

James W. Wilson

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1902, when he resigned to enter the firm of Lane (Joe R.) & Waterman. He remained in active practice until a year or so before his death, when failing health required his retirement. For many years he was a member of the public library board at Davenport.

JAMES M. WILSON was born near Monmouth, Illinois, September 8, 1866, and died at Centerville, Iowa, May 2, 1924. His parents were James and Elizabeth Welsh Wilson who, with their family, removed to Centerville in 1882 where the father pursued his vocation of coal mine operator, and where James at sixteen years of age became weighmaster at his father's mine. However, he soon entered school and was graduated from Centerville High School in 1885, attended Monmouth College two years, returned home and was a railway mail clerk one year, taught school for some time, took up the study of law with T. M. Fee, entered the Law Department of the State University of Iowa in 1894 and was graduated in 1896 as president of his class. He commenced the practice of law at Centerville and in 1896 was elected county attorney of Appanoose County and was re-elected in 1898. He formed a partnership with R. W. Smith as Wilson & Smith and attained a large practice and a high standing in his profession. In 1912 he was elected senator, was re-elected in 1916, serving in the Thirty-fifth General Assembly and the three following assemblies. He came to be recognized as an able and influential legislator. He was active in many good causes in his home town and county, and was deservedly popular.

EUGENE B. WOODRUFF was born near Three Rivers, Michigan, February 26, 1850, and died at Glenwood, Iowa, May 31, 1924. When he was fourteen years old his father died and soon thereafter he removed to Mills County, Iowa, and made his home with relatives. He attended Tabor College for a time, and in 1873 was graduated from the Liberal Arts Department, and in 1875 from the Law Department of Michigan State University, Ann Arbor. That year he began the practice of law at Glenwood, which he followed continuously until he went on the bench. He held various local offices, as member of the school board, city attorney, and mayor, and was county attorney in 1889 and 1890. He was elected as a judge of the Fifteenth Judicial District in 1908 and served as such from January 1, 1909, until his death.

EDWARD READ BURKHALTER was born in New York City, December 21, 1844, and died in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, June 15, 1923. He was a son of Stephen and Euphemia (Linen) Burkhalter. He attended grade schools in New York, and was graduated from Princeton University in 1862 with the degree of A. B. In 1864 and 1865 he attended Berlin and Heidelberg universities, and Union Theological Seminary from 1867 to 1870. He received the degree of D. D. from Lenox College in 1884 and from Princeton University in 1895, and the degree of LL. D.

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