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HOMER THOMPSON was born in Delaware County, Ohio, October 23, 1849, and died at Valley Junction, Iowa, February 13, 1925. He was brought by his parents, John W. and Isabella (Warren) Thompson, on their removal in 1856 to a farm in Douglas Township, Madison County, Iowa. Homer attended common school, was graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, Ohio, and followed that with a few years of teaching. In 1884 he purchased an interest in *The Madisonian* at Winterset, having for a time Henry Wallace and H. J. B. Cummings as partners. In 1900 Ed. M. Smith became part owner, and in 1904 Mr. Thompson disposed of his interest in *The Madisonian*. Soon purchasing the *Valley Express*, Valley Junction, Iowa, he edited and published that paper until shortly before his death. He also served as justice of the peace in Valley Junction for many years.

JACOB J. LOWRY was born in Dearborn County, Indiana, July 13, 1844, and died at Cresco, Iowa, August 22, 1925. In 1857 he migrated to Winneshie County, Iowa, and in 1858, when fifteen years old, he commenced clerking in a general store in New Oregon, Howard County, but later formed a partnership with Dr. H. C. Price in the drug business. In 1866, when Cresco was founded, they removed their store to that place. In later years he was associated in business with Ole Swenson, and subsequently with Dr. William Connally, but retired in 1902. He was elected sheriff of Howard County in 1879, and re-elected in 1881, serving four years. In 1895 he was elected representative and served in the Twenty-sixth General Assembly. He was a Democrat in politics.

JEREMIAH M. MORROW was born on a farm near Douds, Van Buren County, Iowa, February 21, 1854, and died at Douds November 17, 1926. His parents were Albert and Sarah Ann Morrow. His early education was obtained in rural schools, which was supplemented by attendance at Keosauqua High School and Birmingham Academy. He taught school some time, clerked in stores, and in 1882 engaged in general mercantile business at Douds, which he continued until 1917. He was elected representative in 1918 and served in the Thirty-eighth General Assembly. Following that he became an inspector in the State Dairy and Food Department, serving four years, or until June 1, 1923, when he retired.

THRIZA (BRIGGS) ALDRICH was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, April 13, 1846, and died near Webster City, Iowa, January 5, 1925. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ulysses Briggs, who removed with their family to Hamilton County, Iowa, in 1856. She was married to Charles Aldrich, founder of the Historical Department of Iowa, in 1898. Mr. and Mrs. Aldrich resided at Boone until his death in 1908, soon after which she returned to Webster City and lived with her brother, Frank Briggs, on the old Briggs farm homestead. She was the donor of Briggs Woods as a memorial park to Hamilton County.

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