

Ruth McPherson Morris

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residing first at Mitchellville, where he engaged in the grain business. He came to Des Moines about the year 1870. In 1889 he became a member of the board of park commissioners, and during his administration the present park system was planned. He was at one time commander of the Iowa Department, G. A. R. Few men in Polk county were better known, and none had more friends.

JOHN COZIER SANDS was born at Fakenham Norfolk, England, February 8, 1815; he died March 7, 1909, at Belmond, Wright county, Iowa. He was a private in the English volunteers brought into Canada in 1835 to put down the Papineau Rebellion. After a service for four years, he attended Grand Ligne Academy for three years; thereafter taking the course in theology at Yale, graduating in 1847. From his residence in Essex, Vermont, where he was ordained and served as pastor of a Congregational church for nine years, he migrated to Keosauqua, Iowa. He served as chaplain of the 19th Iowa Infantry throughout the war. He removed to Belmond in 1869. In 1871 he was elected county superintendent. He served as chaplain of his Grand Army Post from its organization until his death. He was a thorough scholar of Greek, Hebrew and French, as well as English; a preacher and teacher throughout his life.

RUTH MCPHERSON MORRIS was born in Grayson county, Virginia, August 22, 1806; she died March 11, 1909, at the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. Anna McPherson Edworthy, Des Moines, Iowa. She was a daughter of John Carey, a Quaker, who removed to Hillsboro, Ohio, in 1816. She was married at twenty-five to Joseph McPherson, and to them were born two children, Daniel and Mary. At sixty she was married to Zadok Morris, who died seventeen years later. In 1900 she removed to Des Moines, thereafter residing with Mrs. Edworthy. She has a brother, Dr. Isaac Carey, residing at Marion, Indiana, at the age of ninety-six. There also reside a grandson, a granddaughter, a great-great-grandson and a great-great-granddaughter. She has a sister, Peninah Townsend, aged eighty-five, residing at 853 Barr Street, Cincinnati, Ohio. She was the oldest White Ribboner in the world at her death.

EDWARD AMES TEMPLE was born at Lebanon, Illinois, September 23, 1831; he died at Orlando, Florida, his winter home, February 12, 1909. He was a son of Major George Temple, a territorial legislator of Burlington, Iowa. He was a clerk in the Federal land office at Fairfield, and thereafter at Chariton, Iowa. He acquired land from the government at \$1.25 an acre on which he laid out the town of Mt. Ayr, Iowa, disposing of the last of his lands there some six years ago. He followed a similar course near Council Bluffs, Iowa, and Portland, Oregon, closing out his real estate business soon after forming, with Mr. Simon Casady, the Bankers Life Association, in Des Moines, in 1879. Of this company he became the President and so remained until his death. In his will he made a bequest of \$1,000 for the purpose of placing a tablet in the Historical Building to the memory of his father and certain other Iowa pioneers.

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