

## Sarah Jane Bonebright

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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

publishing, under the auspices of the Historical, Memorial and Art Department, a volume of 300 pages, *Founding of Newcastle*, which is replete with valuable descriptions of pioneer conditions and with illustrations.

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CHARLES ELLWOOD COX was born in Indiana and died June 5, 1930, at the age of seventy-seven years. At an early age he removed with his parents, Benjamin and Mary Cox, nee Morris, to Iowa, settling in Mahaska County. He attended the local schools and Penn College, and was graduated from Haverford College, Pennsylvania, in the class of 1880. For five years he was principal of Friends' Academy at Le Grand, Iowa. From here he was called to become professor of mathematics at Leland Stanford University at Palo Alto, California, which had begun its work under the able management of David Starr Jordan. He was connected with this institution for many years until he retired a few years ago, having had as a student the president of the United States. He was married to Lydia Bean in 1884, who was a daughter of Joel and Hannah Bean, who for some years had conducted a private school at West Branch, Iowa, where Hulda Minthorn, mother of Herbert Hoover, had attended. In California he resided for the most part at San Jose, and was for more than twenty years the president of the College Park Association of Friends. After the death of his wife he removed to Richmond, Indiana, where a daughter resided. He was married to Sarah L. Walton, who survives him besides two daughters by his first marriage, Dr. Anna Cox Brinton and Dr. Catharine Miles. Professor Cox retained his activity and clearness of mind to the last and an optimism unusual for one of his age, making frequent visits into Iowa where so many of his old students and friends resided.—B. L. W.

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JAMES A. HENDERSON was born in Johnson County, Iowa, near Iowa City, August 3, 1862, and died in Jefferson February 26, 1930. His parents were Daniel W. and Susan (Campbell) Henderson. Their son was with them as they removed in 1873 to Greene County. He was educated in the public schools and in Dunnings' Academy of Jefferson. For a time he acted as deputy clerk of court of Greene County under his father, and succeeded him in that office, being elected clerk in 1884 and again in 1886, serving four years. He entered the Law Department of the State University of Iowa in 1889, was graduated in 1890, admitted to the bar and began practice in Jefferson. He was the first city solicitor of Jefferson after its incorporation, was for a time a member of the city council, and held other local offices. In 1925 when a new judgeship was created in the Sixteenth Judicial District Governor Ham-mill appointed him to the position and he was elected in 1926. He was prominent in religious work, was superintendent of the Methodist Sunday School for twenty-six years, was organist of the local church for many years, and was a lay delegate to General Conference in 1916.

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