received little or no school privileges. When General Dodge's Fourth Infantry was raised, McNulty enlisted in Des Moines, in Company E, and served until after the battle of Kenesaw Mountain, Georgia, when he was discharged for disability. At that battle he was shot through the left wrist, the bullet shattering the bones in that portion of the arm and rendering it useless, excepting as he wore a strong leather bandage on it during the remainder of his life. The records show that he participated in thirty-six battles. He was a favorite janitor about the capitol and historical building until overtaken by a paralytic stroke, which rendered him unable to work. This occurred about two years ago, since which time he has been an invalid in his home, slowly passing away. He was very proud of his service in the army, and it especially elated him to be recognized by Gen. G. M. Dodge whenever he met him in this city. General Dodge could not remember his name, but always recognized him as one of his men. McNulty was a member of Kinsman G. A. R. Post and of the local lodge of I. O. of O. F., in which institutions he took great pride. While he was uneducated, he had read much, and in his later years was a man of very good information. The old soldier was esteemed by all who knew him.

GEORGE E. CLARK was born at Sangerville, Piscataquis county, Maine, March 19, 1845; he died at his home in Algona, Kossuth county, Iowa, August 12, 1907. He came of English stock and the ancestral home in revolutionary days was in Massachusetts Colony, many of the name being prominent leaders of the forces for independence. Mr. Clark's father

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