

William H. Robb

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party. Mr. Witmer was of the character and quality of a statesman. He was truly a successful man of affairs. He had an extensive and favorable acquaintance among public men, including those in political, business and financial circles.

WILLIAM CRAIG WILCOX was born at Pittsfield, Massachusetts, January 16, 1867, and died at Iowa City, Iowa, October 5, 1916. He received his elementary education at Pittsfield, attended high school at Batavia, New York, the University of Rochester, and won a two years' fellowship in political science at the University of Chicago. He was professor in Mount Beacon Academy, Fishkill, and at Mount Pleasant Academy, Sing Sing. In 1894 he came to the State University of Iowa as professor of history, became head of the department in 1904 and dean of the College of Liberal Arts in 1909, which position he still occupied at the time of his death. He received the degree of A. B. at Rochester, New York, in 1888 and A. M. in 1891, LL. D. from Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in 1910 and the same degree from Rochester in 1913. Dean Wilcox was a prominent member of the American Historical Association, the American Geographic Society, the Mississippi Valley Historical Association, and the Iowa State Historical Society. He was an active worker in the Congregational church and closely associated with the development of extension work in the University, for some years acting as secretary of the Extension Division. He was an important factor in the growth and administration of the University.

WILLIAM H. ROBB was born in Union County, Iowa, December 25, 1847, and died at his home at Creston, September 19, 1916. He spent his boyhood on a farm and attended common school. He taught several terms of school in early life. He studied law but never entered active practice. In 1877 he purchased the *Afton Tribune*, then a Republican paper, changed its name to *Independent American*, and its politics to Greenback. In 1880 he moved his paper to Creston. His first wife having died he married Miss Kate A. White, then a teacher in the Creston schools and a daughter of Hon. Fred White of Keokuk County. In 1884 he was elected member of the city council and in 1885, after a remarkably bitter campaign, was elected representative and was re-elected two years later, serving in the Twenty-first and Twenty-second general assemblies. While in the legislature he was the author of a bill to prohibit non-resident aliens from acquiring title to land in Iowa, which attracted attention all over the country. He was appointed postmaster at Creston in 1914. He was a newspaper man and politician of prominence and influence.

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