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he erected his own grist mill. He later disposed of his milling interests, and was employed by the Chicago Board of Trade in the grain business confining himself to the Iowa territory. For the last twenty years he was a member of the firm of J. H. Dole & Co., and traveled extensively in the interests of his firm. Mr. Christie was skilled in the grain trade, and made reports on the condition of crops for the Chicago Board which were accepted as fully reliable. He also attended all the meetings of the grain interests in the middle west. He was a splendid type of an adopted citizen, and known by thousands of grain dealers with whom he came in contact all over Iowa. He is survived by his widow and four children.—B. L. W.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN CUMMINGS was born in Windsor, Broome County, New York, April 5, 1864, and died in Marshalltown, Iowa, August 25, 1930. His parents were Dr. William C. and Mary Hannah Lounsbury Cummings. The family removed to Eddyville, Iowa, when the future judge was but three weeks old, and after a short residence there and later at Oskaloosa, settled in Marshalltown in 1865. B. F. was graduated from the Marshalltown High School in 1880 and from the Law Department of the University of Michigan in 1885. Beginning practice at Marshalltown he was elected city attorney in 1887 and served four years. In 1894 he was elected county attorney of Marshall County and was re-elected and served four years. In 1901 he was elected representative, and was re-elected two years later, serving in the Twenty-ninth, Thirtieth and Thirty-first general assemblies, being speaker pro tem in the latter two. In 1913 Governor Clarke appointed him judge of the Seventeenth Judicial District and by reason of elections he served until he resigned in February, 1930, to resume private practice. He was a member of the local school board several years and attained the rank of lieutenant in the Iowa National Guard. He was an able lawyer and a successful business man.

ROSA E. LEWIS died May 19, 1930, at seventy-six years of age. She was educated in Iowa and obtained degrees from Chicago University, Bryn Mawr, and the University of California. She began teaching in Penn College, Oskaloosa, Iowa, in 1874, and taught until 1927 when she retired as professor emeritus. She had been one of the leaders and the oldest member of the faculty of that institution. Dr. Lewis was one of the best teachers in Iowa, and was versed in literature and understood how to impart a love of literature to her students. She traveled much during her vacations, and spent one year in Europe in perfecting herself in her chosen field, that of English literature. She attended nearly all the teachers' conventions, and frequently gave lectures on literary subjects in many parts of the state, and was well known in college circles. She was a keen student, a lover of nature, and possessed a personality which attracted students and others to her.—B. L. W.

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