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CALVIN G. GREENE, organizer and industrialist, died at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, February 25, 1947; born February 18, 1856, in the Greene hotel, Cedar Rapids, erected by his father Judge George Greene, widely known as the "father of Cedar Rapids;" educated in the local schools and attended Parsons seminary in the Wadsworth block, where the Illinois Central freight depot now stands; also attended the Edwards Place school at Stockbridge, Mass., and the Cedar Rapids Collegiate Institute, the forerunner of Coe college; as a student at Princeton university became a member of that institution's first scientific expedition to Colorado in 1877, Greene going as a boanist.

After Judge Green's death in 1880 Calvin took over the industrial and property interests of the elder Greene, completing the construction of the opera house and continued the building of the Cedar Rapids and Marion railway; became president of the city street car lines in 1881, constructing the extensions to the packing-house, Oak Hill cemetery and the west side and organizing the Cedar Rapids Electric light company; was associated in the promotion of the Iowa state fair which was held in Cedar Rapids several years; a member of Coe college board of trustees more than fifty years and helped organize and build the Cedar Rapids and Chicago railway; always active in the Chamber of Commerce and its president at one time, and was the first president of the Linn County Historical association; assisted in organizing the Y. M. C. A. and in securing the location of the Grand Lodge Masonic library, the largest in the world; and with his death is left his brother, Frank, as the only immediate descendant of Judge Greene, who served in the Spanish-American war and is now a structural engineer residing at Birmingham, Alabama.

PHILLIP F. ROAN, lawyer, soldier and legislator, died February 22, 1947, at Fort Madison, Iowa; born in Linn county, Missouri in 1895; removed with his parents to Iowa one year later; educated in the Fort Madison schools, the University of Michigan, and a graduate of the University of Detroit law school, where he was also awarded a master's degree; served in France with French army in 1916 and 1917, and the American army tank corps, company A, 2nd battalion in 1918 and 1919; married Elinor Smith of Scranton, Pennsylvania, June 23, 1928, who survives as do also two children, Francis and Rosaline; served three terms in the Iowa House of Representatives, 1935-1939; and at the time of death was a member of the board of supervisors of Lee county, Iowa, and of the American bar association, the American Legion and the Catholic church.

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