

## Lester V. Carter

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Craig. On the death of Judge J. M. Casey he was appointed judge of the First Judicial District, served the remainder of Judge Casey's term, and then resumed practice. He was one of the organizers of the Iowa Bar Association and was prominent in his profession. He was a member of the Baptist church in Keokuk, was for twenty-one years superintendent of the Sunday school of that church, was for five years president of the Iowa State Baptist Association, was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, and a director in the Keokuk Library Association. In 1900 he removed to Binghamton, New York, and became counsel for the International Time Recorder, and for other corporations, retiring from active practice in 1922.

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LESTER V. CARTER was born on a farm near New Providence, Hardin County, Iowa, January 30, 1879, and died at his home at New Providence December 31, 1929. His parents were James K. and Martha Ann Carter. He was educated in public school, at the old New Providence Academy, and at Penn College, Oskaloosa, being graduated from Penn in 1904. He taught school at New Providence, in Penn College Academy, and was principal of Grant School, Oskaloosa. In 1907 he engaged in farming and livestock business near Lawn Hill, Hardin County, which he successfully pursued until failing health overtook him. He was a public spirited and useful citizen, served as a member of New Providence School Board for many years, as a member of Hardin County Board of Education, as township trustee, was president of the Hardin County Farm Bureau, and was identified with several farmers' organizations. He was also a trustee of Penn College for several years. In 1920 he was elected representative, and re-elected in 1922, 1924, and 1926, serving inclusively from the Thirty-ninth to the Forty-second general assemblies. He was chairman of the Schools and Textbooks Committee in the Fortieth, and of the Appropriations Committee in the Forty-first General Assembly. He was elected speaker of the House of the Forty-second General Assembly and won general approval for the able manner in which he conducted the office.

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JOHN B. ELLIOTT was born at Poland, Ohio, in 1852, and died in Knoxville, Iowa, December 24, 1929. His parents were Jared K. and Mary (Brown) Elliott. He attended public school and was three years in Poland College. When sixteen years old he accompanied his parents in their removal to Pleasant Grove Township, Marion County, Iowa. For several years he taught school during winters and in 1875 was elected representative, was re-elected in 1879 and served in the Sixteenth and Seventeenth general assemblies. He read law in the offices of J. T. Anderson and David O. Collins of Knoxville and was admitted to the bar in 1876. He practiced law in Knoxville until 1884 when he became cashier of the Knoxville National Bank, with which he was connected for forty-five years, being elected president in 1911. He was

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