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HERMAN C. SMITH was born at Zodiak, Texas, September 27, 1850, and died at a sanatorium at Independence, Missouri, April 17, 1919. Burial was at Lamoni, Iowa. He came with his parents to Decatur County, Iowa, in 1861. In 1862 he became a member of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. In 1874 he was ordained an elder in that church and labored as a missionary in most of the states of the South and West. He was ordained an apostle in 1888 and as such he labored in Australasia, England, Wales and most of the states of the United States. His home was in San Bernardino, California, several years, but in 1893 he removed to Lamoni, Decatur County, Iowa. He was the author of several books and booklets on behalf of his church, including "True Succession in Church Presidency," besides many articles for church and historical magazines. He was a member of the local school board and of the city council of Lamoni. He belonged to many historical societies and was secretary of the Decatur County Historical Society.

THEODORE F. CLARK was born in Huron County, Ohio, March 27, 1831, and died at Traer, Iowa, November 9, 1919. In company with his brother, Leander Clark, he came to Tama County in 1854. He operated a sawmill until 1863, when he turned his attention to farming and fine stock raising. He was very successful and came to be perhaps the wealthiest man in Tama County. He owned 2,000 acres of farm land in that county as well as much elsewhere and was a stockholder in a number of banks. He made his home in Traer in later years. He was an active member of the Congregational church and a Sunday School superintendent twenty years. Since his death his daughter, Mrs. May Clark McCornack, has given to the state as a memorial to her father, some twenty acres of land four miles northeast of Traer on the site of the first home of Mr. and Mrs. Clark, which they established in 1858. It is beautifully wooded and has been used as picnic grounds for years. It is known as the Theodore F. Clark Park.

KASPAR FALINSON was born in Iowa County, Iowa, September 10, 1864, and died at Armstrong, Iowa, March 15, 1920. He was graduated from the Law Department of the State University of Iowa in 1891. Soon thereafter he located at Armstrong, Emmet County, and entered the practice of law. In a short time he became editor of the Armstrong Journal and achieved a reputation as an able writer. He became prominent politically and was the Democratic nominee for Congress in the Tenth District against J. P. Conner in 1902 and made a strong run. In 1913 he was appointed postmaster by President Wilson and continued to hold the position until his death. It is said he attended every state convention of his party from that of 1894 for twenty-five years.

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