

Henry Clay Laub

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MATTHEW HANNON was born in county Carey, Ireland, February 4, 1829; he died at Darlington, Wis., December 29, 1910. He was educated at Tralee College, Ireland, emigrating to Pittsburg, Penn., in 1847, entering the seminary Carondelet, where he was a fellow student with Archbishop Hennessey of Dubuque and Bishop Hogan of Kansas City. He entered Notre Dame College in Indiana, finished the course there in 1852, and was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Loras. He began his missionary labors at Iowa City in 1852, his services covering a great part of eastern Iowa. He said the first mass in Cedar Rapids, Marion, Fort Dodge, and many other frontier settlements. He was sent to Burlington in 1855, to Garry Owen in 1863, and Lansing in 1867. President Lincoln appointed him postmaster at Garry Owen, and offered him a chaplaincy in the navy. The last thirty-five years of his service was as pastor in Darlington, Wisconsin.

HENRY CLAY LAUB was born in Little York, Pennsylvania, April 18, 1824; he died at Denison, Iowa, November 21, 1910. His youth was spent in Gettysburg, but before attaining his majority he went to Maryland. He learned the trade of a shoemaker, but after a course of rigid self-instruction, supplemented by a few months' attendance in school, he began teaching school, following that work for four years. He removed to Iowa in 1851, taught school in Muscatine county two years, then opened a store at Cedar Rapids. He purchased land in Crawford county in 1855, and in 1857 exchanged his land for a store in Denison, and the mercantile business engaged his principal attention throughout the remainder of his life. He had extensive interests in stores in other towns. Mr. Laub served Crawford county as sheriff, as county surveyor, county superintendent of schools and representative in the Eighteenth General Assembly. Mr. Laub was a most practical and useful pioneer. He took contracts for the erection of buildings and for the supplying of materials for railroads, and otherwise supplemented enterprises when many feared to venture along these lines. He suffered many reverses but never discouragements, and the result of his long life was a pronounced and permanent advantage to his community.

LEVI HUBBELL was born in Fairfield county, Conn., July 14, 1826; he died at Waukon, Iowa, December 23, 1910. He was educated in the common schools and at Oneida Institute, Whitesboro, N. Y. In 1857 he came to Iowa, locating at Bradford, Chickasaw county, where he engaged in mercantile pursuits. He settled upon a farm in Winneshiek county in 1861. In 1879 he moved to Waukon, where he maintained his residence until his death. He was an active and influential man. He represented his District in the Iowa legislature, in the Eighteenth and Nineteenth General Assemblies.

PARDON A. SMITH was born in Ogle county, Ill., September 1, 1840; he died at Scranton, Greene county, Iowa, December 25, 1910. His parents removed to Iowa in 1856. He enlisted as a private soldier in Company A, Eighth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, serving three years and seventy-eight days. He was editor and proprietor of the *Scranton Journal*, and at the time of his death was a member of the State Board of Parole.

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