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LESTER LEE THOMPSON was born at Ransom, Illinois, February 20, 1884, and died in Des Moines, Iowa, September 11, 1930. Burial was in Masonic Cemetery, Des Moines. He was the son of William and Martha (Rigler) Thompson. In March, 1894, he removed to Valley Junction, attended school there, was graduated from Valley Junction High School, and from the Law Department of Drake University in 1907. While a student at Drake he acted as justice of the peace of Valley Junction. On graduation and admission to the bar he began practice in Valley Junction in an office with Charles W. Lyon, but not long afterward established an office in Des Moines and practiced alone. On December 16, 1919, Governor Harding appointed him judge of the Ninth Judicial District to succeed Thomas J. Guthrie, resigned. By elections he served in that position until his death. He established a high reputation among lawyers and with the public for fairness, considerateness, ability and courage.

RICHARD PRICE was born in Freeport, Ohio, February 28, 1848, and died at the home of his son in Mount Vernon, New York, May 5, 1922. He removed with his parents to a farm in Dallas County, Iowa, in 1861, attended public school, and when a young man taught school for some time. In 1869 he entered the employ of Getchel & Sons, lumber dealers, at Dexter. Two years later he was placed in charge of that firm's business at Earlham, and four years later at Colfax. In 1878 he was transferred to Winterset and in 1879 he and Fred Strong bought the firm's business at Winterset and conducted it as Strong & Price. In 1887 he was elected senator and served in the Twenty-second and Twenty-third general assemblies.

SAMUEL B. GARTON was born in County Surrey, England, February 3, 1848, and died in Des Moines, Iowa, October 26, 1930. Burial was in Woodland Cemetery. In 1854 his parents removed with their family to Centerville, Wayne County, Indiana, and in 1856 to Polk County, Iowa. He attended rural public schools in winters during his boyhood and later took a business course in night school. In 1868 he entered the bakery business in Des Moines and followed it in connection with the restaurant business until the time of his death, or for sixty-eight years, being then the oldest active business man in the city. A part of this time he was associated with his brother, W. T. Garton. In 1914 he was elected representative and served in the Thirty-sixth General Assembly.

ARTHUR WAYLAND SLAUGHT was born at Hector, Schuyler County, New York, July 6, 1855, and died in Des Moines, Iowa, October 28, 1930. He attended rural school in the neighborhood of his birth, and was graduated from Colgate Academy, Hamilton, New York. After acting two years as assistant postmaster at Hamilton he took up the study of medicine and was graduated from Chicago Homeopathic Medical College in 1887, after which he was continuously in the prac-

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