the law firm of Casady & Tidrick; in 1849 he was elected clerk of the
district court; he was appointed postmaster of Des Moines by Zachary
Taylor, holding the position from 1849 to 1853; in 1854 he became a mem-
ber of the banking firm of Hoyt Sherman & Co.; in 1858 he took an ac-
tive part in organizing the Iowa State bank. When the war broke out he
was commissioned by President Lincoln paymaster in the arm y with rank
of Major. Maj. Sherman was an active member of various pioneer, social
and charitable organizations. He contributed a sketch “Early banking in
Iowa” to The Annals, 3d ser. v. 5, pp. 1-13, and also a history of the
“State Bank of Iowa” v. 5, pp. 93-116.

Mary M. Miller was born in Clarion county, Pennsylvania, July 24,
1842; she died in Des Moines, March 28, 1904. In 1862 she came to Iowa
and taught in the public schools of Eddyville and Ottumwa. In 1867 she
was married to Lieut. Samuel Miller of the 4th Iowa Cavalry, who died in
1872. After her husband’s death she taught for a time in the Des Moines
schools. In 1888 Mrs. Miller was appointed State Librarian by Governor
Larrabee, succeeding Mrs. S. B. Maxwell. Mrs. Miller had an experience
in her office that was quite different from that of most librarians of years
ago. This was the fact that Governor Boies, a democrat, allowed her to
remain throughout his administration, though very strong pressure was
brought to bear upon him to secure her removal, for purely political
reasons. In 1896 she became Matron of the Business Women’s Home in
Des Moines; in 1898 she took the position of Matron in the Soldiers’
Home at Marshalltown, where she remained until failing health obliged
her to resign.

Jacob Hugh Harrison was born in Carrollton, Ky., December 25, 1840;
he died in Davenport, Iowa, January 1, 1904. For more than 35 years he
had been a resident of Davenport and identified with the best interests of
the town. For many years he was engaged in the drug business. He was
appointed commissioner of pharmacy under Gov. Boies, and was at one
time President of the Iowa Pharmaceutical Association. He was for a
time president and for many years a member of the board of trustees of
the old Davenport Library Association. He helped to organize the
Davenport Crematory; was a trustee of the Davenport Academy of
Sciences and an active member of the University Extension Society. He
was interested in collecting historical documents relating to Iowa and be-
came a warm friend of the Historical Department at Des Moines. He was
instrumental in securing Gov. Lucas’ commission as Captain in the regu-
lar army, issued in 1812, for this Department.

Ward Lamson was born in Sterling, Mass., September 7, 1820: he died
in Fairfield, Iowa, April 6, 1904. He was one of the earliest pioneers of
the State, having arrived in Burlington, then the capital of Wisconsin
Territory, December 6, 1837. He remained there until 1852, when he re-
moved to Fairfield. As a business man he was active and thorough. In
the early 50’s he was engaged in the real estate business, and some of the
methods he devised for keeping entries of land in his own office were
adopted by the Land Department, in Washington, D. C., as superior to
those in use. By nature he was a student, an independent and original
thinker, and especially interested in scientific investigations. The honor
of founding the Jefferson County Library Association in March, 1853, be-
longs to him; that institution has developed into the splendid Fairfield
Free Public Library, in the building up of which Mr. Lamson was closely
associated with the late Senator James F. Wilson.