

## Samuel Lucius Bestow

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Medina, Ohio, and was admitted to the bar in 1848. He removed to Tipton, Iowa, in 1850, residing there nineteen years. In 1857 he became proprietor of *The Tipton Advertiser*, which he published until 1863. Under his administration *The Advertiser* became one of the most widely known country weeklies of this State. During the session of the Legislature of 1860 that portion of the House Journal in which the election of State Printer was made a matter of record was stolen. In a purely accidental way Mr. Daniels was instrumental in bringing this theft to light. There was no general investigation of the matter, but the Journal was quietly restored by authority of the House from the rough notes kept by the clerk, and nothing serious resulted. He retired from *The Advertiser* after conducting the paper six years, and settled in Mount Pleasant, where he resided up to the time of his death at the ripe age of 85 years. He had held several positions of honor and trust and was widely and favorably known.

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GEORGE FRANKLIN WRIGHT was born in Warren, Washington county, Vt., Dec. 5, 1833; he died in Council Bluffs, Dec. 13, 1906. He was reared on a farm and received his education at West Randolph, Vt., where the late Judge Austin Adams was his tutor. In 1855 he came to Iowa and commenced the study of the law with the firm of Wright, Knapp & Caldwell in Keosauqua. In 1857 he was admitted to the bar and began practicing under the firm name, Knapp, Caldwell & Wright. In 1861 he helped raise a company of volunteers and was elected first lieutenant. Business demanding his return to Keosauqua, he raised a company of militia and was elected captain. The organization was in active service in protecting the Iowa border. In 1868 Mr. Wright removed to Council Bluffs and formed a law partnership with Judge Caleb Baldwin. Aside from his profession he was interested in many business enterprises. He was president of the first street railway company; helped to organize companies for the manufacture of coal illuminating gas in various Iowa towns, and organized the Omaha and Council Bluffs Railway & Bridge Co. He served in the Senate in the 16th, 17th, 18th and 19th General Assemblies, being a member of the judiciary committee.

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HIRAM SCHOFIELD was born in Hadley, Saratoga county, N. Y.; he died in Seattle, Wash., Dec. 30, 1906. He graduated from Union College, Schenectady, in 1853, and from the law school at Albany in 1856. In 1857 he removed to Washington, Iowa, where he practiced his profession and became one of the best known lawyers in southeastern Iowa. His military career was a brilliant one. At the outbreak of the civil war he enlisted in the 2d Iowa Infantry. He participated in many engagements, including the battles of Fort Donelson, Shiloh, and the siege of Corinth. He was promoted to first lieutenant and later served as assistant adjutant-general on the staffs of Generals Lauman and McCarthy. He was then made colonel of the 8th Louisiana colored infantry, and subsequently commanded a brigade. He was brevetted brigadier-general at the close of the war. In 1868 he was chosen a presidential elector on the Republican ticket. He was a collector of rare books and left one of the largest private libraries in the State.

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SAMUEL LUCIUS BESTOW was born at Williamsville, N. Y., March 8, 1823; he died in Chariton, Iowa, Jan. 10, 1907. In 1869 he came to Lucas county and purchased a farm, where he resided until a few

years ago, when he removed to Chariton. He represented Lucas and Clarke counties in the Senate during the 16th and 17th General Assemblies, elected as a Republican. Later he affiliated with the Democratic party. He was their candidate for lieutenant-governor in 1889, but was defeated; in 1891 he was again on the ticket and was elected, serving with Governor Boies during his second term, and presiding over the Senate of the 24th General Assembly.

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WILLIAM B. PERRIN was born near Montpelier, Vt., Jan. 19, 1839; he died in Nashua, Iowa, May 10, 1907. He received his education in the Barre, Vt., Academy, Dartmouth College and the Albany Law School. At the outbreak of the civil war he enlisted and served throughout the war, first in Co. B, 7th Squadron R. I. Cavalry; later as lieutenant in the 3d Vermont Light Artillery. In the fall of 1867 he removed to Iowa. In 1868 he located in Nashua and engaged in the practice of his profession—the law. During his thirty-nine years residence in Nashua he had served as councilman, mayor, city attorney, member of the school and library boards, and in various other offices. He was a member of the House of Representatives in the 17th and 18th General Assemblies and in the State Senate during the 25th, 26th, 27th and 28th.

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CHARLES LINDERMAN was born near Bloomingburg, N. Y., Feb. 4, 1829; he died in Clarinda, Iowa, April 15, 1907. He was graduated from Hamilton College, N. Y., in 1854. In 1855 he came to Scott county, Iowa; after a few months spent in Nebraska, where he helped establish the sixth principal meridian, he returned to Iowa. In 1859 he settled in Clarinda where he resided over 48 years. In 1863 he enlisted in Co. A, 8th Iowa Cavalry and was elected second lieutenant of the company. He was a member of the House of Representatives in the 11th and 24th General Assemblies. For eight years he served as Clerk of the Supreme Court of Iowa. Since 1875 he had been connected with the banking interests of Clarinda. He was a prominent Mason and a member of the Loyal Legion.

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THEODOSIA BURR HALL SHEPHERD, daughter of Judge Augustus Hall, was born in Keosauqua, Iowa, Oct. 14, 1845; she died in Ventura, Cal., Sept. 6, 1906. Her girlhood and the early years of her married life were spent in Iowa. In 1873 she removed with her husband to California, where she became famous as a horticulturist. She was from youth interested in outdoor life and especially in flower culture, and from a small beginning she became the originator of many rare flowers and plants, and her great flower garden became noted throughout the world. Her work has been compared with Luther Burbank's and in flower work it doubtless exceeded his.

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MARY CATHERINE CHRISTY (Mrs. John M. Davis) was born in Warrenton, Ohio, April 12, 1839; she died in Des Moines, Iowa, Feb. 24, 1907. In April, 1843, she removed with her parents to Wapello, Louisa county, Iowa. She was finely educated and taught in the public schools in Iowa City, and afterwards in the institution for the education of the blind in that place. In 1860 she was married and came with her husband (who superintended the moving of the State Capitol from Iowa City) to Des Moines. She had resided for nearly forty-seven years at the old home on East Court avenue.

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