Moses K. Cross

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ment of the Gulf, and with his division participated in the siege and capture of Mobile, near the close of the war. He was mustered out at New Orleans after four years of active, faithful, and highly useful service. He settled in New Orleans, and engaged in business, but met with serious financial losses. He finally removed to New York where he was engaged in business up to the time of his death. His military record is a brilliant one and his promotion was very rapid. His surviving comrades in the civil war, and his personal friends generally, have never been satisfied with the neglect with which he was treated by the Iowa Commission which erected the monument south of the capitol, in Des Moines. They believe that his should have been one of the equestrian statues at the base of the monument. His especial friend, the late Hon. J. K. Graves of Dubuque, came to Des Moines during one of the sessions and made an earnest effort for what he believed to be General Harron's due recognition, but the effort failed. His place, however, in the history of the civil war is an honorable one, and his reputation is secure. Future historians of the civil war will do full justice to his memory.

Lewis Touchstone was born in Fayette county, Ohio, April 6, 1817; he died at Indianola, Iowa, Jan. 23, 1902. He came to this State in 1859, settling on the Des Moines river in Polk county, where he engaged for a time in farming and merchandising. He removed to Indianola, Warren county, in 1851, where he began the practice of law, which he continued for more than a quarter of a century, and in which he was very successful. He served as prosecuting attorney, county auditor, and treasurer and mayor of the city. His most distinguished service, however, was as a member of the convention which met in Iowa City in 1857 and formed the present constitution of our State. In that body he represented Warren, Monroe, Adair and Cass counties. He also served in the army, 1862-65, as assistant quartermaster, with the rank of captain. He was widely known as an earnest and always active worker in the cause of temperance. He had joined the Washington movement recently as 1840. In the early days of the constitutional convention he introduced a resolution to prohibit smoking in the hall, which was unanimously adopted. He took an active and distinguished part in the deliberations of that body, his services making him well known throughout the State. His record in every respect, as a citizen, Christian gentleman, soldier, legislator, and advocate of temperance, is one of which his friends may well be proud. As long as he was able to come to Des Moines he was a regular attendant on the deliberations of the Pioneer Law Makers' Association. He numbered among his friends scores of the leading and best men of Iowa during the past fifty years.

Rev. Moses K. Cross was born at Danvers, Mass., Sept. 29, 1812; he died at Waterloo, Iowa, March 12th, 1902. He graduated at Amherst college, 1838; studied divinity at Hartford and Amherst; was ordained pastor at Palmer, Mass., 1842; at South Deerfield, Mass., 1850; came to Iowa, 1855; was pastor at Tipton for ten years, and afterwards at Washington and Waverly. He spent the evening of his life at Waterloo, where his industry of spirit, his cultivated mind, his cordial cooperation with the different churches in promoting the public welfare, and his dignified character endeared him to all the people. Mr. Cross was a generous scholar, of wide reading, of fine tastes, and an open mind. He was devoted to literature and poetry, and especially to mythology. On these subjects he was a ready and voluminous writer, and he contributed many valuable papers to the press. He was a lover of nature, of trees, flowers and birds, and, while health allowed, his proct form and his crown of snowy
white hair, worn long and in curls, gave an added charm to the wooded landscape and to the riverside, where he loved to ramble and meditate and muse in the open. Mr. Cross preserved his mental vigor to the last. Only two days before his death he attended the Ministerial Association at Waterloo, and, as usual took part in the discussions. His death took place after only a few hours illness, and to apply to him the language of one of his favorite poets

"He was a life well spent."

He leaves an only son, Mr. Whitman Cross, of the U. S. Geological Survey. Rev. Wm. Suller, Burlington, Iowa.

FRANK ALLEN SHERMAN was born in Des Moines, Iowa, November 26, 1856; he died there March 1, 1902. He was the eldest son of Maj. Hoyt Sherman, one of the most distinguished pioneer settlers of the capital city, and the nephew of General William T. Sherman. He was mainly educated in the high schools of Des Moines, though he pursued his legal studies at the State and Columbia Universities, from both of which he graduated. He was admitted to the bar in 1881. Soon afterward he held the position of county attorney for three years. Frank Sherman was an active factor in promoting the street railway interests of Des Moines, which have come to such a remarkable success. He was a member of the Grand Club and of several other local associations. Since the death of his mother some fifteen years ago, he had given his attention largely to his father, who had been in precarious health, with a large family requiring constant attention. They prove to be inseparable companions, the father depending upon the faithful and most devoted son. At the time of the fatal attack of paralysis which led to the death of the latter, Maj. Sherman was on the eve of starting for New York, where he had engaged a distinguished artist to paint his portrait for the State Historical Art Gallery, in response to urgent invitations and the kind wishes of many friends. The press of Des Moines paid high tribute to the memory of the deceased.

JAMES HILTON was born in Orange county, N. Y., July 3, 1816; he died on his farm near Albany, Iowa, January 9, 1902. His boyhood and youth were spent in New York City. In 1834 he decided to seek a location in the west and in November of that year arrived in Keokuk, Iowa Territory, but went on to Missouri where he located in Scotland country. On September 1, 1839, he was present at Agency City, Iowa, when the treaty between the U. S. Government and the Sau Fox Indians was made. He saw on that occasion the chiefs Keokuk, Mahaska, Pawoshiek, Wapello, Appanoose and others. Gen. Street was then in charge. In May, 1843, when according to agreement, the Indians vacated the land and moved westward, Mr. Hilton took a claim of 250 acres in what is now Monroe county, where he continued to reside until his death. In 1846, he was appointed by Judge Mason, clerk of the District Court; in 1857 he was elected county judge; in 1858-60 he served as a member of the Board of Supervisors; he was a member of the House of Representatives in the 14th General Assembly. He discharged all the duties connected with those responsible positions with faithfulness and ability. No one was better acquainted with the early history of Monroe county. The House of Representatives made appropriate notice of his death, at which time Col. S. A. Moore, of Davis county, pronounced an eloquent eulogy upon his distinguished pioneer friend which was ordered published in the Journal of that day.

ADONIRAM J. HOLMES was born in Wayne county, Ohio, March 2, 1818; he died in Chicago, Ill., March 20, 1903.