

John W. Blackford

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Machias, Maine. He did some newspaper work and studied law in Boston with Rufus Choate in 1850. He came to Dubuque in 1857 and became assistant editor of the *Northwest*. He was admitted to the bar in Dubuque in 1860. From then until 1870 he was in partnership with Thomas Monroe, the firm enjoying a large practice. After 1870 he was in practice by himself. He was an expert in real estate and probate law. He was a unique character, a great reader, quite literary, a lover of art and something of an art critic, an active member of the Dubuque Art Association and an active and influential member of the Upper Mississippi River Improvement Association.

JULIUS J. MATHEWS was born in Perry County, Ohio, January 8, 1826, and died at Maywood, Illinois, April 27, 1916. Interment was at Clinton, Iowa. In 1835 he came with his people to Indiana, and in 1839 to Iowa City, Iowa. In 1852 he was graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Keokuk and removed to Lyons and engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery. In 1853 he was elected state senator and served in the Fifth, Fifth extra and Sixth general assemblies. He served as postmaster at Lyons from 1867 to 1879. He also served as city councilman and as a member of the board of education. He removed to Dana, Greene County, and remained there until 1913, after which he made his home with a son and daughter at Maywood, Illinois.

JOHN W. BLACKFORD was born in York County, Pennsylvania, March 4, 1837, and died at Hillsboro, Iowa, April 10, 1916. He obtained his education in country schools and the York County Academy. He followed school teaching for ten years. In 1864 he removed to Van Buren County, Iowa, and engaged in farming and breeding Poland China hogs and Hereford cattle. He was a charter member of the American Poland China Record Association, was its president in 1903-4, and was its treasurer from 1905 until his death. He removed to Hillsboro, Henry County, in 1906, and became president of the Hillsboro Savings Bank. In 1912 he was elected representative from Henry County, serving in the Thirty-fifth General Assembly.

ROBERT BRUCE ARNOLD was born near Greencastle, Indiana, January 29, 1834, and died at Albia, Iowa, October 5, 1916. He came with his parents to Monroe County, Iowa, arriving there December 28, 1846, the day Iowa was admitted into the Union. With the exception of two years spent in Decatur County and one year in Wapello County, he continued to live in Monroe County until his death. In 1897 he was elected representative and served in the Twenty-seventh General Assembly.

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