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GAMALIEL JAQUA was born in Prebel County, Ohio, December 30, 1828, and died at the home of his son in Warrensburg, Missouri, December 23, 1919. Burial was at Traer, Iowa. He grew to manhood in the county of his birth and served as county superintendent there several years. He came to Tama County, Iowa, in 1856 and bought land at a dollar and a quarter an acre. He farmed and taught school. He served several years as justice of the peace and for ten years was a member of the board of supervisors. In 1875 he was elected representative and re-elected in 1877, serving in the Sixteenth and Seventeenth general assemblies. In 1882 when James Wilson, who was editor of the *Traer Clipper*, was nominated for Congress, Mr. Jaqua bought his interest in that paper. Later he associated himself with E. E. Taylor in consolidating the *Star* and *Clipper*. However, he sold his interest to Mr. Taylor a year thereafter, but edited an agricultural department in the paper for years. He also wrote much for his two sons' papers at Humboldt, Iowa, and at Warrensburg, Missouri.

MELVIN LANGWORTHY SEARS was born at Onawa, Iowa, September 20, 1866, and died at Sacramento, California, October 30, 1918. Burial was at Sioux City, Iowa. He attended public school at Onawa, graduated from the State University in 1891, studied one year in the Law Department of the University, then removed to Omaha, Nebraska, where he pursued his law studies and was admitted to the bar in 1892. In 1898 he became general counsel for the Cudahy Packing Company with headquarters at Omaha. In 1902 he retired and removed to Sioux City, Iowa, and engaged in general practice and in 1909 formed a partnership with Harry S. Snyder, as Sears & Snyder. Mr. Sears was recognized as a leading corporation lawyer, among his clients at Sioux City being the Cudahy Packing Company, the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company, the Union Pacific Railroad Company, and substantially all the insurance companies doing business in Sioux City. He was chairman of the Sioux City Board of Education for three years.

CHARLES F. LINNAN was born at Churchville, Warren County, Iowa, May 4, 1867, and died at Fonda, Iowa, May 31, 1919. His parents were John and Julia Linnan. His education was obtained in the common schools, at Simpson College, and at Capital City Commercial College, Des Moines. In 1883 he removed to Pocahontas County and engaged in farming, but in 1894 entered mercantile business in Fonda. Later he took up real estate business and also became a contractor of large drainage systems in counties of northwestern Iowa. He was successful in business and was a useful citizen. For several years he was a member of the Fonda Board of Education, and during the World War devoted much time to patriotic work on different committees. In 1910 he was elected representative and served in the Thirty-fourth General Assembly.

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