

## Timothy Emerson McCurdy

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having reached the rank of captain in 1878, lieutenant colonel in 1879, colonel in 1880, and in 1885 he became brigadier general of the Second Brigade. In October, 1889, he was appointed adjutant general, but in 1890 was elected treasurer of state, and was re-elected in 1892, and served four years. In 1897 he was appointed quartermaster of the Iowa Soldiers' Home at Marshalltown, and served in that position until 1903 when he became treasurer of the southern branch of the National Soldiers' Home at Hampton, Virginia. He returned to the Iowa Soldiers' Home in 1907 as adjutant. He retired in 1915 and removed to Des Moines.

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TIMOTHY EMERSON McCURDY was born at Keene, Coshocton County, Ohio, March 2, 1846, and died at the National Soldiers' Home at Danville, Illinois, January 14, 1929, whither he had gone in June, 1928, because of failing health. Burial was in the National Cemetery at Danville. He attended school in New Comerstown, Ohio. He enlisted in the Union Army in Bureau County, Illinois, February 8, 1864, and was assigned to Company J, Twelfth Illinois Infantry, was wounded October 5, 1864, at Allatoona, Georgia, but took part in most of the battles of Sherman's Atlanta campaign. He removed to Buffalo Township, Buchanan County, Iowa, in 1865, and engaged in farming. He was elected a member of the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors in 1879 and was re-elected in 1882. In 1893 he led in organizing the Hazleton State Bank and was elected its president. In 1897 he was elected representative and was re-elected in 1899, serving in the Twenty-seventh and Twenty-eighth general assemblies. In 1902 Governor Cummins appointed him custodian of public buildings and property at Des Moines and he served in that position until 1909. January 22, 1914, Governor Clarke appointed him Capitol Grounds extension representative and he had charge of the removal of the buildings from the extension preparatory to its improvement.

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JOSEPH R. RATEKIN was born at Swan Creek, Illinois, December 16, 1845, and died at the National Soldiers' Home at Sawtelle, California, June 9, 1928. He received a common school education, and served during the Civil War in the Eleventh Illinois Cavalry, which was known as Colonel Robert G. Ingersoll's regiment. In 1867 he removed to Fremont County, Iowa, and engaged in farming. In 1884 he was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention. In 1885 President Cleveland appointed him postmaster at Shenandoah, and he served four years. In 1892 Governor Boies appointed him a member of the Board of Commissioners of the Iowa Soldiers' Home, Marshalltown. He became commandant of the Home September 22, 1894, and served until September 28, 1897. In 1892 Governor Boies appointed him a delegate to the Trans-Mississippi Commercial Congress at Denver, Colorado, and in 1895 Governor Jackson appointed him a delegate to the National Convention of Charities and Corrections at New Haven, Connecticut. After

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