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THOMAS JEFFERSON PHILLIPS was born in Wales, February 9, 1841, and died in Ottumwa, Iowa, January 18, 1922. He was brought by his parents, John T. and Margaret (Edwards) Phillips, in their removal to this country in 1846. They settled at St. Louis where the boy, Thomas J., attended common school, but at the age of nine years commenced to help his father in the coal mines. When he grew to manhood he became pit foreman in a coal mine at Rennick, Missouri. In 1875 he came to Wapello County, Iowa, and superintended the building of a railroad spur to Carbon. Soon thereafter he became pit foreman for the Whitebreast Coal Company at its mine at Cleveland, Lucas County. The company transferred him to Ottumwa in 1890 where he became superintendent for that company's mines. He was four times elected mayor of Ottumwa, 1897, 1899, 1907, and 1909. He was also elected a commissioner in 1917 under the commission form of government. He was the Democratic candidate for governor in 1901, running on a saloon license platform, but was defeated in the election by Albert B. Cummins.

STEPHEN W. RATHBUN was born at Mechanicsville, Iowa, May 20, 1840, and died at Marion, Iowa, July 6, 1921. He attended school in his home village, and for a time, Cornell College, Mount Vernon, but did not graduate. He read law with Rothrock & Wolf at Tipton, but gave up the study of law because of his preference for the newspaper profession. He raised Company B, Twenty-fourth Iowa Infantry, and was appointed its captain July 21, 1862. He only got as far south as Helena, Arkansas, when, because of dangerous and protracted illness, he resigned and came home. In 1864 he purchased the *Marion Register*, which he edited for over half a century. He was a member of the Marion City Council for eight years, was postmaster at Marion from 1869 to 1881, was a delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1896, and in 1906 was a candidate for the Republican nomination for governor, and received over one hundred votes in the State Convention. Captain Rathbun was patriotic, able and courageous. He believed in the cardinal principles of the Republican party, and was an acknowledged leader of the conservative portion of that party in Iowa.

ADRIAN CONSTANTINE ANSON was born at Marshall (later called Marshalltown), Iowa, April 17, 1852, and died in Chicago, Illinois, April 14, 1922. He was a son of Henry Anson, founder of Marshall, and was the first white child born there. He passed his boyhood in the village, learned to play baseball and in 1871 began his professional career by joining a Rockford, Illinois, club, of which A. G. Spaulding was a member. His advancement was rapid and in 1876 he played with the Chicago White Stockings. The next year he became manager of that famous team and continued to be until the end of the 1897 season. In 1888 he took an all-American team on a tour of the world. He was perhaps the most prominent representative in the country of the great "national game." In 1905 he was elected city clerk of Chicago and served one term.

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