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for the Register Life Insurance Company, and was connected with many other large enterprises. In 1910 he was the Republican candidate for Congress from the Second District, but in the election lost to Irvin S. Pepper. In 1924 he was a delegate from the Second District to the Republican National Convention. The same year he was unsuccessful as the Republican candidate for mayor of Davenport. He was president of the American Red Cross chapter, president of the Clarissa C. Cook Home for the Friendless, was active in the Unitarian church, in education, art, and science activities, and in a multitude of lines of community welfare.

J. BURLIGH ALBROOK was born at Monroe, Pennsylvania, July 18, 1844, and died in Pasadena, California, March 18, 1928. Burial was in Mountain View Cemetery, Pasadena. He removed to Delaware, Iowa, in 1857, and October 3, 1864, enlisted in the Second Iowa Cavalry, and was mustered out September 19, 1865, at Selma, Alabama. He entered Cornell College in 1866, was graduated in 1870, and was licensed to preach by the Methodist Episcopal church, his first appointment being at Central City. For the ensuing forty years he was an active leader of that church in Northeastern Iowa, holding pastorates at Central City, Earlville, Dyersville, Maquoketa, Waverly, Mason City, and Marshalltown, was principal of Epworth Seminary, financial agent of Cornell College during two different periods, presiding elder of three different districts—Cedar Rapids, Marshalltown, and Davenport—and was a delegate to the General Conference of the church in 1896 and in 1900. He was active in Grand Army circles and chaplain of the Department of Iowa for the year 1895-96. He removed to Pasadena in 1911.

LEWIS H. SMITH was born in Middlesex County, Massachusetts, March 21, 1835, and died in Algona, Iowa, January 10, 1928. His parents were Edward and Abigail (Richardson) Smith. He received a good education and in 1852 went to Illinois where he was employed by the Chicago & Rock Island Railroad Company in civil engineering work between Chicago and Rock Island. In the spring of 1854 the company stationed him in Iowa, between Davenport and Grinnell, but in July, 1854, he was employed by the government in Kossuth County, and on arriving there, made it his home. The next year he was elected the first county surveyor of Kossuth County. In 1857 he became county judge, serving two years. In 1860 he became deputy county treasurer, also read law, and was admitted to the bar and became the first resident lawyer of the county, and the same year was again elected county surveyor. He was enrolling clerk of the House of the Eighth General Assembly, 1860, and of the Extra Session, 1861. He was quartermaster of the Northern Iowa Brigade during its operations in protecting the settlers from the Indians in 1862 and 1863. In 1865 he was for the third time elected county surveyor, and was also again county judge from 1866 to 1868. He was

in the mercantile business at Algona with his brother, John G. Smith, from 1866 to 1870, but in the latter year joined with W. H. Ingham in the banking business. In 1873 they established the Kossuth County Bank and he became its cashier. On Mr. Ingham's death in 1912 Mr. Smith became president, and retired to become chairman of the Board of Directors for a few of the later years of his life.

WILLIAM A. SPURRIER was born in Painesville, Ohio, March 12, 1853, and died on a railway train near Iowa Falls, Iowa, October 12, 1927. Burial was in Glendale Cemetery, Des Moines. He removed to Iowa during his boyhood, obtained a good common school education, and taught school for sixteen terms in Union and Adams counties. In 1875 he began reading law in the office of James H. Peregrine of Corning, and was admitted to the bar in 1876. He practiced for some time in Red Oak, also in Creston where he was prominent in prosecuting cases against violators of the prohibitory liquor laws. He then removed to California, living in Santa Ana, and later in Orange, for a brief time, but returned to Iowa and located in Des Moines in December, 1886. He was associated in practice at different times with C. C. Dowell, J. L. Parrish, Thomas Maxwell, Earl Mills, and E. D. Perry. He was elected county attorney of Polk County in 1890 and was re-elected in 1892, serving in 1891, 1892, 1893, and in 1894 until February of that year when he was appointed by Governor Jackson to fill the newly created position of additional judge of the District Court of the Ninth Judicial District. The following fall he was elected to the position, but resigned in November, 1897, and resumed practice. A few years before his death he removed to Pine River, Minnesota, where he conducted a law practice and a real estate business. In his later years he spent much time in Florida.

WILLIAM McNETT was born at Mount Morris, Illinois, March 10, 1845, and died in Ottumwa, Iowa, January 23, 1928. He received his education in public schools in Ogle and Stephenson counties, and Rock River Seminary. In 1867 he entered the law office of Thomas Turner of Freeport as a student and was admitted to the bar May 27, 1868. In June of that year he removed to Marshalltown, Iowa, where he began practice. However, in 1869 he removed to Eddyville where he practiced in partnership with Henry N. Clements. In 1871 he removed to Ottumwa and formed a partnership with Eugene Fawcett as Fawcett & McNett. Later he was in partnership with W. D. Tisdale, and in the later years of his practice, with his son, Walter McNett, as McNett & McNett. For many years he was corporation counsel for the White Breast Coal & Mining Company, for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company, the Wabash Railway Company, the John Morrell Company, besides several other local companies. He was president of the Iowa State Bar Association for the year 1916-17.

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