

## Thomas Arthur

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THOMAS ARTHUR was born at St. John, Harrison County, Iowa, July 12, 1869, and died in Des Moines September 15, 1925. Burial was at Logan. His parents were William and Ella (McWilliams) Arthur. He attended common school, the Magnolia High School, taught country school two years, then entered the Law Department of the State University of Iowa and was graduated in 1881. Following that he was principal of the schools of Little Sioux one year, and was deputy clerk of the District Court for Harrison County from 1883 to 1886. In 1886 he was elected clerk and was re-elected in 1888, serving four years. In 1891 he entered the practice of law at Logan. In 1911 when W. R. Green resigned as a judge of the Fifteenth Judicial District, Governor Carroll appointed Mr. Arthur to that position. By reason of elections he served until September 15, 1920, when Governor Harding appointed him a member of the Supreme Court to succeed Judge Gaynor, deceased. He was elected to the Supreme Court in 1920, and re-elected in 1924 for the six-year term beginning January 1, 1925. He served the people of his home town by membership on the local school board, and by being mayor of Logan. He stood high in Masonic circles, being grand master of the Grand Lodge of Iowa for the year beginning June, 1916.

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CLARENCE HENRY CARSON was born at Woodburn, Illinois, April 9, 1860, and died at Marengo, Iowa, December 26, 1923. His education was obtained in the public schools of Woodburn, in Bunker Hill, Illinois, Academy, and in Oberlin College, from which he was graduated in 1884. He taught in the Anita, Iowa, schools from 1884 to 1889, was superintendent of schools at Winterset from 1889 to 1891, and was superintendent of the schools at Marengo from 1891 to 1923, a period of thirty-two years, exceeding in length of service, it is believed, any superintendence of schools in the history of the state. His influence for good on the town and community during the nearly one-third of a century was incalculable.

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WILLIAM HALL POWELL was born at Exeter, Illinois, August 13, 1881, and died at Ottumwa, Iowa, December 29, 1924. His parents were C. C. and Kate Powell, who removed with their family to Ottumwa in 1883. William H. was graduated from Ottumwa High School and then entered the employ of the *Ottumwa Daily Courier* as a reporter, and in a few years became city editor. In 1907 he went to the *Hannibal Courier Post*, Hannibal, Missouri, as managing editor. In 1909 he left there and for the next few years was in newspaper work in Oklahoma City, Des Moines, Minneapolis, and St. Paul, and in 1917 returned to the *Ottumwa Courier* as managing editor, serving in that position with ability until his death. In 1924 he directed for some weeks in Des Moines the publicity for the Republican State Central Committee. He was prominent in his profession, being president of the Iowa Associated Press Editorial Association.

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