Martha Ann Kelley

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politeness marked his intercourse with all. He was an intelligent, lovable old man, a most beautiful character. He frequently called at the State Historical rooms and the state library where it was his especial delight to pore over works of genealogy. He had interested himself in tracing out the genealogy of the great Newman family, and the discoveries he had made in regard to his own ancestry were many and most interesting. Dr. Newman was a man of every pleasing quality; a man whom it was ever a delight and pleasure to honor—one who loved those about him as he was beloved by them and whose every word and act were characterized by kindness.

Dr. Freeman McClurg, a member of the present Legislature from Linn County, died at his home in Cedar Rapids on the 13th of February. He was born November 28, 1830, in Westmoreland county Pennsylvania. He graduated from a medical college in Philadelphia in 1855. In 1862 he came to Iowa, settling at Cedar Rapids. In 1864 he was appointed assistant surgeon of the Sixteenth Iowa Infantry, and served until the close of the war. He soon after became the editor of The Times at Cedar Rapids, finally purchased an interest in the establishment and made journalism his chief occupation for the remainder of his life. In 1895 he was elected on the Republican ticket to a seat in the House of the Twenty-sixth General Assembly. His health was not good at the opening of the session, and on the 9th of February he went home to die. The end came very soon, and our State lost one of its most useful and honored citizens.

Christian Conrad, of Delaware county, died at his home in Collins's Grove, on the 5th of March at the great age of one hundred and sixteen years. "He was the oldest man in the United States. He was born in Pennsylvania in September, 1780, and was thirty-two years old and living on a homestead when the war of 1812 broke out. He enlisted in the war and saw Colonel Miller's charge on Queenstown Heights. He was in the battle of Fort Erie and saw Commodore Perry's victory on the lake. After the war he operated boats on the Erie canal till 1845, when he removed to McHenry county, Illinois. In 1860 he removed to his present farm, where he has lived in a two-room log house ever since. His wife aged eighty, is left after sixty years of married life. She had eleven children."

Col. Richard B. Wyckoff, a member from Jackson county of the first Constitutional Convention, which assembled at Iowa City, Oct. 7, 1844, more than fifty-two years ago, died in Lyons, on the 25th of January. He was an influential member of the Convention, serving on the Committee on county organization. He was born in Delaware county, New York, in 1816. He removed to Michigan in 1836, and when Iowa Territory was organized in 1838, he came further west, settling in Jackson county. After his service in the Constitutional Convention of 1844, he was elected a member of the Third General Assembly—1850-51. He held various county offices, during his residence in Jackson county, among which were recorder, treasurer and probate judge. In 1872 he removed to Lyons which was his home up to the time of his death.

Martha Ann Kelley, of Sioux City, died at her home on the 28th of February. She was the oldest daughter of Colonel S. G. Hill of Muscatine, who was killed while gallantly leading a brigade at the battle of Nashville, December 15, 1864. Martha A. Hill was for several
years a valued assistant in the office of the clerk of the Supreme Court at Des Moines. In May, 1878, she married John C. Kelley, then one of the editors of the *Des Moines Leader*. A few years later Mr. Kelley purchased the *Sioux City Tribune*, and they had since made that city their home. She was a lovely girl, a noble woman, esteemed by all who knew her. Her brother, Fred. Hill, was killed in the service at Yellow Bayou, La., in 1864.

Lucian Q. Hoggatt, an old settler of Story county, died at Ames, on the 11th of March, at eighty years of age. He was a native of Indiana, was a farmer and flat-boatman in early life. He had but a limited education, never attending school after he was thirteen years old. He was a lieutenant in the Mexican war and took part in the battle of Buena Vista. He served one term in the Indiana Legislature. In 1860 he came to Iowa and bought and settled on a tract of wild prairie near where Ames was afterwards built. He served four years as sheriff of Story county, and one term in the Iowa Legislature, as a member of the House in 1874. In 1878 he was the greenback candidate for Congress against Gov. C. C. Carpenter, who defeated him by 4,151 majority.

Franklin Follkett, one of the old settlers at Big Rock, Scott county, died recently from paralysis. He was born at Worthington, Massachusetts, in 1835, and when eighteen years of age came with his parents to Big Rock. When the rebellion broke out he enlisted in the Second Iowa Cavalry, and served three years and three months in that famous regiment. He was a gallant and patriotic soldier, always cheerfully doing his whole duty. As a citizen he was faithful and trustworthy, a modest, industrious farmer, typical of thousands of Iowa's noblest young men who left their homes in 1861-2 to risk their lives in defence of their country.

Mrs. Celia Wright Cleveland, eldest daughter of the late Gen. Ed Wright, died at her home in Des Moines on the 29th of February. She was born in Cedar county April 16, 1855, and came with her father and mother to this city in 1867. She was married to D. P. Cleveland in 1874, and they removed to Newark, Ohio, soon after. Her husband died there nine years ago, and in 1894 she returned to her father in this city with her two children. A sad sufferer during the illness of her distinguished father, she out-lived him a little more than two months.

Lyman Clark, one of the pioneers of 1856, died at Webster City on the 8th of March, at the age of sixty. Mr. Clark was a brave soldier of the 32nd Iowa Infantry and a most praiseworthy man. During his army service he contracted the disease from which he suffered until relieved by death. He was a successful business man, of the strictest integrity, and was highly esteemed by a wide circle of acquaintances.

Rev. Dr. Alexander Marshall died at Marion, on the 3rd of February. He had been pastor of the Presbyterian church there for more than forty years. He died esteemed and beloved by all who knew him. His entire mature life was devoted to the interests of his church, while not neglecting his duties as a citizen of the State he loved so well.
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