Willard Lee Eaton was born in Delaware county, Iowa, October 13, 1848; he died at Osage, Iowa, June 7, 1911. He was educated in the common schools and graduated with the degree of B. S. from the Cedar Valley Seminary. He graduated with the degree of LL. B. from the law department of the Iowa State University in 1872. A Democrat up to 1893, Mr. Eaton identified himself with the Republican party. He served as mayor of Osage three terms, as county attorney of Mitchell county one term, as a member of the Twenty-seventh, Twenty-eighth and Twenty-ninth General Assemblies, being elected speaker of the Twenty-ninth. He was an active and very prominent Mason, serving as Grand Master of the Iowa Grand Lodge in 1900 and 1901. He was elected a member of the Iowa Railroad Commission in November, 1906, and served four years.

Charles C. Chubb was born October 2, 1840, in Waukesha county, Wisconsin; he died May 21, 1911, at Algona, Iowa. He was of New England ancestry, reared and educated in his native county, and there enlisted in Company E, Third Wisconsin Infantry. With his regiment he participated in the battles of Winchester, South Mountain, Antietam, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg and Lookout Mountain, receiving his discharge on the expiration of his enlistment, July 1, 1864. He re-enlisted in the Twentieth New York Heavy Artillery, receiving his final discharge May 6, 1865. He soon thereafter removed to Kossuth county, Iowa, where he immediately became an important factor in the establishment and promotion of substantial business and public affairs. He served as county supervisor in 1872, was elected to the Iowa Senate in 1883, serving throughout the Twentieth and Twenty-first General Assemblies.

Louis G. Parrott was born in Davenport, Iowa, December 2, 1863; he died at Waterloo, Iowa, February 1, 1911. He was a son of the late Matt. Parrott, Lieutenant-Governor of Iowa, was educated in the schools of Waterloo, entering the printing office of his father, who was the editor and publisher of the Waterloo Reporter. After the retirement of the elder Mr. Parrott, Louis succeeded to the management and editorship which he held until he died. He was one of the leading newspaper men in the State, was a member of a number of fraternal orders and once the Exalted Ruler of Waterloo Elk's Lodge. He was an influential factor in many political and other important enterprises, but was never an aspirant for office himself.

Gilbert Robinson Irish was born at Terre Haute, Indiana, October 30, 1837; he died at Iowa City, Iowa, June 4, 1911. He was of Quaker ancestry. His father’s family removed to Iowa in 1839. Mr. Irish attended the public schools and engaged in teaching in Indiana and Illinois. He was a most successful horticulturist, his studies extending far into the scientific phases of the calling. He was a deep student and lover of natural history. He served in many minor public places and always with profit to the public. He was the author of a history of Johnson county. He was a brother of Colonel John P. Irish, now of Oakland, California.