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WILLIAM I. ATKINSON was born on a farm near Clarksville, Butler County, Iowa, March 17, 1876, and died in University Hospital, Iowa City, August 1, 1925. Burial was at Clarksville. He attended country school, Clarksville High School, and Upper Iowa University three years, after which he entered the State University of Iowa where he specialized in history and political science. He was graduated from the Law Department of the University and was admitted to the bar in 1906. He then engaged as a manager of Chautauqua and lyccum circuits. In 1912 he was elected representative from Butler County and was re-elected in 1914, serving in the Thirty-fifth and Thirty-sixth general assemblies, being speaker of the House in the Thirty-sixth. Soon after this service he removed to Waterloo. He was a trustee of Upper Iowa University, took a great interest in education, and in athletics, in which he excelled in his college days, being a football star at the University in 1902 to 1906. He was of almost gigantic frame, yet agile of body and alert of mind. He had a very large acquaintance among platform talent and among political leaders, as well as young people generally, and was much loved for his many good qualities.

GEORGE T. REDDICK was born near Pictou, Ontario, Canada, March 29, 1864, and died near Iowa City, Iowa, July 20, 1925. In his early manhood he ran a newspaper a few years in South Dakota, lived in Chicago awhile, and in 1896 located in Iowa City and followed both general printing and newspaper work, at one time being editor of the *Iowa City Republican*. He became a leading member of the Democratic party in his section of the state, was elected city clerk of Iowa City in 1911 and served two terms. In April, 1917, Governor Harding appointed him a member of the State Board of Parole to fill the vacancy caused by the death of John E. Howe, and a few weeks later appointed him to the full six-year term. He resigned in March, 1922, and soon thereafter resumed printing in Iowa City. He was perhaps the best known member of the B. P. O. E. in Iowa, had been president of the Iowa State Elks Association, and for years had personally conducted all the trans-continental tours of Iowa Elks to their grand lodge meetings. He was returning from such a trip when, on the Rock Island train within thirty miles of his home, he was stricken and died instantly.

CHARLES ESCHER, JR., was born in Iowa County, Iowa, September 4, 1872, and died near Botna, Shelby County, August 10, 1925. Burial was at Harlan. He was brought to Shelby County by his parents in their removal there in 1876. He attended common school, Harlan High School, and was one and a half years at Cornell College, Mount Vernon. In 1892 he joined with his father in the firm of Charles Escher & Son for the operation of their large farm near Botna, and the breeding and importing of Aberdeen Angus cattle. The father retired about 1903 and his son-in-law, Earl Ryan, took his place in the firm. They achieved

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