

## Lafayette Young, Jr.

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PHILIP L. FOWLER was born in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, September 3, 1845, and died in Osceola, Iowa, March 25, 1930. His parents, L. D. and Joanna (Laffer) Fowler, removed with their family to Osceola in 1854. Philip attended public school at Osceola, and when seventeen years old entered the office of the clerk of the District Court of Clarke County at Osceola as deputy. About a year later, or on May 28, 1864, he enlisted in Company H, Forty-sixth Iowa Infantry, and was mustered out at the end of his term of service on September 23 of the same year. He returned to the clerk's office in which he remained several years. In 1873 he was elected auditor of Clarke County, was re-elected, and served four years. For several years he contracted with the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company and with the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway Company to work out their road taxes upon the highways throughout the state. He became a dealer in Jersey cattle and Hambletonian horses as well as a breeder and raiser of them on his own farm. He served as president of the Clarke County Agricultural Society, and was secretary of the Iowa State Fair and Exposition from January, 1894 to January, 1899. He was a prominent lay member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

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HENRY ALBERT was born in Wolcott, Scott County, Iowa, October 11, 1878, and died in Des Moines April 6, 1930. The body was deposited in the mausoleum in Glendale Cemetery, Des Moines. When three years old his parents removed to Grundy County. He was graduated from Reinbeck High School in 1896 and from the University of Iowa with the degree of B. S. in 1900 and the degree of M. S. and M. D. in 1902. He spent two years in Europe, chiefly in Vienna, studying pathology, bacteriology and public health. He was professor of pathology and bacteriology at the University of Iowa, College of Medicine, from 1905 to 1920, director of the laboratories for the Iowa State Board of Health from their establishment in 1906 to 1922, director of the Nevada state hygienic laboratory from 1922 to 1926, and was appointed by Governor Hammill commissioner of health for Iowa September 1, 1926, in which position he was serving at the time of his death. Dr. Albert never practiced medicine, but became an expert in the fields of his specialization. He was not only a man of excellent ability and attainments, but of fine character and personality.

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LAFAYETTE YOUNG, JR. was born in Atlantic, Iowa, December 1, 1877, and died in Des Moines February 12, 1930. His parents were former United States Senator Lafayette Young and Josephine (Bolton) Young. He was with them when they removed to Des Moines in 1890. After attending public school in Atlantic and Des Moines he entered the University of Michigan from which he received the Ph. B. degree, and followed that by taking a course in law in the State University of Iowa, being graduated in 1901. He at once became the business manager of his father's newspaper, the *Des Moines Daily Capital*.

Although having no desire for political preferment, he was devotedly interested in the welfare of the city of Des Moines, and contributed liberally to that cause with his energy and talent. He was a graceful and eloquent public speaker and presided at many of the city's most important functions. He was a charter member of the Greater Des Moines Committee and was its president at three different times. He headed drives in the city for the Y. M. C. A., Drake University, Public welfare, and the Chamber of Commerce. After the sale of the *Capital* February 12, 1927, he devoted himself to the interests of the Young Realty Company. He was the last survivor of the immediate family of Senator Young.

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ROBERT H. SPENCER was born in Perry County, Ohio, September 20, 1840, and died in Algona, Iowa, February 16, 1930. He grew to manhood in the neighborhood of his birthplace, removed with his parents to Dane County, Wisconsin, and engaged in farming. In November, 1861, he enlisted in Company H, Tenth Wisconsin Infantry, became a captain and served three years, was mustered out and re-enlisted in the Forty-seventh Wisconsin Infantry, in which he was made lieutenant colonel, and served in that position to the end of the war. In 1868 he engaged in business in Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin, but in 1870 removed to Algona, Iowa, and entered mercantile business there. In 1872 he was appointed postmaster and served in that position thirteen years, or until 1885. That year he was elected representative from the Kossuth-Palo Alto-Emmet District. In 1893 he was elected county treasurer of Kossuth County, was re-elected two years later and served four years. He was prominent in the business, political and social life of his town and county.

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CORNELIUS G. MCCARTHY was born at Toledo, Ontario, Canada, January 29, 1843, and died in Denver, Colorado, April 26, 1930. His parents were Florence and Elizabeth (Moore) McCarthy. He was educated in common schools of the vicinity of his birth. In 1864 he removed to Story County, Iowa, and followed school-teaching a few years. In 1867 he located at Ames and engaged in farming and stock raising, and for many years was connected with the Central Importing and Breeding Company, which carried on a large business in importing French and English horses. In 1881 he was elected auditor of Story County, and was three times re-elected, serving from 1882 to 1889 inclusive. In 1889 he was elected representative and served in the Twenty-third General Assembly. In 1892 he was elected auditor of state and was twice re-elected, serving from 1893 to 1898 inclusive. He was one of the organizers of the Iowa Savings and Loan Association and for many years served as its president. In about 1910 he retired from active business and removed to Denver. He was an efficient public official and was for years influential in the councils of the Republican party of the state.

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