

## Willett M. Hays

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Eighth Judicial District. He was elected to that position in 1918, 1922, and 1926, and was serving at the time of his death. He affiliated with the Democratic party.

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G. NORMAN CLARK was born on a farm in Grundy County, Iowa, January 1, 1875, and died at a hospital in Fort Madison January 26, 1928. Burial was at Mason City. In 1883 his parents removed with their family to Parkersburg and there the son was educated in public school. After completing the course he entered a drug store as a clerk. In time he purchased the store and conducted it and remained in the retail drug business, as clerk and later as proprietor, for eighteen years, or until 1910 when he removed to Mason City. There he engaged in real estate business and the operation of farm lands until in 1928 when he was appointed as the Democratic member of the Board of Control of State Institutions to succeed John B. Butler, and assumed his duties July 1 of that year. In the division of work there was assigned to him supervision of the Soldiers' Orphans' Home at Davenport, the Juvenile Home at Toledo, the hospitals for the insane at Mount Pleasant and Independence, and the State Penitentiary at Fort Madison. In his short service on this board he demonstrated high capability for the important duties of the position.

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WILLETT M. HAYS was born on a farm near Eldora, Iowa, October 19, 1860, and died at Cherokee January 15, 1928. Burial was at Eldora. His parents were Silas and Christina Hays. He attended common school, Oskaloosa College, Drake University, and Iowa Agricultural College, Ames, being graduated from the latter in 1886. After graduating he acted as an instructor at Ames, then acted as an assistant editor of the *Orange Judd Farmer*, Chicago, after which he became a professor in the Minnesota Agricultural College at Saint Paul where he made a remarkable reputation in breeding of grains, as well as in other lines. In 1903 he was appointed United States assistant secretary of agriculture by Secretary James Wilson and served eight years. He also served one year at Buenos Aires and Tucuman, Argentine, as adviser to the agricultural department of that country. He achieved distinction in the field of scientific agriculture, and lost his health in his meritorious service.

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RUFUS L. CHASE was born in Albany, New York, March 6, 1847, and died in Des Moines, Iowa, January 2, 1928. Burial was in Glendale Cemetery, Des Moines. He was educated in an academy in Fergusville, New York. When seventeen years old he enlisted in the Third Regiment, New York Cavalry, and served to the end of the war. He studied dentistry at Franklin College, Franklin, New York, and in 1869 removed to Parkersburg, Iowa, where he practiced dentistry two years. He was elected auditor of Butler County, and was re-elected twice, serving from 1871 to 1877. He removed to Des Moines in 1880

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