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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.

from Coe College in 1906. He was ordained as a Presbyterian minister in 1870, served as pastor of the Presbyterian church at New Rochelle, New York, from 1870 to 1876, and then he came to Cedar Rapids as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church. He continued in that position until 1914 after which he was pastor emeritus. From his arrival in Cedar Rapids he was a member of the Board of Trustees of Coe College, and was president of that body for many years. From 1890 to 1892 he was a member of the committee of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church on the revision of the Westminster Confession of Faith. He was a man of great learning and influence.

GEORGE LAFAYETTE MINEAR was born near Keosauqua, Iowa, April 27, 1868, and died in a hospital at Rochester, Minnesota, October 6, 1924. Burial was at Mount Pleasant, Iowa. After attending common school in his home neighborhood he entered Iowa Wesleyan Academy, Mount Pleasant, and was graduated therefrom in 1891, from Iowa Wesleyan College with the degree of S. B. in 1895, from the Boston School of Theology with the degree of S. T. B. in 1901, while Hedding College, Abingdon, Illinois, conferred on him the honorary degree of D. D. in 1909. He entered the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal church on trial in 1894 while still in school. He occupied pastorates at Salina, Libertyville, and Cantril, was field secretary for Iowa Wesleyan College in 1904, principal of Iowa Wesleyan Academy from 1905 to 1907, dean of Missouri Wesleyan College from 1908 to 1909, and in 1910 returned to pastorate work, being at What Cheer for two years, and at Knoxville for two years. He was superintendent of the Oskaloosa District in 1914 to 1918, and of the Muscatine District from 1919 until his death. He was a trustee of Iowa Wesleyan College for fifteen years. Both in educational work and in the ministry he was efficient, and was greatly loved by those who came under his influence.

AMERICUS V. KENDRICK was born in Brown County, Illinois, June 30, 1846, and died at Long Beach, California, July 23, 1923. He was with his parents in their removal to Attica, Marion County, Iowa, in 1855. He enlisted in Company A, Thirty-third Iowa Infantry, January 1, 1864, and was mustered out at Houston, Texas, August 15, 1865. He was admitted as a minister in the Iowa Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1873 and served pastorates at Springfield, Malcom, New Sharon, Oskaloosa, Burlington, Fort Madison, West Liberty, Keokuk, Brooklyn, and Centerville, and was presiding elder of the Keokuk District from 1903 to 1908, but because of advancing age took the retired relation in 1911. He was a delegate to the General Conference of his church in Baltimore in 1908. He was chaplain of Iowa State Encampment, Grand Army of the Republic, in 1889, and of the National Encampment in 1894. For a few of the later years of his life he resided at Long Beach.

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