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FRANK E. LANDERS was born in Upper Lisle, Broome County, New York, July 17, 1844, and died in Webster City, Iowa, September 7, 1930. His parents were John and Mary Pamela (Bidwell) Landers. In his youth he divided his time between work on the home farm and attending public school. In 1862 he enlisted in the Sixteenth New York Battery with which he served nineteen months, when he was discharged for physical disability. In 1865 he removed to Woodstock, Illinois, where he worked in a planing mill. In 1869 he removed to Hamilton County, Iowa, and for ten years followed farming. In 1879 he was elected county auditor and served from January 1, 1880, until January 1, 1884. He then spent a year in clerical bank work in Webster City, and in 1889 went to Des Moines where for nine years or until 1897, he served as clerk of the Executive Council. He then returned to Webster City where for twenty-seven years he was auditor of the First National Bank. In 1884 he organized at Webster City Company C, Sixth Regiment, Iowa National Guard, and was its first captain, resigning when he went to Des Moines. Captain Landers served his city and community in many ways—was city clerk, city treasurer, and councilman. He was a friend of Charles Aldrich and contributed articles to early editions of the ANNALS. He was a natural research worker and historian, possessing extensive knowledge combined with accuracy of work. His activities in these lines were in national, state, and local fields, and in genealogy.

EDWARD J. KELLY was born at Bondurant, Iowa, July 12, 1879, and died in Des Moines October 25, 1930. He was graduated from the scientific course in Highland Park College, Des Moines, in 1904, and from the Law College of Drake University in 1907. In 1906 he was admitted to the bar and entered the practice in Perry. In 1911 he removed to Des Moines, engaged in general practice there and became a member of the firm of Miller, Kelly, Shuttleworth & Seeburger, and later that of Kelly, Shuttleworth & McManus. During the World War he was general counsel for the alien property custodian, Washington, D. C. He was a member of the Polk County Bar Association, the Iowa State Bar Association, and of the American Bar Association. He was prominent in Boy Scout work, and in the Knights of Columbus. He was a leader in the Republican councils of his city and state, was executive campaign manager for Senator Cummins in 1926, and did work for the national committee during the last presidential campaign.

CHARLES LEWIS STAFFORD was born in Clark County, Ohio, September 26, 1844, and died while visiting at the home of his son, Clarence Stafford, in Oak Park, Illinois, September 15, 1930. Burial was at Mount Pleasant, Iowa. His early education was received at Denmark Academy, Lee County. He entered Iowa Wesleyan College, Mount Pleasant, in 1866, received his A. B. degree in 1871 and his A. M. degree in 1874. In 1889 Upper Iowa University gave him the degree of D. D. and in

1905 Iowa Wesleyan awarded him the degree of LL. D. He was admitted to the Iowa Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1870, after which he held many pastorates, the principal ones being at Burlington, Muscatine, Fairfield, Albia, Keokuk, Washington, Ottumwa, Bloomfield, West Liberty and Wilton. From 1883 to 1889 he was presiding elder of the Muscatine District, from 1891 to 1899 he was president of Iowa Wesleyan College, and from 1908 to 1912 he was district superintendent of the Oskaloosa District. He was a delegate to the General Conference of his church in 1892, 1896, 1900, and 1912. He retired from active duty in 1918, making his home in Muscatine. He exercised a fine influence over the people with whom he came in contact. His wife was Miss Mary Allen, whom he married at Mount Pleasant in 1871. She was one of the founders of the P E O sisterhood, now a national organization. She died July 11, 1927.

EMERSON SOLOMON WELLS was born in Cedar Township, Lucas County, Iowa, October 9, 1867, and died in Chariton May 5, 1930. His parents were Sidney and Sarah Wells. He attended public school and the Teachers Normal Training School at Humeston, and followed that by teaching in rural schools for a time, and by acting as superintendent of the public schools of the town of Lucas for eight years. In 1910 he was elected clerk of the District Court of Lucas County, after which he made his home in Chariton. He was re-elected in 1902 and while still serving as clerk was on May 15, 1903, admitted to the bar. In 1904 he was elected county attorney of Lucas County in which office he served two years. At the beginning of his practice in 1905 he formed a partnership with S. C. Hickman, as Hickman & Wells, which partnership continued until November 19, 1923, when Governor Kendall appointed him district judge of the Second Judicial District to succeed Judge Vermilion who had been advanced to the Supreme Court, and was occupying that position at the time of his death.

THOMPSON DICKSON DOKE was born in Ohio, May 6, 1835, and died at the home of his son, Odie Doke, at Ephriam, Utah, June 8, 1930. Burial was at Bloomfield, Iowa. When six months old his parents removed to Kosciusko County, Indiana. He enlisted in the Forty-fourth Indiana Infantry early in the Civil War, in which he served over four years, was soon made first lieutenant and later promoted to captain. In 1867 he removed to Bloomfield where he engaged in and pursued with few interruptions until over eighty years old the livery business and in buying and selling horses and mules. He was very useful to his city and community, his most conspicuous service being to the Davis County Fair and to the Bloomfield Public Library. "Major" Doke had a state-wide acquaintance, was marshal of the Iowa State Fair many years, and was sergeant at arms of the Iowa Senate during the sessions of 1923, 1925, and 1927.

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