

John Lewis Young

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NOTABLE DEATHS

JOHN LEWIS YOUNG was born in Pickaway county, Ohio, June 30, 1833; he died at Leon, Iowa, June 25, 1912. In his early youth his parents removed to Indiana, both dying before he was eight years of age. He was bound out to a farmer, ran away, and apprenticed himself to the harness trade at the age of fourteen, maintaining himself at that and other occupations until through the interposition of a friend, he was taken to Kingston, Ohio, at the age of eighteen, where he attended academy for two years and continued to reside until 1852, when he removed to Oskaloosa. Here he attended Normal school for some time and in 1855 removed to Fort Madison, as a clerk in the penitentiary. He read law in Fort Madison, and in the office of Trimball & Baker at Bloomfield, and was admitted to the bar January 18, 1858. In 1859 he opened his office in Leon. He joined Edwards' Border Brigade in 1861, and as a private made several raids into Missouri with his company. He soon became Quartermaster. In November, of the same year, he enlisted in Co. A, Seventeenth Iowa Infantry, as a private. In 1862 he returned home on recruiting service and in a few days organized a company of which he was elected Captain, serving until January 20, 1863, participating in the battles of Farmington and Iuka. In the latter battle he was placed in command of that portion of his regiment which remained in the field, and continued his responsibility until September 19th, during the time commanding his regiment at the battle of Corinth, and receiving the commendation of Gen. Rosecrans. On account of failing health he resigned, January 20, 1863, but very soon after his recovery, he raised a company for the Ninth Iowa Cavalry, was elected its Captain, serving in that capacity until November 18, 1865, when he was promoted to Major, while the regiment was stationed at Ft. Smith, in border service. He was mustered out at Little Rock, February 18, 1866, returning to Leon and resuming the practice of law, which he continued in association from time to time with different attorneys, including Judge Harvey, Stephen Varga, and R. L. Parrish, also promoting and for some time managing banking enterprises. In 1899 he accepted a position in the treasury department at Washington, continuing until his resignation because of poor health, in 1911.

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