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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.

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.

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.

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 Fergusonville, 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

and served as deputy auditor of state from 1881 to 1883. He organized the American Savings Bank in East Des Moines, was a member of East Des Moines School Board at one time, and was active in civic affairs. He was commander of Kinsman Post, G. A. R., in 1884, was department commander of the Department of Iowa, G. A. R., for the year 1920-21, and was active in securing and in entertaining the National Encampment at Des Moines in 1922, and again in 1926. He served as document librarian in the office of secretary of state from 1913 to 1924, and as clerk in the shipping department of the State Printing Board from 1925 to 1928.

JOHN PIPHER was born in Wittenberg, Germany, November 16, 1848, and died at Nampa, Idaho, February 4, 1926. He was brought by his widowed mother to America in 1853. Part of his boyhood was spent in Monroe, Iowa, moving to Des Moines in 1861. He was graduated from the Eclectic Medical College, Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1874, and began practice at Norwalk, Iowa. He afterward removed to Greenfield, and in 1876 to Marne. In 1879 he located at Griswold where he became postmaster and was proprietor of a drug store. In 1901 he was elected representative and served in the Twenty-ninth General Assembly. He removed to Nampa, Idaho, in 1905.

WILLIAM S. AYRES was born in Knoxville, Iowa, June 3, 1871, and died in Des Moines March 2, 1928. Burial was in Glendale Cemetery, Des Moines. His parents were Orlando B. Ayres and Anna (Stone) Ayers, a sister of Governor William M. Stone. He was graduated from the law school of Drake University in 1894 and became a member of the firm of Woodin, Nichols & Ayres. He became assistant county attorney of Polk County in 1910 and August 29, 1913, was appointed by Governor Clarke a judge of the Ninth Judicial District to succeed Charles S. Bradshaw. He was elected to that position in 1914, but resigned August 22, 1916, and re-entered practice as a member of the firm of Ayres, Strauss & Shaw. In March, 1918, he became assistant general counsel of the Bankers Life Insurance Company, and later in the same year was advanced to general counsel. In January, 1926, he was elected vice president and general counsel of the company.

EDWARD BOLAND was born near Belfast, Ireland, July 14, 1841, and died at Webster, Iowa, February 16, 1928. Burial was at Williamsburg. His parents were Edward Boland, Sr., and Ellen (Cargo) Boland. The parents removed with their family to Ontario, Canada, in 1856. The next several years the son spent partly in Canada and partly near Monmouth, Illinois. In 1868 he removed to Iowa County, Iowa, where he engaged in farming, in which business he was successful. He became a naturalized citizen in 1874, held several township offices, among them being assessor, trustee, and justice of the peace, and in 1903 he was

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