

## James Sherman Shepherd

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Infantry. On February 15, 1862, he was wounded at Fort Donelson, and also on April 6, 1862, at Shiloh, and was honorably discharged January 1, 1863. In 1864 he was elected superintendent of schools for Delaware County, was re-elected two years later, and served four years. For some twenty years he conducted at Manchester a war claims business, besides being successful in other business enterprises. In 1879 he was elected senator and served in the Eighteenth and Nineteenth general assemblies. Among his services in those assemblies he drafted the first oleomargarine bill passed by the legislature and the first passed in the United States. In 1893 he entered the Law Department of the State University of Iowa, being admitted to the bar in 1894. At the time he was taking this law course Mrs. Tirrill, who was Miss Eliza Jane Weeks previous to their marriage in 1860, also attended the University, taking English, French, and German. Mr. Tirrill was department commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Iowa, for the year 1898-99, and for over twenty years was a member of the local school board. He and Mrs. Tirrill took two trips to Europe, visiting many countries, including Egypt and the Holy Land. He gave a beautiful park to the city of Manchester and set aside a fund of \$60,000 for its beautifying and care.

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ULYSSES S. ALDERMAN was born in Nevada, Iowa, August 2, 1865, and died at his home in that city May 14, 1926. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore E. Alderman, established the first home on the present site of Nevada. Ulysses attended common school there and was graduated from the Nevada High School in 1883. He then engaged in the hardware business with his father, following that vocation until 1895, when he entered the Law Department of the University of Iowa and was graduated therefrom in 1897. He began the practice at Nevada, which he continued with success until his death. He was active in public and civic affairs. During the World War he was a leader in Red Cross organizations in his county, and in Liberty Loan drives and other patriotic work. In 1918 he was elected representative and served in the Thirty-eighth General Assembly.

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JAMES SHERMAN SHEPHERD was born in Sangamon County, Illinois, December 4, 1834, and died at Mount Ayr, Iowa, November 10, 1925. Burial was at Keosauqua, Iowa. His parents, James and Jane (Sherman) Shepherd, removed with their family to Keosauqua, Iowa Territory, in 1844, and here James S. at the age of ten years commenced to learn the printing trade in the office of the *Iowa Democrat*, which his father had purchased. However, he attended school regularly until sixteen years of age, when he began serving his regular apprenticeship as a printer. In 1856 he was appointed postmaster at Keosauqua and served five years. In 1860 he and his father purchased the *Des Moines News* at

Keosauqua, with which he was connected until 1865. For the next fifteen years he followed various vocations, printing, selling insurance, and real estate, but in 1880 removed to Corydon, where for two years he published the *Corydon Democrat*. In 1883 he ran on the Fusion ticket for county superintendent of Wayne County and was elected, serving two years. In November, 1885, he purchased the *Journal* at Mount Ayr, removed there and continued to publish it until a few years before his death, when he turned his business over to his son, George S. Shepherd. At that time he was thought to be the oldest printer in Iowa. His files of the Keosauqua papers published by him and his father, together with a large number of exchanges of that date, were by Mr. Shepherd presented to the Historical, Memorial and Art Department of Iowa a short time prior to his demise.

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JOHN C. CHRISTOPHER was born in Red Oak, Iowa, June 2, 1891, and died in Denver, Colorado, August 29, 1926. Burial was at Red Oak. He attended public schools at Red Oak and Gem City Business College of Quincy, Illinois. As a boy he was employed as a grocery clerk, and later was with the International Harvester Company. He enlisted in Company M, Fifty-fifth Regiment, I. N. G., February 26, 1910, passed through the lower ranks and was commissioned second lieutenant June 30, 1916. On the call of the president, with other members of his company he went into federal service and October 18, 1917, was commissioned first lieutenant and sailed for France November 14, 1917. He was commissioned captain of Company G, One Hundred and Sixty-eighth Infantry, on August 4, 1918. On September 7 he was assigned to command Company M of the same regiment, and on February 22, 1919, the assignment was changed to Company D. In the St. Mehiel Sector he was severely wounded which kept him in the hospital over three months. He saw hard service at the front and received three decorations and two citations for bravery. He sailed for home April 25, 1919, and was honorably discharged at Camp Dodge October 1, 1919. Thereafter for about a year he acted as manager of a mercantile company at Stennett, Montgomery County, and for one year was editor of the *Red Oak Express*. In 1921 he entered a government hospital in Arizona for treatment of tuberculosis contracted in the service, from which disease he finally died.

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EDWIN HIRAM HOYT was born in Manchester, Iowa, October 27, 1871, and died in Des Moines, July 20, 1926. Burial was at Manchester. His parents were Hiram and Etna Loomis Hoyt. He was graduated from Manchester High School, attended Grinnell College, was graduated from Upper Iowa University in 1891, and took a course in commercial law and banking at Cross Commercial College, Downers Grove, Illinois. In 1892 he removed to Lamont, Buchanan County, organized the Lamont Savings Bank and became its president. In 1908 he was elected senator

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