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CHARLES EDGAR PICKETT was born at Bonaparte, Van Buren County, Iowa, January 14, 1866, and died in Waterloo July 20, 1930. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery of that city. His parents were Edgar C. and Glovina E. Pickett. In 1872 the family removed to a farm in Lincoln Township, Black Hawk County, but soon thereafter to Waterloo. Charles was graduated from West High School of Waterloo in 1884, from the Liberal Arts Department of the State University of Iowa in 1888, and from the Law Department of that institution in 1890. He at once formed a partnership with C. W. Mullan of Waterloo and entered practice. On Judge Mullan's retirement from active practice Mr. Pickett became senior member of the firm of Pickett & Swisher, later Pickett, Swisher & Farwell. He was a regent of the State University of Iowa from 1896 to 1909. In 1908 he was elected representative in Congress from the Third District and was re-elected in 1910. On being an unsuccessful candidate for re-election in 1912 he returned to the practice of his profession at the end of his term in Congress. He was temporary chairman of the Republican State Convention of 1899, was permanent chairman of the State Convention of 1916 to select delegates to the Republican National Convention, and was a delegate-at-large to the Republican National Convention of 1920. In 1922 he was one of five candidates for the Republican nomination for United States senator, but lost to S. W. Brookhart. In 1894-95 he was grad chancellor of the Knights of Pythias of Iowa, and in 1901-02 was grand exalted ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. of the United States. In his later years he was extensively connected with business interests in Waterloo. His large law practice was principally in corporation cases. He was a man of culture and an orator of national reputation.

SARAH JANE (BREWER) BONEBRIGHT was born in Henry County, Indiana, August 27, 1837, and died in Webster City, Iowa, March 26, 1930. She was with her parents, Wilson and Margaret (Moore) Brewer as they removed with their family in 1848 in covered wagons drawn by oxen to a point near where Webster City now stands. Six years later Mr. Brewer led in laying out the town of Newcastle, now Webster City. In 1858 Sarah Jane Brewer married Thomas Blackwell Bonebright, who was the year before a member of the Spirit Lake Relief expedition and was a member of the Frontier Guards. She was born in a log cabin, was one of a family of eleven children, and she and Mr. Bonebright reared six children, all of them being born in the typical one-room cabin. She and her family did their full share in the settlement and development of Hamilton County. One of her regrets was that she had had so little opportunity in youth to secure an education, her schooling having been limited to attending school for five days held in a cabin in Newcastle. However, in the later years of her life she became an inveterate reader, and possessing a clear mind, she acquired a good knowledge of general affairs. A few years before her death she was aided by her daughter, Harriet (Bonebright) Closz, in preparing and

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