

## Amos Steckel

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ALVA L. FRISBIE was born in Delaware County, New York, October 22, 1830, and died in Des Moines, Iowa, December 17, 1917. He was raised on the farm of an uncle, his father having died. He attended college at Oberlin, Ohio, and later at Amherst, Massachusetts. His theological training was obtained at Yale Divinity and at Andover Theological schools. His first pastorate was at Ansonia, Connecticut. After three years there he joined the Union Army as chaplain of the Twentieth Connecticut Infantry. In 1865 he became pastor of the old First Church at Danburg, Connecticut, which position he occupied until 1871, when he received a call to the Plymouth Congregational Church of Des Moines. In 1898 he nominally retired as pastor of the church, remaining as pastor emeritus, and remaining vigorous and active in church and public work until past eighty years old. He exercised a large influence for good in Des Moines and Iowa. For many years he was, perhaps, the leading figure of Congregationalism in Iowa, if not the Middle West. He was a trustee of Grinnell College for twenty-five years.

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AMOS STECKEL was born in Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, in July, 1833, and died at Bloomfield, Iowa, May 1, 1919. He attended school but little, but eventually became well educated. He came to Davis County, Iowa, in 1856. In 1857 and 1858 he was editor of the *Democrat-Clarion*. In 1859 and 1860 he was county superintendent of Davis County. He was deputy county recorder for a time, was mayor of Bloomfield, and in 1871 he associated himself with F. C. Overton in farm loans and real estate business, and later they entered banking as Steckel & Overton, which business was later taken over by Steckel & Son. In the '70's he was admitted to the bar, and practiced law for many years. In 1878 he represented Iowa at the Paris Exposition by appointment of Governor Gear. In 1896 he was the candidate of the Democratic and Peoples parties for state railroad commissioner, running against Edward A. Dawson. He was successful in business, active in local affairs, prominent in the cause of peace, in prison reform, in Sunday School activities, and in church work.

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WILLIAM H. FAHEY was born in Des Moines, Iowa, July 31, 1872, and died at Perry, May 10, 1918. When he was an infant his parents moved to a farm three miles southeast of Perry. He attended the Perry public schools, the Capital City Commercial College of Des Moines, and the Iowa College of Law at Des Moines. He was associated awhile with W. H. and Walter McHenry in the practice of law in Des Moines. He was admitted to the bar in 1893. In 1894 he removed to Perry and engaged in practice there. For two years he served as justice of the peace, was city solicitor four years, and deputy county attorney one year. On April 13, 1907, he was appointed judge of the superior court at Perry. In 1910 he was elected one of the district judges of the Fifth Judicial District, a position he held from January, 1911, until his death.

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