

M. J. Davis

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tives in the 13th General Assembly from Webster county, serving on committees of Judiciary and State University. He attained eminence at the bar at Ft. Dodge. He removed to Des Moines in 1873, being associated first with George H. Lewis and then with John S. Runnels. Great learning, effective argument, and persistent methods distinguished him at the Des Moines bar. He removed to Tacoma, Washington, in 1890 and continued in the law practice. His activities and success grew until about four years ago, when his health began to fail. His body was brought to Iowa and buried at Greenwood Cemetery, Des Moines, March 19, 1908.

M. J. DAVIS was born in Juniata county, Pa., Oct. 27, 1837; he died at Lewis, Cass county, Iowa, February 2, 1908. He graduated in medicine in 1862 and soon afterwards enlisted in the Union army and was assigned to Hospital duty. In 1866 he located in Lewis, Iowa, where he practiced medicine until 1881, retiring to devote himself to general business. He was a member of the Iowa House of Representatives in the 25th and 26th General Assemblies, serving on many of the important committees. He was the author of the law against the sale of malt liquors by pharmacists. He was a man of large means and wide and wholesome influences.

SAMUEL F. COOPER was born at Stockbridge, Mass., December 19, 1826; he died at his home in Campbell, Cal., February 21, 1908. He was graduated from Oberlin College in 1851. In 1855 he removed to Grinnell, Iowa, engaging in the law and real estate business. Edited the *Montezuma Republican*, 1860; enlisted as a private in Fourth Iowa Cavalry, 1861; was transferred to and became Lieutenant Colonel of the Fortieth Iowa Infantry. He served as District Judge in Arkansas following the war and for four years was U. S. Consul at Glasgow, Scotland. He organized the First National Bank of Grinnell; served as the first Mayor of that city, 1865-67; was a Trustee of Iowa College and Oberlin College. He made many valuable gifts to Iowa College. His body was brought to Grinnell for burial.

JAMES MORTIMER CLARK was born near Toronto, Jefferson county, Ohio, in 1822; he died at Council Bluffs, Iowa, Feb. 12, 1908. He was educated at Franklin college, New Athens, Ohio, read law with Stanton & McCook, Steubenville, Ohio, and was admitted to the Ohio bar in May, 1849. In 1852 Mr. Clark migrated to California, where he resided eleven years, returning to Ohio. He then removed to Johnson county, Iowa, in 1867, thence to Adams county in 1876, settling upon a farm in Prescott township, where his home remained. Mr. Clark represented Adams county in the House in the 26th General Assembly, serving on the committees of Retrenchment and Reform, Compensation of Public Officers, Hospitals for Insane, Board of Public Charities, Senatorial Districts and Fish and Game, and in the 27th, serving on the same committees and also on those of Federal Relations, Judiciary, Building and Loan, Telephone, Telegraph and Express, and Police Regulations.

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