

Nathan P. Dodge

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NOTABLE DEATHS.

NATHAN P. DODGE was born at South Danvers (now Peabody), Massachusetts, August 20, 1837; he died at Council Bluffs, Iowa, January 12, 1911. He was a son of Sylvanus and Julia Theresa Dodge. He received his education in the common and high school of South Danvers and spent his boyhood days in his father's book store and the postoffice of which his father was postmaster. In May, 1854, he came west to Iowa City and joined the engineering corps of his brother, Major General Grenville M. Dodge, then surveying the Rock Island Road through Iowa. In March, 1855, with their father he drove from Davenport to the Elkhorn river in Nebraska, where the General was settled and had made claims for all three. He preempted and entered his claim which he owned at the time of his death. They remained on the farms until driven out by the Indians. The Pawnee village was twelve miles from their cabins across the Platte river, and during the summer a conflict which raged amongst the Indians ended in the killing of three or four settlers and those remaining abandoned their homes and moved to Omaha. There the Dodge family occupied a log cabin just south of the present Burlington station. Troops sent out to the Elkhorn lived in the deserted cabins. In February, 1856, Mr. Dodge entered the service of Baldwin & Dodge, bankers and real estate agents, and had charge of their business until 1878, when they organized the Pacific National Bank, turning over all their real estate business to N. P. Dodge. He soon formed a partnership with Judge Caleb Baldwin, which continued until the death of Judge Baldwin. He was for several years president of the Council Bluffs Savings Bank. As a young man he took an active part in all public affairs and especially in everything for the aid of the soldiers in the field in the Civil War. He was prominent in all charity and church work, being a charter member of the First Congregational Church. He was an authority on the history of southwestern Iowa. His papers, such as that published in the *Council Bluffs Nonpareil*, January 11, 1911, on the Woman's Aid and Sanitary Commissions during the Civil War, showed the completeness of his records.

JOHN NICHOLAS WEAVER was born in Wayne county, Ohio, June 4, 1844; he died at Sioux City, Iowa, December 25, 1910. He was educated at Western College, Western, Iowa, (now Leander Clark College, Toledo, Iowa), a college founded by his father who was its first president. He served during the Civil War as a private in Co. D, 12th Iowa Infantry. He removed to Springvale, (now Humboldt), Iowa, about 1870, and later to Algona, Iowa, where he remained until January 1, 1885, when he made his home in Sioux City, Iowa. He was city attorney for six years, and circuit judge of the 14th Judicial District from 1877 to 1884, and was elected for another term which he declined.

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