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Brown, as Brown & Swain, dealers in hardware and implements. He sold his interest in this business in 1888 and located on a farm near Malvern, which continued to be his home the rest of his life. For over a quarter of a century he was chorister and had charge of the music in the First Baptist Church of Malvern, and for many years contributed his time and talent along this line of public service in his town and community. For over thirty years he was secretary of the Mills County Fair Association. In 1914 he was elected representative and served in the Thirty-sixth General Assembly.

ALFRED LEROY BROOKS was born at Vinton, Iowa, June 6, 1858, and died in Des Moines January 5, 1927. Burial was at Audubon. His parents were Lorenzo and Jane (Peace) Brooks. He attended common school and Blairstown Academy, taught school, worked on farms during vacations, began the study of medicine, entered Rush Medical College and was graduated therefrom in 1883. The same year he entered the practice of medicine at Gray, Audubon County, but in 1888 removed to Audubon where he continued in practice until ill health compelled his retirement in 1926. He was coroner of Audubon County several years, was president of the local school board, and was elected representative in 1891 and served in the Twenty-fourth General Assembly. He had an extensive practice as a physician and surgeon, was prominent in medical associations, and in 1915 was one of the organizers of the Iowa Tuberculosis Association and was a member of its executive committee for many years. He was devoted to his profession and to the service of humanity.

CHARLES HARVEY SCOTT was born in Walnut Township, Appanoose County, Iowa, September 14, 1862, and died at his home near Clarkdale in the same township December 3, 1926. He received his education in the rural and graded schools of his neighborhood and engaged in farming and truck gardening, which vocation he followed throughout his life and in which he was very successful. He held the offices of rural school director and of township trustee several years. In 1916 he was elected representative, and was re-elected in 1918, 1920, and 1922, serving in the Thirty-seventh, Thirty-eighth, Thirty-ninth, Fortieth, and Fortieth Extra general assemblies. He was again elected representative in 1926, but his death as noted above prevented his qualification.

SUSAN C. (BURKHOLDER) CARPENTER was born in Holmes County, Ohio, in 1837 and died in Long Beach, California, November 22, 1926. Burial was at Fort Dodge, Iowa. She was with her parents, Henry and Martha Burkholder, in their removal to Fort Dodge in 1857. She was married to Cyrus C. Carpenter in 1864 when he was on furlough during his service in the Union Army. She was with her husband as he temporarily resided at different times in Des Moines as register of the

state land office, as governor, and as member of the General Assembly, and in Washington as comptroller of the Treasury and as congressman. Governor Carpenter died May 29, 1898, and on June 23, 1898, Mrs. Carpenter was appointed postmaster at Fort Dodge, succeeding Charles F. Duncombe, and served until January 31, 1907. Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter had no children. The last ten years of her life was spent in the home of a nephew, Clay Carpenter, of Long Beach, California. She had strong literary tastes, was intellectual, and social, and filled her various positions with credit.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN ROBINSON was born at Hampton, Connecticut, January 21, 1849, and died at Armstrong, Iowa, June 9, 1926. When fifteen years old he removed to Lee Center, Illinois, and in 1868 to Grundy County, Iowa, and near Conrad he purchased prairie land which he developed and farmed until 1880 when he was elected county recorder of Grundy County. By re-elections he served in that position six years, then returned to his farm, but in 1892 removed to Armstrong and joined with others in organizing the First National Bank of that place. He acted first as president and later as cashier, serving in one or the other capacity until his death. He became the owner of several farms and was quite successful in business. He was mayor of Armstrong and in 1901 was elected representative, was re-elected in 1903, and served in the Twenty-ninth, Thirtieth, and Thirty-first general assemblies. He was prominently identified with the enactment of drainage legislation, and with other measures benefitting especially his part of the state.

SAMUEL MAYNE was born in St. Lawrence County, New York, November 14, 1854, and died at Algona, Iowa, February 28, 1927. In 1864 he was brought by his parents as they removed to Mendota, Illinois. He attended common school, and secured more advanced education at Valparaiso, Indiana, and Naperville, Illinois, taught school some years and in 1882 was graduated from the Law Department of the State University of Iowa. The same year he began practice of the law at Eagle Grove, but in 1883 removed to Bancroft, where he practiced for twenty years. In 1895 he was elected representative and served in the Twenty-sixth General Assembly, including the extra session at which the Code was revised. In 1902 he removed to Idaho, but returned to Kossuth County in 1918.

GEORGE D. HARRISON was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, December 19, 1829, and died at Columbus Junction, Iowa, March 2, 1927. He was brought by his parents, S. P. and Catharine Harrison, as they removed to Clark County, Ohio, in 1834. He attended common school, and Antioch College at Yellow Springs, Ohio. He taught school and for two years followed civil engineering. In 1855 he removed to Columbus City,

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