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WILLIS FREDERICK BICKEL was born at Giard, Clayton County, Iowa, November 15, 1879, and died in McGregor April 25, 1931. His parents, J. D. and Mary Bickel, removed with their family to McGregor in 1892. Willis was graduated from McGregor High School, and from the University of Michigan in 1903 as an electrical engineer. He followed this by telephone construction work in Iowa and Michigan, and railroad construction work in Michigan and Kansas. In 1908 he was the engineer in charge in building the power dam on the Upper Iowa River near Decorah. His engineering work then took him into Colorado and into Mexico. He also resided in Cedar Rapids for several years as a consulting engineer. He enlisted in the World War, was commissioned captain in the 313th Engineers of the United States Army, left for France in December, 1917, returned in July, 1919, and was honorably discharged. In later years he again resided in McGregor. There he devoted much time to promoting the interests of McGregor and its vicinity as a scenic region. He was for several years president of the Iowa Conservation Association and was a leading local promoter and fosterer of the noted Wild Life School. He was a scholar in science and nature studies, familiar with the whole of Northeastern Iowa, active, genial and useful to his community and especially to the cause of conservation in that region.

SAMUEL WALKER BEYER was born in Clearfield, Pennsylvania, May 15, 1865, and died in a hospital in Iowa Falls, Iowa, June 2, 1931, following an automobile accident near there. Burial was in College Cemetery, Ames. His parents, Abraham and Barbara Ann (Keagy) Beyer, soon after their son's birth, removed their family to Rock Falls, Iowa. Samuel W. attended public school in rural districts, the Cedar Valley Seminary at Osage, and the Iowa State College at Ames from which he received a B. Sc. degree in 1889. He then taught school one year in Marshalltown, and followed that by acting as an instructor in geology and zoology in Iowa State College from 1891 to 1895. In 1895 he received his Ph. D. degree from Johns Hopkins University. Continuing at Iowa State College he served from 1895 to 1898 as assistant professor of geology and mining engineering, after which time he was dean of engineering, and later dean of the Industrial Science Division. From 1892 he was geologist for the Iowa Geological Survey and conducted geological surveys in several Iowa counties. He pursued researches along his lines of work and published many books and treatises, especially on geology and related subjects. He was an able scientist and a popular instructor.

JOHN HANSON THOMAS MAIN was born in Toledo, Ohio, April 2, 1859, and died in Grinnell, Iowa, April 1, 1931. The body was cremated and ashes interred at Hazelwood Cemetery, Grinnell. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Moores Hill College, Indiana, in 1880 and 1883, and his doctor's degree from Johns Hopkins in 1892. The honorary degree of LL. D. was awarded him by Oberlin College,

State University of Iowa, Grinnell College, and Harvard University. He began his educational work by serving as professor of ancient languages at Moores Hill College from 1880 to 1889, was assistant professor in Greek and Latin in Woman's College, Baltimore, in 1890-91, and was a senior fellow in Greek in Johns Hopkins in 1891-92. In 1892 he went to Iowa (now Grinnell) College as professor of Greek, from 1900 to 1902 he was acting president, and from 1902 to 1906 he was dean of the faculty, and from 1906 until his death he was president of the college. He was a trustee of the Carnegie Foundation for Advancement of Teaching, was soon after the World War a member of the American Relief Commission to the Near East, and ranked among the very able college administrators of the country.

JAMES PETER HEWITT was born in Jefferson, Green County, Pennsylvania, January 2, 1864, and died near Des Moines, Iowa, June 19, 1931. Burial was at Indianola. His parents, William G. and Amanda (Taylor) Hewitt, made several removals, and finally settled in Indianola, Iowa, where James attended public school and Simpson College. Removing to Des Moines in 1890 he worked as a bookkeeper in the Charles Hewitt wholesale grocery, and later in the office of the State Insurance Company. In 1895 he was graduated from the Law Department of Drake University and became a member of the law firm of Cummins, Hewitt & Wright. When Mr. Cummins was elected governor and in the few following years the firm's membership changed several times, but always with the admission of able lawyers. Mr. Hewitt gained distinction in his profession and in March, 1911, Governor Carroll appointed him as the new judge of the Ninth Judicial District which was provided for at that time. However, he resigned two years later to devote himself to his profession and his business interests. He was president of the National Life Company from 1914, and was also from 1919 to 1929 a member of the City Planning and Zoning Commission.

WILBERT SHERMAN FRALEY was born in Madison County, Iowa, January 19, 1867, and died in Des Moines June 15, 1931. Burial was in Laurel Hill Cemetery, Des Moines. He attended public school in Winterset and at an early age went to the Black Hills during the gold excitement there. He was a contractor and builder at Chadron, Nebraska, and in 1890 removed to Des Moines where for many years he followed the trade of plasterer, belonging to the plasterers' union. He was a school director from 1894 to 1897, a member of the Des Moines City Council from 1902 to 1905, was a member of the Thirty-fourth and Thirty-fifth general assemblies, 1911 to 1914, and was chairman of the Exemption Board in Des Moines in 1918.

HERBERT E. DEAN was born in O'Brien County, Iowa, December 5, 1872, and died in Rochester, Minnesota, March 27, 1931. Burial was at Ocheyedan, Iowa. He attended school at Primghar and at Morning-side College, Sioux City. He was deputy clerk of the District Court of

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