

## John Wesley Reeder

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remained in the army until the close of the war, then returned to Wisconsin, was admitted to the bar in 1866 and in 1867 removed to Iowa and became station agent for the Northwestern at Moingona. In 1870 he was elected clerk of courts of Boone County, was re-elected in 1872 and again in 1874, serving six years. Following that he returned to Moingona and became postmaster there. In 1883 he was elected representative and served in the Twentieth General Assembly. He was one of the founders of what is now the Boone County Abstract and Loan Company of Boone. Although admitted to the bar in Iowa and a member of the Boone County Bar Association, and practicing occasionally, he never actively entered the profession. His home remained in Moingona. He was prominent in the politics of the county for many years.

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REUBEN A. LENOCKER was born in Holmes County, Ohio, October 7, 1864, and died in Winterset, Iowa, May 14 1932. Burial was at Dexter. His parents were Godfrey Fred and Suvilla Drushel Lenocker. The family removed to Henry County, Illinois, in 1866, and to Penn Township, Madison County, Iowa, in 1869. Reuben was educated in rural public school and the Dexter Normal School. He taught eight terms of school in the country schools in Penn Township. Farming and stock raising constituted his business, and in this he was quite successful. He took an interest in public affairs and served in 1907 and 1908 as a member of Madison County Board of Supervisors. In 1914 he was elected representative and was re-elected in 1916, serving in the Thirty-sixth and Thirty-seventh general assemblies. Being a life-long Democrat and three times elected to important public position in a county overwhelmingly Republican, was indicative of the high regard in which he was held. For twenty-nine years he was secretary of his local school board, or until he removed to Winterset in 1919.

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JOHN WESLEY REEDER was born at Goshen, near Cincinnati, Ohio, October 11, 1836, and died at Tipton, Iowa, December 11, 1931. His parents removed to the vicinity of Tipton when he was fourteen years old. Until he was sixteen he alternated between working on the farm and attending school. He was one of the earliest students at Upper Iowa Conference Seminary at Mount Vernon, later called Cornell College, and for ten years followed teaching. During that time he aided in establishing the first free school west of the Mississippi River, the Tipton Union School, in 1857. He engaged in farming and raising and dealing in live stock, was successful in business, acquiring about one thousand acres of good Cedar County land as well as town properties and bank stocks. He was a prominent lay member of the Methodist Episcopal church and was a trustee of Cornell College many years. Because of his early acquaintance with the Hoover family at West Branch he was given a seat on the platform during the inauguration ceremony of Herbert Hoover as president.

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