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of the school district. In 1888 he was elected clerk of the District Court, and was re-elected in 1890, serving four years. In 1903 he was elected representative and served in the Thirtieth and Thirty-first general assemblies. He was a Democrat in politics.

JOHN EDWARDS BRUCE was born in Lake County, Illinois, December 21, 1861, and died at Rockford, Iowa, March 22, 1924. His parents were Joshua and Elizabeth Ann Bruce. He received his education in the public schools of Dundee, Illinois, and in an academy at that place. He removed with his parents to a farm near Rockford, Floyd County, Iowa, in 1880. He farmed for several years, was a grain and live stock dealer, dealt in real estate, and the last ten years of his life was in the drug business, living continuously near or in Rockford. He held several township offices and in 1910 was elected representative, and was re-elected in 1912, serving in the Thirty-fourth and Thirty-fifth general assemblies. He was a member of the Baptist Church and a Republican in politics.

CHRIS A. VOELKER, SR., was born at Hoekenheim, Baden, Germany, August 16, 1850, and died in Dubuque, Iowa, August 13, 1925. When he was four months old his parents, Leopold and Magdalena Voelker, immigrated to America and located in Dubuque. He was educated in Trinity Parochial School, now St. Mary's. He learned the chair making trade but in 1873 established a dry goods and clothing store. In 1890 he entered the insurance business, and later, real estate, in which he attained great success. About 1915 he caused to be organized the Voelker Realty Company, of which he was president. He was also interested in many other of the large business concerns of the city. In 1886 he was elected mayor of Dubuque and served two years, and in 1896 was elected representative and served in the Twenty-sixth General Assembly, declining further political service.

PATRICK C. WINTER was born near Keosauqua, Iowa, April 16, 1859, and died at Creston July 25, 1925. His parents were Mr. and Mrs. John Winter, who removed with their family to Lincoln Township, Union County, when Patrick was a child. He attended rural school, taught school some years, read law with Rowell & Milligan and with McDill & Sullivan, both firms of Afton, was admitted to the bar and entered practice there. He was elected county attorney of Union County in 1888, and was re-elected in 1890, serving from 1889 to 1892 inclusive. When the county seat was changed from Afton to Creston in 1890 he removed to Creston. He continued in practice there, and in 1918 was elected a judge of the Third Judicial District, but resigned February 28, 1922, because of loss of hearing.

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