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GILMAN LOUIS JOHNSON was born in St. Lawrence County, New York, June 21, 1846, and died at Maquoketa, Iowa, August 14, 1918. When a boy he attended common school. When sixteen years old he enlisted in the Union Army and was assigned to the One hundred and forty-second New York Infantry. He served for a time as first lieutenant on the staff of General N. M. Curtis. In February, 1864, he received a gunshot wound which necessitated the amputation of his right arm. Upon returning from the war he entered Gouverneur Seminary in St. Lawrence County, and was graduated therefrom in 1871. He was admitted to the bar in New York in June, 1871, came to Maquoketa and was admitted there in September of the same year. Associated with him at various times were Charles Rich, E. F. Richman, and F. D. Kelsey. He became quite successful as a lawyer. In 1881 he was elected representative and served in the Nineteenth General Assembly. In 1883 he was elected senator and served in the Twentieth and Twenty-first general assemblies. He was a Democrat in politics.

GEORGE H. CARR was born at Whitehill, New York, November 23, 1852, and died at his home in Des Moines, Iowa, December 5, 1918. In 1855 he was brought by the family to Illinois where they settled on a farm. He attended common school, worked on the farm, attended academy, taught school, attended Beloit College, Beloit, Wisconsin, and was graduated from the Law Department of the State University of Iowa in 1877. He commenced the practice of law at Emmetsburg, Iowa, and became a member of the firm of Soper, Crawford & Carr. He served as a judge of the district court of the Fourteenth Judicial District from 1887 to 1894, having no opposition for his second term. He resigned from the bench and formed a partnership with A. C. Parker of Spencer, and removed to Des Moines in 1895. The firm soon obtained an extensive practice. In 1897 he was elected representative from Polk County and was re-elected two years later, serving in the Twenty-seventh and Twenty-eighth general assemblies. From 1908 until his death he was solicitor for Iowa of the Chicago & Great Western Railroad Company.

LEWIS L. TAYLOR was born in Hart County, Kentucky, in 1838, and died at Centerville, Iowa, December 27, 1915. In 1849 he came with his parents to Appanoose County, Iowa, where he continued to reside until his death. He grew to manhood on his father's farm, fitted himself for the profession of teaching school and taught thirty terms. In 1879 he was elected clerk of the district court of his county, and by re-elections held the office until 1888. He then became a bookkeeper and teller in the First National Bank of Centerville. In 1903 he was elected senator and was re-elected in 1908, serving in the Thirtieth, Thirty-first, Thirty-second, Thirty-second extra, Thirty-third and Thirty-fourth general assemblies.

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