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JOSHUA W. COAKLEY was born in Bangor, Maine, October 12, 1859, and died at Creston, Iowa, July 16, 1926. He was with his parents when they removed to Madison County, Iowa, in 1873. He attended public school at Winterset and in 1879 entered Kansas City Medical College, in 1883 was graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Chicago, and that year began the practice of medicine at Mount Etna, Adams County, Iowa. In 1893 he was graduated from Barnes Medical College of St. Louis, and in 1896 did postgraduate work in London and Paris. Later he also did postgraduate work from time to time in Chicago and New York. In 1904 he removed to Creston and ultimately became a physician and surgeon of prominence. He became nationally known through the revival of the Caesarian operation in the United States. He performed three operations of that nature on one patient between 1893 and 1897, an unparalleled feat at that time. In 1914 he was elected representative and was re-elected in 1916 and again in 1918, serving in the Thirty-sixth, Thirty-seventh, and Thirty-eighth general assemblies. He was a Democrat in politics.

CHARLES A. WISE was born in Gotha, Saxe-Coberg, Germany, April 28, 1847, and died in Cedar Falls, Iowa, May 5, 1926. His parents, Michael and C. (Roesser) Wise, immigrated with their family to America in 1853, settling in northern Ohio. They later removed to Portage, Wisconsin. In 1863 Charles went to Cedar Falls and entered the employ of G. N. Miner as a drug clerk, and three years later became a partner in the business. In 1867 the firm became Wise & Bryant. In 1893 Mr. Wise purchased his partner's interest and admitted his sons into the firm. In 1894 he became president of the State Bank of Cedar Falls, which was later merged with the Citizens Savings Bank, of which he remained president until, on account of failing health, he retired from active business in 1916. He served several years as a member of the local board of education, was mayor of Cedar Falls in 1886-87, and in 1899 he was elected representative and was re-elected in 1901 and again in 1903, thus serving in the Twenty-eighth, Twenty-ninth, Thirtieth and Thirty-first general assemblies.

JOSEPH DANIEL MCGARRAUGH was born in Highland County, Ohio, November 27, 1845, and died in Des Moines, Iowa, May 25, 1926. His parents with their family removed to a farm near Adelphi, Polk County, Iowa, in 1849. On September 28, 1861, he enlisted in Company E, Fourteenth Iowa Infantry, was with his regiment in its great campaigns, was twice wounded, and was mustered out at Davenport, Iowa, November 11, 1864. He removed to Des Moines about 1880, and served for a time as night watch at the old State House. In 1891 he was elected sheriff of Polk County and was re-elected in 1893, serving four years. He was custodian of the Capitol four years, 1898 to 1902. He spent the winters in southern California for the last fifteen years of his life, but never relinquished his citizenship here,

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