

## Emmons Johnson

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a disability discharge. In 1865 he removed to a farm in Fayette Township, Decatur County, Iowa. From 1879 to 1888 he was engaged in the mercantile business in Lamoni. In 1885 he was elected representative and re-elected in 1887, and served in the Twenty-first and Twenty-second general assemblies. In 1888 he removed to Leon and became a member of the firm of Young & Teale, merchants. In 1894 he entered the banking business, was president of the Farmers and Traders State Bank of Leon from 1913 for several years, of the Iowa State Bank of Mount Ayr, and was interested in other banks in that vicinity.

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EMMONS JOHNSON was born at Ellicottville, New York, January 23, 1835, and died at Waterloo, Iowa, April 5, 1927. His parents were Dr. Elijah and Herma (Jewett) Johnson. He attended academies at Fredonia and Springville, New York, and for one year was a student at Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island. In 1859 he removed to Waterloo, Iowa, and being without means he worked first as a farm hand, and then as a store clerk. With C. A. Farwell he operated the first grain elevator in Waterloo, and also established the first one at Independence. In 1864 he removed to Waverly and established there the banking house of Johnson & Leavitt, the first bank in Bremer County, later becoming the First National Bank of Waverly. Mr. Johnson was elected senator in 1869 and served in the Thirteenth General Assembly, but in 1871 removed from the district, returning to Waterloo, and enlarging his banking activities. For many years he was president of the Leavitt & Johnson Trust Company, the Waterloo Savings Bank, and the First National Bank of Waverly. He retained an interest in all of these until his death, although for a few years he had relinquished active control. He was very successful in business, was courteous, cultured, and took much interest in education, and in many ways contributed to the welfare of the community.

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FRANK H. HELSEL was born in Millersburg, Ohio, June 9, 1857, and died in Fort Dodge, Iowa, April 8, 1927. His parents, Rev. Jesse and Eliza A. (Smith) Helsel, removed with their family to Cedar County, Iowa, in 1863, and later to Sac County. Frank H. attended Iowa State Agricultural College, Ames, and later, Carthage College, Carthage, Illinois, from which he was graduated. He taught a year in Hillsboro, Illinois, and followed by teaching at Alden, Iowa. During these years he had been reading law, and was admitted to the bar and began practice at Sioux Rapids in 1882. In this he achieved great success. He was judge of the Fourteenth Judicial district from 1898 to 1900, but declined further service in order to resume practice. He was interested in seven or more banks in his part of the state, having helped organize most of them, and being attorney for all of them. He was local attorney for five different railroads of his section of the state, and in 1912 removed to Fort Dodge, becoming district attorney for the Illinois Central Railroad

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