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JOHN CRAMMER VORHEES was born at White House, New Jersey, May 18, 1865, and died at his home in Anita, Iowa, November 21, 1918. As a boy he was a page in the New Jersey Legislature. He came to Anita in 1881 and clerked for a few years in a hardware store and then entered the hardware business for himself, continuing it until 1906 when he bought the Bank of Anita, of which he became president. He continued in this position until his death. He was also extensively engaged in farming and in dealing in oil lands in Oklahoma. In 1914 he was elected senator and served in the Thirty-sixth and Thirty-seventh general assemblies. He was a Democrat in politics.

GEORGE LOVELL GILBERT was born at Clinton, Wisconsin, January 19, 1856, and died at Mercy Hospital, Mason City, Iowa, May 13, 1919. Burial was at Monona, Clayton County. He was brought by his parents in 1860 in their removal to Clayton Center, Iowa. In 1866 they removed to Monona. For many years he owned and conducted a drug store at Monona. In 1889 he was elected representative, and was re-elected two years later, serving in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth general assemblies. He was deputy revenue collector in the Northern District of Iowa during the last administration of President Cleveland and the first two years of President McKinley. He was a Democrat in politics.

IRA M. EARLE was born at Bennington, Vermont, December 7, 1849, and died in Des Moines, Iowa, June 10, 1919. He removed to Iowa in 1876, was graduated from the Iowa College of Law at Des Moines in 1877 at the head of his class, and commenced practice at Pella as the partner of P. H. Bousquet, and continued there until 1888. He then removed to Des Moines and became a partner with S. F. Prouty, continuing in general practice until 1903 when he became general counsel for the Bankers Life. From then he gave his full time to the service of that company, becoming an authority on insurance law.

HENRY B. KLING was born at Troy, Wisconsin, May 23, 1845, and died at Woodbine, Iowa, December 6, 1919. He removed to Woodbine, Iowa, in 1878 and engaged in the lumber business, which he continued until 1903, when he retired. In 1901 he was elected representative and re-elected two years later, serving in the Twenty-ninth, Thirtieth, and Thirty-first general assemblies. He was president of the First National Bank of Woodbine from 1915 until his death.

PETER HADLEY was born in Walworth County, Wisconsin, January 24, 1851, and died at his home at Fort Dodge, Iowa, July 19, 1918. He came to Webster County in 1875 and engaged in farming. From 1907 to 1910 he was treasurer of Webster County. In 1912 he was elected representative and re-elected in 1914, serving in the Thirty-fifth and Thirty-sixth general assemblies.

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