

## Joseph Mattes

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ALBERT JONATHAN EDWARDS was born at Troy, Wisconsin, January 22, 1847, and died at Waterloo, Iowa, March 6, 1925. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Edwards, removed to Thomaston, Connecticut, when Albert was four years old. One year later his father was killed in a railway accident, and when nine years old he went to Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, to live with relatives, who removed with him to Black Hawk County, Iowa, in 1857. He attended country school, and for a few terms, school in Waterloo. He remained at farm work until 1869, ran a peddler's wagon one year, and in January, 1870, was appointed deputy sheriff of the county, continuing as such three years, when he was appointed deputy clerk of the District Court. In 1880 he was elected clerk and was re-elected five times, serving twelve years. At the suggestion of Horace Boies he studied law and was admitted to the bar, but in 1892 became cashier of the Commercial National Bank, serving until January 1, 1896, when he was appointed attorney for the Leavitt & Johnson Trust Company. In 1897 he formed a partnership for the practice of law with Alfred Longley. In 1913 Judge C. E. Ransier, and later George D. Harris, joined the firm, which became Edwards, Longley, Ransier & Harris. Mr. Edwards was president of the Board of Education of East Waterloo for thirteen years, and was active in many good causes. He was interested in local history and was instrumental in securing the admirable autobiographical sketch of Governor Boies, published in the July, 1924, ANNALS OF IOWA.

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JOSEPH MATTES was born at Camanche, Iowa, October 1, 1855, and died at Odebolt, Iowa, April 17, 1925. The family removed to Lyons in 1862, and there Joseph was educated in common school and high school. He clerked a year in a wholesale hardware concern in Clinton and in 1879 removed to Odebolt and engaged in a small way in hardware business, in which he in time became very successful. He also became interested in banking and during the last eighteen years of his life was president of the First National Bank of Odebolt, and for the last few years also had been president of the Kiron State Bank. In 1901 he was elected representative and was re-elected two years later, then in 1906 was elected to the Senate, and re-elected to that body four years later, thus serving in the Twenty-ninth and the two succeeding assemblies in the House, and in the Thirty-second and the three succeeding ones in the Senate. During the last two assemblies he served in the House he was chairman of the Appropriations Committee, and the same honor and responsibility came to him in the Senate during his last two sessions there. His business ability, integrity, and courage qualified him for the good service he rendered. When the State Budget Department was organized in 1924 Governor Kendall appointed him as a member of the Budget Appeal Board, which position he held at the time of his death. He was a very useful citizen both to his home community and to his state.

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