

Henry J. B. Cumming

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many years. Mr. Pray was appointed Surveyor General of Alaska by President McKinley in 1897, and in declining that office was appointed a Special Representative of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. He resigned this office in 1890, removed to Des Moines and engaged actively in the service, as Treasurer of the Royal Union Mutual Life Insurance Company, in the organization of which institution, he had participated in 1886. He remained in this service until his death. In all the activities of a life more varied than is usual, he was courageous, loyal and efficient. F. D. J.

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JOSEPH WENDELL MUFFLY was born in Clinton county, Pa., July 11, 1840; he died at Hot Springs, South Dakota, whence he had gone from his home in Des Moines for treatment, January 1, 1909. At the age of 17 he removed to Freeport, Illinois, teaching school for a time, but returned to complete his education at Dickinson Seminary at Williamsport, Pa. While pursuing his studies he responded to the first call for volunteers to put down the rebellion and enlisted as a private in Company B, 148th Pennsylvania Volunteers. He served throughout the war with this regiment, being appointed its adjutant before his discharge. He was wounded at Gettysburg. In later life he compiled "The History of the 148th Pennsylvania Volunteers," an authority on the campaigns of that regiment, accepted by its surviving members and by the War Department. Shortly after the close of the war, Captain Muffly removed to Des Moines, Iowa, and founded the Iowa Business College, which he managed until 1876. He served as Deputy County Clerk, Assistant Adjutant General of the G. A. R., Recorder of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion from the time of its organization until his death, and as Commander of Crocker Post, G. A. R.

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HENRY J. B. CUMMING was born in Sussex county, N. J., May 21, 1831; he died at his home in Winterset, Iowa, April 16, 1909. His childhood was spent in Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, where he attended the common schools and had a year of instruction at a private academy. He was admitted to the bar in 1854, and migrated to Winterset, Iowa, in 1856, where he entered the practice and immediately became an influential factor in business and politics. He was one of the organizers and the leader of the Republican party in his locality. He was twice mayor of Winterset, served as prosecuting attorney and was a representative for the Seventh Iowa District in the Forty-fifth Congress. He was captain of a company of Home Guards which was mustered into the army at Council Bluffs, in 1861, as Company F of the 4th Iowa Infantry. He was transferred to the 39th Infantry with the commission of Colonel and mustered out January 1, 1865. He owned the Winterset *Madisonian* in whole or in part from 1869 for eighteen years. Upon retiring as a publisher he also gave up the law practice and concentrated his attention upon purely business matters. At his death he was heavily interested in real estate and banking enterprises.

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FRANCIS WESLEY EVANS was born in Pittsburg, Pa., March 17, 1829; he died at his home, 1319 E. Ninth street, Des Moines, Iowa, September 3, 1908. He was brought to Lee county, Iowa, in 1839.

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