

William Boyd Allison

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NOTABLE DEATHS.

WILLIAM BOYD ALLISON was born in Wayne county, Ohio, March 2, 1829; he died at his home in Dubuque August 4, 1908. He was educated at Wooster academy and Allegheny college, Meadville, Pa., and at Western Reserve college, Hudson, Ohio. He was a law student in the office of Hemphill & Turner, Wooster, Ohio, and began the practice at Ashland in 1850. He was a delegate to the Ohio Whig convention of 1855 and a secretary of that body. He removed to Dubuque, Iowa, in 1857. Senator Allison became an active and influential factor in Iowa politics almost at once on his arrival. He was a delegate to the republican State convention in 1859 and to the national convention that nominated Lincoln at Chicago in 1860. He was a member of the staff of Governor Kirkwood and an efficient aid in the raising of troops under the various calls of President Lincoln. He was urged for the nomination of Supreme Judge of Iowa about this time, but modestly put aside the opportunity with the explanation that there was a question whether he was as yet fully qualified. He was nominated for Congress in 1862, elected and re-elected, serving until 1871 with distinction on the floor and in the committee on ways and means. In 1873 he was elected over James Harlan to the United States Senate. Besides the distinction of serving longer continuously than any other member of that body since the organization of the government, he took front rank as an effective legislator. He was a member of the appropriations committee throughout his service. He was made its chairman in 1881, serving as such for eight years, then again became chairman in 1895, remaining such until his death. He also served continuously on the committee on finance after 1877. He was chairman of the international monetary conference at Brussels in 1892. He was favorably considered by Presidents Garfield and Harrison as Secretary of the Treasury and by McKinley for Secretary of State. He was a prominent candidate for President and once almost settled upon in a conference whose choice became the nominee. He was first married to Miss Anna Carter in 1854, who died in 1860. In 1873 he was married to Miss Mary Neally, an adopted daughter of James W. Grimes, Governor and United States Senator of Iowa. She died in 1883. Senator Allison left no direct descendants.

PHINEAS M. CASADY was born near Connorsville, Indiana, December 3, 1818; he died at his home in Des Moines, Iowa, August 31, 1908. His was a life of extraordinary length, strength and activity. He was admitted to the Indiana bar in 1841; was deputy clerk of the Rush county court until his removal to and permanent settlement in Des Moines in 1846. He was postmaster of Fort Des Moines two years, and became the law partner of Robert L. Tidrick in 1848, which partnership continued until 1853. He was State senator from a district formed of Polk, Dallas, Marion and Jasper counties, then embracing the whole of the territory west and north of these counties and within the present limits of the State. He was elected judge of the fifth judicial district in 1854 and soon after received an appointment as United States receiver of public monies. In 1857 he formed a law partnership with M. M. Crocker, which was entered into by Jefferson S. Polk in 1859, and which General Crocker left to enter the army in 1861, and from which Judge Casady retired in 1864. He gradually restricted his

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