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Johnson and Linn counties and in Mason City. He located permanently in Forest City, and in 1861 was elected treasurer and recorder of Winnebago county. In 1863 he was appointed postmaster, holding the position for nine years. In 1864 he enlisted in Co. C, 2d Iowa Infantry, and was with Sherman on his march to the sea. During the expedition he was taken ill and lay at the point of death for some time. He was a member of the House of Representatives in the 14th and 15th General Assemblies. In 1874 he was elected Register of the State Land Office, holding the position four years. In 1879 he was admitted to the bar and continued the practice of the law for about ten years. He was also engaged in the banking business and was one of the chief promoters of the M. & St. L. railroad. About 1886 he removed to Winnebago, Minn., where he resided until his death.

JOSIAH T. YOUNG was born in Johnson county, Indiana, Feb. 25, 1831; he died in Albia, Iowa, Nov. 11, 1907. In 1846, with his parents, he came to Iowa, settling in Kishkeokosh, now Monroe county. In 1860 and '61 he was engaged in publishing the *Monroe County Sentinel*, which advocated the election of Stephen A. Douglas to the presidency. Mr. Young served for three years in the civil war. After the war he served for six years as Clerk of the District Court in Monroe county. In 1872 he was elected Secretary of State and was twice re-elected to the office. He served in the House of Representatives in the 23d General Assembly. For many years he had been engaged in the practice of the law. He was a leading citizen of Albia during all the years of his residence there.

MRS. REBECCA A. (McMeekin) NOURSE, wife of Judge C. C. Nourse, was born in Fayette county, Ky., March 21, 1827; she died in Des Moines, Nov. 11, 1907. In 1853 she was married and removed to Keosauqua, Iowa, where her husband was located. In 1858 they came to Des Moines where they afterwards resided. Mrs. Nourse was a woman of influence, well known as one of the leading women of the capital city. At the time of the outbreak of the civil war, she with other women was active in promoting enlistments and in honoring the soldiers. A beautiful silk flag was presented to Gen. James A. Williamson, a Des Moines resident, who went out as Adjutant of Gen. Dodge's 4th Iowa Infantry. In this work Mrs. Nourse bore a prominent part.

DANIEL R. LUCAS was born January 14, 1840, at Belvedere, Boone county, Ill.; he died at Indianapolis, Indiana, November 3, 1907. An eminent preacher, he served as pastor of the Central Christian Church, Des Moines, Iowa, from 1879 to 1882. While a resident of Iowa he served as chaplain three times each of Crocker Post and the Iowa Department G. A. R. He suggested to his denomination the foundation of a university at Des Moines and with George T. Carpenter and Gen. F. M. Drake established the institution bearing the latter's name. Mr. Lucas served as lieutenant and later as chaplain in the 99th Indiana Volunteer Infantry throughout the rebellion.

CHARLES E. PERKINS was born at Cincinnati, Ohio, Nov. 24, 1840; he died at Westwood, Mass., Nov. 8, 1907. Of the character of this man whose genius may be said to have produced one of the greatest transportation lines of Iowa, an adequate sketch will later appear.

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