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CHARLES H. TALMADGE was born in Gerard, Erie county, Pa., Oct. 10, 1842; he died in West Union, Iowa, May 2, 1907. In 1850 his family moved to Illinois and in 1856 came to Iowa, locating in Mitchell county. In 1857 he entered the printing office of *The Mitchell Republican*; subsequently he worked on several other papers. In 1861 he was among the first volunteers to form a company in Mitchell county. He became a member of Co. I, 3d Iowa Infantry. For the past forty years he had been editor and proprietor of *The West Union Gazette*.

IRA E. DRAPER was born in Marion county, Ind., Jan. 4, 1834; he died in Des Moines, Iowa, Jan. 18, 1907. He removed to Jasper county, Iowa, in the fifties, and engaged in business at Vandalia. From 1860 to 1871 he was postmaster of that place, and for a time published *The Vandalia Visitor*. He later engaged in the banking business in Prairie City, and became a large landowner. He served as a member of the House of Representatives in the 14th General Assembly.

HENRY L. HUFF was born in Cumberland county, Pa., Jan. 29, 1829; he died in Eldora, Iowa, June 9, 1907. He came to Iowa in December, 1853, and in 1855 settled in Hardin county, where for over fifty years he was engaged in the practice of the law. He had served as prosecuting attorney, county judge, and county attorney. In 1880 he was a delegate to the National Republican Convention which nominated Garfield for President; he was a member of the Iowa House of Representatives in 13th General Assembly.

ROBERT ALLEN was born in Antrim county, Ireland, Jan. 23, 1817; he died in Franklin township, near Burlington, Iowa, Jan. 18, 1907. When an infant his parents came to America, locating at Cincinnati, Ohio. In 1839 he removed to Des Moines county, bought a large tract of land, which has since 1844 been his home, and which he turned into a productive farm. In 1852 he was elected justice of the peace and for many succeeding years served in that capacity. He was a member of the House of Representatives in the 12th General Assembly.

JOHN A. RIGGEN was born in Knox county, Ill., Oct. 29, 1841; he died in Siloam Springs, Ark., May 12, 1907. He settled in Missouri in 1859 and there began the practice of medicine in 1869. In 1879 he removed to Iowa, locating eventually in What Cheer. He served throughout the civil war in the 18th Missouri Volunteer Infantry, being mustered out as first lieutenant. He represented Keokuk and Poweshiek counties in the Senate of the 25th and 26th General Assemblies.

JOHN C. DONAHEY was born in Harrison county, Ohio, Nov. 2, 1832; he died in Newton, Iowa, March 26, 1907. In 1866 he removed to Muscatine, Iowa; in 1883 he settled on a farm in Jasper county, and in 1892 became a resident of Newton. He had served six years as a member of the Board of Supervisors. He was also a member of the House of Representatives in the 19th General Assembly.

WELCOME MOWRY was born in Putnam county, Ill., April 3, 1842; he died while temporarily at Excelsior Springs, Mo., April 15, 1907. He served in Co. D, 7th Kan. Infantry, and Co. F, 151st Ill. Infantry during the civil war and was in many of the most noted engagements.

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