

George Willis Botsford

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studies and was admitted to the bar in 1868. He attained unusual distinction as a trial lawyer. He was city solicitor of Ottumwa for a time and was deputy collector of internal revenue. In 1908 he was the Democratic nominee for judge of the Supreme Court. He was president of the Loch Burns Hunting and Fishing Club. He was the dean of the Wapello County bar at the time of his death.

GEORGE WILLIS BOTSFORD was born at West Union, Iowa, May 9, 1862, and died at his office at Columbia University, New York City, December 13, 1917. He graduated at the University of Nebraska in 1884 and received the degree of Ph. D. at Cornell University in 1891. From 1895 to 1902 he was an instructor at Harvard University in Grecian and Roman history. From 1902 until his death he occupied a similar position at Columbia University. He was the author of several notable books on ancient history, among them being "Development of the Athenian Constitution," "Ancient History for Beginners," "Hellenic Civilization," "History of Greece," "History of Rome," and "History of the Ancient World." He achieved distinction in his chosen field.

JOHN FRAZEE was born in Clinton County, Indiana, February 5, 1841, and died at Bassett, Iowa, November 7, 1917. He came with his parents to Clinton County, Iowa, in 1851 and to Chickasaw County in 1852, going on a homestead where he made his home the remainder of his life. He attended common school and Upper Iowa University at Fayette for a while. He taught school for some time in his early life, but made farming his business. He held several positions of honor and trust in his township and county government. In 1893 he was elected representative and was re-elected in 1895, serving in the Twenty-fifth, Twenty-sixth and Twenty-sixth extra general assemblies.

GILBERT S. GILBERTSON was born at Spring Grove, Minnesota, October 17, 1863, and died at Des Moines, Iowa, November 25, 1917. He was of Norwegian parentage. He came with his parents to Worth County, Iowa, in 1879. He attended public schools and later attended business college at Janesville, Wisconsin. He remained on his father's farm until he secured a position as a bookkeeper for an implement firm at Forest City. He was elected clerk of the district court of Winnebago County in 1889 and remained in that office six years. In 1896 he was elected senator from the Mitchell-Winnebago-Worth district, and served in the Twenty-sixth, Twenty-sixth extra and Twenty-seventh general assemblies. In 1900 he was elected treasurer of state and was re-elected in 1902 and in 1904. In 1900 his majority was over 100,000. On quitting the office of treasurer of state he became identified with Des Moines banking, insurance and real estate interests. He was a man of great activity and business ability.

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