

**Marcia M. Merritt**

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D. R. HINDMAN was born in Otsego county, New York, May 10, 1834; he died in Boone, Iowa, April 17, 1908. His early education was received at Whitestown Seminary and his legal training at the Clinton Law School. He went to Portage City, Wisconsin, in 1860 to commence the practice and soon enlisted in the Nineteenth Wisconsin Infantry, rising from the ranks to be captain of a company. In 1866 he removed to Boone county, Iowa, actively and successfully engaging in the legal profession until his appointment to fill a vacancy on the bench of the Eleventh Judicial District in 1888. He served with distinction for eleven years and returned to the practice in which he held a prominent place up to within a few months of his death.

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THOMAS E. HAINES was born in Carroll county, Ohio, January 21, 1831; he died at Altoona, Polk county, Iowa, May 9, 1908. Mr. Haines left Ohio in 1863 and in company with a friend shipped twelve hundred sheep to Chicago and drove them to Mahaska county, Iowa. The sheep industry was followed for four years, when Mr. Haines entered the grain business at Altoona, continuing this until 1906, when he closed up business affairs and retired. He served in the Iowa House of Representatives of the Nineteenth General Assembly, being on committees on Public Buildings, Roads and Highways, Claims and Reform Schools. He was very successful in business, a member of the Masonic order and of the Christian church.

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J. SCOTT RICHMAN was born at Somerset, Perry county, Ohio, March 11, 1820; he died at his home in Muscatine, Iowa, May 17, 1908. He removed to Knoxville, Illinois, and studied law about 1837 and to Rochester, Cedar county, Iowa, in 1839, where he was admitted to the bar. In 1840 he removed to Muscatine, where he began and thereafter remained in the active practice of the law throughout his long career except for nine years ending in 1872, when he served on the District bench. Judge Richman was a member of the Iowa Constitutional Convention of 1846 and was the last survivor of that noteworthy body of men. He served as chief clerk of the Iowa House of Representatives in 1848, and as a member of the extra session of the Fifth General Assembly in 1856, filling a vacancy caused by the death of Reason Pritchard. He maintained a reputation for high character, strong attainments and success at the bar for the longest period of any person in Iowa annals. He was a Whig, but became and remained a republican in politics. He was an early member of the second lodge of Masons instituted in Iowa and received many honors in the order.

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MRS. MARCIA M. (Sutherland) MERRITT was born March 27, 1827, in Chautauqua county, New York; she died in Des Moines, Iowa, June 5, 1908. She was married to Col. William H. Merritt on January 8, 1846, removing at once with her husband to Iowa. Colonel Merritt founded the *Dubuque Herald* and the *Des Moines Statesman*, which later became the *Leader*; he was Lieutenant-Colonel of the First Iowa Infantry and once mayor and once postmaster of Des Moines. He died in Des Moines in 1891.

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