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Harvard in 1881 in the class with Theodore Roosevelt. He spent a year in Germany and on returning home studied law at Goshen, New York, and was admitted to the bar. He removed to Sioux City in 1885 and entered practice and in 1887 formed a partnership with C. A. Marks, which continued over twenty years. In 1906 he was elected district judge and served for eight years, retiring in 1914 because of failing health.

ISAAC LEA HILLIS was born at Madison, Indiana, January 23, 1853, and died at Des Moines, Iowa, March 28, 1918. He was graduated from La Grange College, came to Des Moines and served as principal of East Des Moines High School two years, then took a law course at the University of Michigan, from which he was graduated in 1878. He practiced law a short time in New Orleans and later in Kansas City, and came to Des Moines in 1883. Here he engaged in the abstract of title business, which he followed until his death. He was mayor of Des Moines in 1894 and 1895.

JAMES H. MACOMBER was born at Milo, Maine, November 9, 1851, and died at his home in Omaha, Nebraska, December 10, 1916. He attended common schools in Maine and also attended Fox Craft Academy for a time. He came to Ida Grove, Iowa, in 1876, and engaged in the practice of law. From 1885 to 1886 he was a judge of the circuit court. When circuit court was abolished he was chosen judge of the district court and served from 1887 to 1890. When he left that position he removed to Omaha and attained prominence there in the practice of his profession.

ALLEN SMITH was born in East Shoreham, Vermont, June 30, 1838, and died at Berkeley, California, February 19, 1915. His body was cremated and the ashes sent to Vermont and strewn on the grave of his mother, according to his request. Mr. Smith came to Boone, Iowa, in 1870 and became part owner there of the largest flouring mill in central Iowa. This burned in 1899. He went to California in 1911, making his home with his children. He was an active member of the board of education in Boone, and in 1889 was elected representative and served in the Twenty-third General Assembly.

HENRY SCHROOTEN was born in Fond du Lac County, Wisconsin, August 30, 1854, and died at his home near Le Mars, Iowa, November 26, 1918. He came to Plymouth County, Iowa, in 1881, buying the homestead then onto which he removed and on which he continued to live until his death. He always followed the vocation of farmer. In 1891 he was elected as representative and served in the Twenty-fourth General Assembly. He was an efficient local worker in all loyal World War activities.

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