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came laws relating to insurance companies. In 1913 he became president of the Western Life Insurance Company of Des Moines and so remained until the consolidation of the company with the Royal Union Life Insurance Company of Des Moines in 1924. Mr. Jamison was a member and an elder of Central Presbyterian church, Des Moines.

WILLIS G. BONNER was born in Webster City, Iowa, February 16, 1878, and died in Des Moines October 13, 1931. Burial was at Webster City. He was a son of Andrew S. and Phebe E. (Skinner) Bonner. After being graduated from the Webster City High School he read law in the office of Daniel Cady Chase of Webster City. He was admitted to the bar in 1907 and entered practice in Des Moines having offices with Fred L. Groesbeck and with R. L. Parish and C. C. Dowell, who constituted the firm of Parish & Dowell. In 1918 Governor Harding appointed him a judge of the Municipal Court of Des Moines and in 1922 he was elected a judge of the District Court of Polk County, which position he was occupying at the time of his death.

ERNEST C. HAMILTON was born near Peru, Madison County, Iowa, August 1, 1889, and died at Mount Pleasant October 20, 1931. Burial was at Winterset. Soon after his birth the family removed to Winterset. He was graduated from Winterset High School in 1910, and from the State University of Iowa in 1914 with the degree of B. A. He then engaged in the real estate business at Winterset with his father, J. E. Hamilton. In the later years of his life he was an active farmer. In the World War he was in the Aircraft Production, being located at Kelly Field, Texas, and later at Buffalo, New York. He was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1924. June 16, 1924, Governor Kendall appointed him to fill the vacancy on the State Board of Parole caused by the resignation of J. R. Murphy, and he served until June 30, 1929.

JOHN D. SHAFFER was born in Black Hawk County, Iowa, May 18, 1858, and died in Elgin, Fayette County, June 27, 1931. He attended public school, was two terms at Western College, and two terms at Upper Iowa University. He followed farming and the breeding of Percheron horses and Shorthorn cattle. He was also interested in banking, being at one time vice president of the Wadena Savings Bank, and later was president of the Elgin Savings Bank. He was assessor of his township, was a member of the Fayette County Board of Supervisors for six years, and was elected representative in 1933 and served as a member of the Thirtieth, Thirty-first and Thirty-second general assemblies.

D. MILLARD GIBSON was born in Osceola, Iowa, September 11, 1868, and died near that city June 1, 1930. His parents were E. P. and Edith Millard Gibson. He was reared on a farm near Osceola, was educated

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