Edwin F. Hooker

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the period of its most arduous service. He won the confidence and
affectionate regard of the soldiers, and the survivors of that famous
command revere his memory. Dr. Hoffmeister, aside from his medical
knowledge, was one of the most cultured men in our State. He was
well informed in botany, geology, paleontology, and natural history.
"He left the world better than he found it." We have condensed this
notice from one of some length, by his life-long friend, Dr. J. M. Shaffer,
which appeared in The Gate City, of Keokuk, May 20, 1896.

B. F. MILLER, whose death occurred at Webster City, May, 31, 1896,
was born in the Shenandoah Valley, Virginia, February 11, 1833. He
was of Scotch-English descent and a man of sterling worth. He was
married to Rebecca Whitlock, September 5, 1859. One son, Homer A.,
and one daughter, now Mrs. Grace Brown, with four grand children
are left to mourn his death. Mr. Miller was an example of a class of
men, who, without early advantages, win success by unaided effort.
Beginning at an early age to work for low wages, by sagacity and busi-
ness management he became an honored business man, helpful to his
friends and a benefit to the community. In early business life, he was
for a time a merchant. In 1867 he removed from Indiana to Webster City,
where he engaged in the banking business in which he was successful,
becoming a leading citizen of Hamilton county. While attending the
Columbian Exposition in 1893 he contracted a cold which resulted in
pneumonia, and later in Bright's disease, from which he died.

COL. EDWIN F. HOOKER, a former resident of Iowa, died in Omaha,
Nebraska, June, 5, 1896, at the age of 83. He came from his former
home, Columbus, Ohio, to Des Moines, in 1855, to assume the manage-
ment of the Western Stage Company. The building of railroads in the
east caused the stage business to push westward and Mr. Hooker was
sent to Des Moines as manager of the offices of the Company. He thus
became identified with the interests of Iowa. For ten years he was a
leading citizen of Des Moines. His residence was where the Savery
House now stands. When railroads were built, and the stage business
was pushed westward, Col. Hooker went farther west, continuing the
management of stage affairs until the business was largely superceded
by railroads in the far west. He then removed from the Pacific coast
and settled in Omaha where he engaged in railroading, as general
agent for a time and then as stock agent. He was a very popular man
and had a wide acquaintance. Several years ago, on account of ad-
vancing age he gave up active business. His remains were brought to
Des Moines for interment.

W. J. YOUNG, died at Clinton, Iowa, June, 8, 1896. He was born
in Belfast, Ireland, in 1837, and came to Clinton in 1858. Before coming
to Iowa he was general freight agent of the Cincinnati, Logansport and
Chicago railway. In August, 1866, he erected a large saw-mill, which
later was enlarged until it was said to be the largest mill in the world.
He did an extensive business and employed many men. He was engaged
in rafting and introduced the present method of towing rafts. He was
also engaged in banking and had a wide range of business. His great
financial success was due to indomitable energy and perseverance. His
donations to public purposes in Clinton were many, and he was a liberal
contributor to private charities. Among his public gifts the following
may be mentioned: The Y. M. C. A. building and grounds, valued at