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ical disability. He then taught school for some time and was a student at the State University of Iowa from 1867 to 1870. From 1871 to 1886 he was editor of the *Vinton Eagle*, being part owner first with W. W. Hanford and later with Bernard Murphy. From 1886 to 1892 he was a member of the Board of Regents of the State University, and from 1892 to 1898 was University librarian. He was on the Board of Curators of the State Historical Society at Iowa City for several years during his later life. He was the author of "Battle of Shiloh," thought to be the best account of that notable contest.

HANSON B. WATTERS was born in Belmont County, Ohio, December 9, 1840, and died at West Liberty, Iowa, June 15, 1920. His father was Dr. William W. Watters. In 1851 he was brought by his parents on their removal to a farm in Goshen Township, Muscatine County, Iowa. He attended rural schools and Western College, at Western, Linn County, Iowa. On August 30, 1861, he enlisted in Company G, Second Iowa Cavalry. He was severely wounded at the battle of Coffeeville, Mississippi, but recovered and rejoined his regiment. At the end of his enlistment he re-enlisted and served to the end of the war, being mustered out September 19, 1865, at Selma, Alabama. He returned home and engaged in farming. In 1890 he removed to West Liberty. In 1893 he was elected representative and re-elected two years later, serving in the Twenty-fifth, Twenty-sixth and Twenty-sixth extra general assemblies.

NORMAN DENSMORE was born at Riga, New York, September 19, 1829, and died at Des Moines, Iowa, April 11, 1920. He attended common school and high school in New York and was one year in Beloit College, Beloit, Wisconsin. He taught school several terms in Wisconsin and worked at farming. In 1877 he removed to Cerro Gordo County, Iowa, and engaged in farming. In 1883 he was elected representative and was re-elected two years later, serving in the Twentieth and Twenty-first general assemblies. He was active in promoting co-operative organizations among farmers, especially in insurance. He was an officer in the Cerro Gordo County Mutual Insurance Association, was a director in the Iowa Mutual Tornado Insurance Association, and in 1905 became president of that great organization and removed to Des Moines, executing the duties of the position until a few months before his death.

CHARLES R. CLARK was born at Plymouth, New Hampshire, December 28, 1842, and died at Montezuma, Iowa, November 7, 1920. He was a student in the academy at New Hampton, and later, at Meridian, New Hampshire, and was graduated from the latter in 1863. He taught school several years in New Hampshire and Massachusetts, removed to Iowa in 1866 and for a time was principal of schools at Le Claire, but

in the fall of that year he went to Montezuma as principal of public schools there, and continued as such for twelve years. In 1878 he was admitted to the bar. During his over forty years of practice he was for a while in partnership with W. R. Lewis, then with Thomas A. Cheshire, and latterly with his son, Charles W. Clark. For fifty-two years he was superintendent of the Methodist Sunday School at Montezuma. He was a good lawyer, a successful business man, and a useful citizen.

WILLIAM EATON was born near Denmark, Lee County, Iowa, October 9, 1849, and died at Sidney, Iowa, December 3, 1920. He was graduated from Denmark Academy in June, 1872, taught school and attended the State University of Iowa, and was graduated in June, 1874. In October of that year he located at Sidney and engaged in the practice of law, forming a partnership with Colonel A. R. Anderson. He was county attorney of Fremont County from 1887 to 1890. He was a delegate to the Republican national convention in 1900. In 1893 he was elected state senator and served in the Twenty-fifth, Twenty-sixth, Twenty-seventh, and Twenty-eighth general assemblies, being a capable and influential legislator. As a lawyer he was quite successful, his practice being one of the most extensive of any in his part of the state. He also had farming and other business interests.

THEOPHILUS W. BENNETT was born near Crawfordsville, Washington County, Iowa, December 1, 1852, and died at Long Beach, California, February 2, 1920. Burial was at Lenox, Iowa. He received his education in common schools, at Howe's Academy at Mount Pleasant, at the State University of Iowa, and at the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Keokuk, being graduated from the latter in 1877. He began the practice of medicine at Crawfordsville, but removed to Lenox in 1882, where he practiced for thirty-five years. Because of failing health he removed to California, where he resided for a few years before his death. Successful in his practice and active as a citizen, he was a member of the board of education, president of the First National Bank of Lenox, and was elected senator in 1908 and served in the Thirty-third and Thirty-fourth general assemblies.

JAMES ELLICKSON was born at Mount Norris, Wisconsin, September 4, 1859, and died at Thompson, Iowa, February 12, 1916. He came to Winnebago County in 1881. In 1887 he was elected a member of the county board of supervisors. In 1891 he was elected representative and served in the Twenty-fourth General Assembly. Soon thereafter he became manager of the Northern Lumber Company at Thompson, also was interested in the grain business there, was the first mayor of the town, was a member of the school board, was justice of the peace, was postmaster, and was connected with banking there.

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