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OLIVER PERRY SHIRAS was born at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, October 22, 1833, and died at Seabreeze, Florida, January 7, 1916. Burial was at Dubuque, Iowa. He attended public schools in Pittsburgh and was graduated from Ohio University in 1853 and from the Yale Law School in 1856. He came to Dubuque, Iowa, the same year and commenced the practice of law. He enlisted in the Union Army and served on the staff as aid-de-camp to General F. J. Herron. He received an honorable discharge at the close of the war and returned to Dubuque and resumed the practice of law. He was engaged in practice twenty-six years, being in partnership at different times with Frederick E. Bissell, attorney-general of Iowa in 1866 and 1867, and Colonel D. B. Henderson, afterwards speaker of the national House of Representatives. He attained success and distinction as a lawyer. On August, 21, 1882, President Arthur appointed him judge of the United States district court for the Northern District of Iowa. For five years he was judge of the United States court of appeals of the Eighth Judicial Circuit. November 1, 1903, he asked leave to retire, which was granted. He took a great interest in public affairs, his talents and accomplishments qualifying him to lead in many enterprises. He was active in the movements establishing and developing the fine system of parks in Dubuque, and was a member of the city park board from its organization in 1907. It was largely through his efforts that Eagle Point Park along the Mississippi, was secured and improved. After his retirement from the bench he gave freely of his time to park work, to library work, being president of the board of public library trustees, and to educational matters.

SAMUEL L. GLASGOW was born in Adams County, Ohio, September 17, 1833, and died January 9, 1916, at Washington, D. C., where he was looking after legislation in the interests of old soldiers. He was educated in common schools and in the South Salem Academy, Ross County, Ohio. He came to Oskaloosa, Iowa, in 1856 and read law, and in 1858 was admitted to the bar, and removed to Corydon, where he practiced his profession until the opening of the Civil War. He then enlisted in Company I, Fourth Iowa Infantry, General Dodge's regiment, and was chosen first lieutenant. In January, 1862, he resigned and came home because of poor health. The following summer, having regained his health, he organized Company D of the Twenty-third Iowa Infantry and was elected its captain. He was soon thereafter appointed major of the regiment. Because of meritorious service he was successively promoted to lieutenant-colonel, and colonel and was breveted brigadier-general. He was a gallant, courageous and able officer, and was the youngest of his rank

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