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LUCIEN MOODY KILBURN was born at West Boscawen, New Hampshire, January 20, 1842, and died at Greenfield, Iowa, March 9, 1922. His parents were Eliphalet and Mehitable (Foster) Kilburn. He was educated principally at Elmwood Academy of Boscawen, and the Literary Institute of New London. He left school and enlisted in Company E, Sixteenth New Hampshire Infantry, in October, 1862, and served as corporal. Returning home he divided his time between farming and teaching school. He removed to Fontanelle, Iowa, in 1868, and taught school there until 1870 when he located on a farm near there. He was actively interested in horticulture and the many problems of agriculture. In 1888 on the organization of the Adair County Mutual Insurance Association he became its president and held the position until his death. In 1893 when A. L. Hager, on being elected to Congress vacated the state senatorship, Mr. Kilburn was elected to succeed him, and was elected to a full term in 1895, serving in the Twenty-fifth, Twenty-sixth, Twenty-sixth Extra, and Twenty-seventh general assemblies. He removed to Greenfield in 1913, continuing his residence there the remainder of his life.

WILLIAM NORTHUP GILBERT was born at New Milford, Connecticut, March 20, 1850, and died at State Center, Iowa, December 5, 1921. Burial was at Mount Morris, Illinois. The family removed to the vicinity of Ashton, Illinois, in 1856. He was reared on a farm, attended common school and Mount Morris High School. In 1872 he entered mercantile business in Mount Morris in the firm of Gilbert & King. In 1878 he removed to State Center, Iowa, where, with his brother, H. M. Gilbert, they established a dry goods store under the firm name of Gilbert Brothers. H. M. Gilbert retired after some years, but W. N. Gilbert continued the business until 1901 when he disposed of the store, helped organize the Bank of State Center and became its president. The name was later changed to Central State Bank, he remaining president. He was active in community service, was superintendent of the Methodist Sunday school fifteen years, served the town as a councilman, and the school as a director. In 1914 he was elected representative and was re-elected in 1916, serving in the Thirty-sixth and Thirty-seventh general assemblies. He was a member of the Allison Memorial Commission from April 17, 1915, until the completion of the monument.

CURRAN F. SWIFT was born in Davis County, Iowa, March 16, 1861, and died at Harlan, Iowa, November 29, 1921. His father was Curran E. Swift, a native of Kentucky, and his mother was Louvina Jane Dunlavy Swift. He attended common school and Southern Iowa Normal Institute at Bloomfield. In 1882 he removed to Shelby County and taught school until 1885 when he was elected county superintendent and was twice re-elected, serving six years in that position. In 1892 he served as assistant secretary of the Senate. In 1893 he entered the real estate, loan and abstract business at Harlan. He acquired and operated a

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