Edward C. Russell was born in Louisville, Ky., September 13, 1841; he died at the hospital in Clarinda, Iowa, March 21, 1905. When a boy his parents located in Dixon, Ill. He enlisted in Co. A, 65th Illinois Infantry, and served until the close of the civil war. He studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1867 at Altona, Ill. He also established The Altona Mirror, the first paper in the town. In 1870 he removed to Corning, Iowa, where for many years he practiced law and engaged in newspaper work. He established The Adams County Union and The Free Press, and for a time edited The Creston Democrat. In 1891 he removed to Oregon, where for four years he was U. S. appraiser for the ports of that state and Washington. After a time spent in Alaska he returned in 1899 to Corning. He had been a member of the 21st, 22d and 23d General Assemblies.

Thomas B. Knapp was born in Danbury, Conn., July 9, 1822; he died in Iowa Falls, Iowa, Jan. 31, 1905. When a boy his family removed to New York state and later to Ohio, where he attended the academy at Norwalk. He spent some years during the '40's in Alabama and California. In 1854 he located in Hardin county, Iowa, and purchased land on the Iowa river. During the civil war he served as sutler of the 52d Iowa Infantry. After the war he engaged in business in Iowa Falls, where for a time he was postmaster, and for many years a justice of the peace. He was a member of the 11th and 12th General Assemblies, and was a delegate to the first Republican convention held in Iowa, at Iowa City, in 1855. He wrote many of his pioneer reminiscences for The Iowa Falls Sentinel.

Philip E. Shaver was born in Pennsylvania, May 6, 1829; he died at his home near Iowa City, October 11, 1904. Capt. Shaver came to Johnson county in 1844. In 1847 he enlisted in the Mexican war as a member of James M. Morgan's company of mounted volunteers. For some time he was engaged chiefly among the Indians and became well acquainted with several tribes. He assisted in removing the Winnebagoes from Iowa to Minnesota. In 1850 he made the overland trip to California in a "prairie schooner," returning via the Isthmus of Panama. When the civil war broke out he enlisted in Co. F, First Iowa Cavalry, and later received a commission as 1st lieutenant. He had held many township offices.

Adam V. Lamber was born in Bellefonte, Pa., in 1829; he died in Chicago, where he had gone for medical treatment, March 23, 1905. He was educated at Allegheny College. In 1852 he was admitted to the bar. In March, 1854, he traveled overland to Iowa and located in Council Bluffs. He was elected prosecuting attorney the following autumn and afterwards filled the office of county and probate judge for two years. He was a member of the 6th General Assembly, which convened in 1856. In 1876 he removed to Wyoming and engaged in the stock business. In 1886 he returned to Iowa and settled in Sioux City which has since been his home, and where he invested heavily in real property.

Hugh Logan was born in county Antrim, Ireland, in 1803; he died in Knoxville, Iowa, December 1, 1904, at the age of 101. The year of his birth saw the acquisition of the Louisiana Purchase by the United States. In 1826 Mr. Logan came to America; after living for a time in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and in Ohio, he removed in 1855 to Iowa, settling in Marion county. When the war broke out he was debarred from service on account of age, but was finally admitted into the "Graybeard Regiment," 37th Iowa Infantry. He was one of the few survivors of that organization.