

## James DeKalb Gamble

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National Convention in 1912, and was a member of the Republican State Central Committee during the campaigns of 1918 and 1920. He was a trustee of Coc College for several years, was generous in benevolences, and was a popular and strong personality.

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JAMES DEKALB GAMBLE was born at Darby's Run, Piqua County, Ohio, November 8, 1836, and died in Knoxville, Iowa, November 25, 1926. His parents were John and Rachel (O'Neal) Gamble. In 1849 the family removed to Marion County, Iowa, by covered wagon. They settled on land near Knoxville, James attended common school, and when nineteen years old began teaching school, attended McGee College at College Mound, Missouri, read law with Knoxville lawyers and was admitted to the bar in 1860. He began practice at Leon. He enlisted in Company D, Fourth Iowa Infantry, July 6, 1861, as fifth corporal. It is said he was offered the captaincy at that time, but declined. He was soon promoted to third sergeant, to second lieutenant May 1, 1862, and to first lieutenant March 3, 1863. He participated in many battles. At the siege of Vicksburg he was taken dangerously ill. His life despaired of, he was compelled to resign, and he returned home in August, 1863. He acted as a deputy United States marshal in Poweshiek County for a time during the latter part of the war, then began the practice of law at Knoxville. The fall of 1865 he was elected representative and served in the Eleventh General Assembly. He became prominent in Masonry, and was grand master of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Iowa, A. F. and A. M., for two years, 1889 to 1891. The fall of 1894 he was elected county attorney of Marion County, and served during 1895 and 1896. The fall of 1896 he was elected district judge to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of J. H. Henderson. He was sworn in as judge December 10, 1896, succeeding John A. Storey, who was serving by appointment until the vacancy was filled by election. By reason of re-elections Mr. Gamble served as district judge until the end of his term at the close of 1910. After retiring from the bench he devoted most of his time to his personal affairs. Besides being the oldest grand master of the Masonic order in Iowa, he was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, and was Commander of John C. Ferguson Post, No. 49, G. A. R., Department of Iowa. He joined church early in life, and was a man of steadfast purpose and high character.

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WILLIAM ROBINSON LEWIS was born near Zanesville, Ohio, October 12, 1835, and died at Montezuma, Iowa, January 23, 1927. His parents were John M. and Louisa A. (Ramey) Lewis. In 1845 the family removed to New Castle, Ohio. He attended common school during winters and in summers worked in his father's store or on farms. He studied surveying and began the study of law at New Castle. In 1856 he removed to Southport, Peoria County, Illinois, and worked as a carpenter, teaching school the following winter. The spring of 1857 he removed

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