

Andrew B. Thornell

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tice of medicine in Council Bluffs. In 1898 on the outbreak of the Spanish-American War he was appointed first lieutenant and assistant surgeon of the Fifty-first Iowa Volunteer Infantry and sent to the Philippines where he was in active service eighteen months when he resigned, returned home and resumed practice, devoting himself largely to surgery in which he achieved distinction. In the World War he organized Unit K, Mobile Hospital No. 1, which was composed of doctors and enlisted men and women from Council Bluffs and vicinity. He was appointed lieutenant colonel and commander of the unit, which became a pattern which the government followed with other units. For his service in France he was awarded the Croix de Guerre, and the distinguished service medal from the United States. Returning home he added to his reputation as a surgeon. For ten years he was professor of anatomy in the Medical Department of the University of Nebraska at Omaha. He served as secretary of the Missouri Valley Medical Society, was president of the Iowa State Medical Society, and held membership in many other medical associations. He was mayor of Council Bluffs from 1904 to 1907, was on the Board of Education for a time, and was an enthusiastic promoter of many local enterprises.

ANDREW B. THORNELL was born in Monroe County, New York, October 22, 1846, and died at Sidney, Iowa, February 13, 1932. He grew to manhood at the place of his birth, and was educated at Geneseo Wesleyan Seminary, Lima, New York; Knox College, Galesburg, Illinois; Tabor College, Tabor, Iowa; and the Law Department of the State University of Iowa, being a member of the law class of 1874-75. He was admitted to the bar at Sidney in March, 1775, and began practice there that year in partnership with E. H. Sears. Later he joined in the practice with George E. Draper, which partnership continued until he was elected district attorney of the Nineteenth Judicial District. He began his service as district attorney in January, 1885, and served two years. The fall of 1886 he was elected judge in the newly created Fifteenth District, and took his seat as judge in January, 1887, and by reason of re-elections served thirty years, or until he resigned January 31, 1917, to enter private practice at Sidney with his son, A. V. Thornell. He continued in active practice until near his death. Both as a christian gentleman and as an officer, he was highly regarded by the public. He seemed to have those admirable qualities that go to make a good judge.

DAVID SANDS WRIGHT was born on a farm in Highland County, Ohio, December 7, 1847, and died in Cedar Falls, Iowa, October 30, 1931. Interment was in Fairview Cemetery, Cedar Falls. He was of Quaker parentage. His education was begun in a log schoolhouse and during his boyhood was in country school. He began teaching in country schools in 1866. He was graduated from the National Normal University at Lebanon, Ohio, with the degree of B. A. in 1871, and M. A. in 1873.

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