

## Jason Daniel Brownson

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attorney. In 1887 he was elected representative from Keokuk County, was re-elected in 1889, and again in 1891, serving in the Twenty-second, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth general assemblies. Politically he was a Democrat and he soon took high rank as a legislator, becoming the recognized leader of his party in the House, especially in his last term of service. In the famous deadlock of 1890 he had a prominent part in the final organization of the House, and became chairman of the Municipal Corporations Committee. He removed to Waterloo in 1908 and entered practice there, served several years as a judge of Police Court, and in 1924 was elected judge of the Municipal Court and was serving in that position at the time of his death.

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JOHN FRANKLIN DALTON was born at Wilmot, Kenosha County, Wisconsin, October 22, 1870, and died in Manson, Iowa, September 30, 1928. His parents were John Loftus and Margaret (Boyle) Dalton. The family removed to a farm near Pomeroy, Iowa, in 1875. There the son grew up, attended rural public school and in 1888 began teaching in winters, working on farms in summers. In 1892 he purchased a half interest in the *Manson Plover*, a newspaper of Manson owned by T. B. Lenoir. They changed the name to the *Manson Democrat* and in a few months Mr. Dalton became the sole owner and editor, and so remained until he sold the paper to T. D. Long in 1920. After that Mr. Dalton devoted his time to his calendar and job printing business. He was a natural politician and an able writer. He was chairman of the Democratic Central Committee of Calhoun County for over thirty years, was a member of the Democratic State Central Committee from 1906 to 1912 and its secretary from 1908 to 1912. He was sergeant at arms of the Iowa delegation to several Democratic national conventions.

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OLIVER EDWIN HULL was born at Sugarhill, Pennsylvania, March 12, 1866, and died at a hospital in Creston, Iowa, January 25, 1930. Burial was at Leon. When a small boy he was with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Hull, as they removed to Chariton, Iowa. There he grew to manhood. In 1885 he and his father purchased the *Leon Reporter*, and about two years later the son became sole owner and publisher, which he continued to be to the end of his life, making his active editorship of the paper forty-four years. He achieved genuine success in that work, making of the *Reporter* one among the best of Iowa country weeklies. He was a useful citizen of his city and county, helping with public enterprises. He was secretary of the Southern Iowa Editorial Association for many years, and on the organization of the Iowa State Press Association in February, 1915, became its secretary, that service being terminated by his death.

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JASON DANIEL BROWNSON was born on a farm near National, Clayton County, Iowa, November 19, 1868, and died in Monona, Clayton

County, April 23, 1929. His parents were Freeman and Lana Brownson. He was graduated in liberal arts from Cornell College, Mount Vernon, in 1892 and from the Medical Department of Northwestern University, Chicago, in 1896. After receiving hospital training in Chicago he located in the practice of medicine at Monona in 1900. He became a member of the local school board, mayor of the town, and was identified with all things progressive, helpful and uplifting to the community. He enlisted in his country's service June 20, 1918, was called to duty August 15 at Camp Greenleaf, Chattanooga, Tennessee, was commissioned captain, and rendered service for about a year in hospitals in the vicinity of Longres, France, was mustered out at New York City and returned to his practice at Monona. His professional and personal qualities greatly endeared him to his community.

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HERBERT BARBER BOIES was born in Waterloo, Iowa, May 9, 1867, and died in the same city January 11, 1930. His parents were Horace and Versalia (Barber) Boies. He completed a course in the public schools of Waterloo, was two years in the Liberal Arts Department of the State University, and two years in the Law Department, being graduated from the latter in 1891. He began the practice of his profession with the firm of which his father was the head, Boies (H.), Couch (C. F.) & Boies (E. L.), and continued in active practice until the close of 1914. In November of that year he was elected one of the judges of the Tenth Judicial District, after which he was regularly re-elected. He was a Democrat in politics, but took more interest in his profession than in party matters. In the later campaigns the Republicans of his district, although they were largely in the majority, left a place vacant on their ticket, thereby not opposing his re-elections. He was regarded as a judge of ability and rectitude.

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STEPHEN PHELPS was born at Lewiston, Illinois, February 6, 1839, and died in Council Bluffs, Iowa, March 4, 1930. Burial was at Vinton, Iowa. After passing through the schools of Lewiston he was graduated from Jefferson College (now Washington and Jefferson College), Washington, Pennsylvania, in 1859, and from the Western Theological Seminary in 1862. He held pastorates in Sioux City, Iowa, 1862-64; in Waterloo, 1864-71; and in Vinton, 1871-81. From 1881 to 1887 he served as the first president of Coe College. From 1887 to 1897 he had a pastorate at Council Bluffs. He assisted in founding the Omaha Theological Seminary and for a time had a charge at Bellevue, Nebraska, and taught in Bellevue College. In 1916 he retired and lived for some years with a daughter in Vancouver, Washington, and later with a daughter in Council Bluffs. He was twice moderator of the Iowa Synod of the Presbyterian church, and stood high not only with his denomination but with the public.

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