

## Josiah Forrest Kennedy

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attention to business and in 1875 became a controlling factor in the organization of the Des Moines Savings Bank, whose interests absorbed practically the whole of his active energies the remainder of his life. He was a patriotic member of the Pioneer Lawmakers' Association and of many other social organizations.

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GEORGE CRAWFORD DUFFIELD was born in Steubenville, Ohio, May 13, 1824; he died near Keosauqua, Iowa, September 4, 1908. He emigrated with his father's family in April, 1837, to their claim on Chequest Creek, it being the farthest west of any then within the present limits of the State of Iowa. He purchased land near by in 1852 and erected the house which was his home from that time until his death. He was a delegate to the first and more than thirty republican State conventions, attending many others to which he was not a delegate. He attended the first and more than fifty other fairs held by the Iowa State Agricultural Society, serving twelve years as a director. He served nine months with company G, Third Iowa cavalry, without enlistment and without pay. As obituarian of the Van Buren County Pioneer Association he compiled nearly a thousand sketches of the lives of men and women who lived in Van Buren county during or before 1846. He kept a very complete diary after 1860, and from it drew much of the material presented in public papers. A series of reminiscient articles published in *The Annals* was reprinted under the title, "Memories of Frontier Iowa."

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JOSIAH FORREST KENNEDY was born January 31, 1834, at Landisburg, Penn.; he died in Los Angeles, Cal., September 26, 1908. He was educated in Williamsburg academy and Dickinson college, in Pennsylvania. He studied medicine in Jefferson Medical college, but graduated from the medical department of the University of the City of New York. Upon his graduation in 1858 he removed to Tipton, Iowa, and soon thereafter to Mechanicsville, Iowa, where he practiced for three years. He served as assistant surgeon in the regular army for about a year during the Civil War; returning to Tipton he remained there in the practice of his profession until his election as professor of obstetrics in the medical department of the Iowa State University. He removed to Des Moines in 1870 and in 1884 was elected secretary of the State Board of Health, in which capacity he served with very great distinction for nearly twenty-two years. He held honorable positions in many national movements in his profession, was an active member of many fraternal societies, and of the Methodist church. He removed to Los Angeles, Cal., on account of failing health in 1906.

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WILLIAM SAVAGE was born in England, September 2, 1833; he died in Van Buren county, Iowa, July 8, 1908. He was apprenticed to the tailor's trade; came to New York with an uncle in 1847, and being of Quaker connection, to Salem, Henry county, Iowa, in 1853. He acquired eighty acres of land near Sigler's Mill, on Big Cedar creek, in Van Buren county, in 1854, which place remained his home. He followed his trade until that vanished as a country custom. He farmed and painted houses and trapped for furs. He kept a diary of domestic and neighborhood affairs and especially of natural history phenomena. His passion for recording his observations was

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