Lewis Fordyce
years. He returned east and located in Marengo, Iowa, where he
continued the practice of law, ranking as the oldest lawyer in Iowa
county at the time of his death. At the outbreak of the Civil War
he recruited Company G, Seventh Iowa Infantry, was elected Captain
and served until near the close of the war. He was elected Senator
from Iowa county to the Eighteenth General Assembly, and before
the expiration of the term was elected circuit judge of the Eighth
District, holding that position from 1881 to 1886.

JOSEPH HAMILTON PRESTON was born in Benton Center, Yates
county, New York, July 9, 1838; he died at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, July
29, 1913. His parents removed with their family to Marion, Iowa,
in 1842, and he attended the public schools of Marion and also
Cornell College, Mt. Vernon. He graduated from the Union Law
School of Cleveland, Ohio, in 1860 with the degree of LL.B. and
upon admission to the Iowa bar, engaged in practice with his father
at Marion for eight years. In 1869 he removed to Waterloo and
continued in practice there until 1881 when he removed to Cedar
Rapids where he maintained his home until his death. He was
elected district attorney for the Eighth Judicial District and later
judge for the same district. In 1886 he was elected judge of the
Eighteenth Judicial District and held the office until 1894 when he
resigned from the bench to re-enter private practice. He was a
prominent member of the Iowa bar for over fifty years.

LEWIS FORDYCE was born in Wabash county, Illinois, November 5,
1820; he died at his home near Libertyville, March 24, 1912. He
came with his parents to Iowa when a youth of seventeen, and
assisted his father in developing a farm in Lee county. In 1849 he
moved to Van Buren county, residing there until 1873 when he
secured a large farm in Jefferson county and made his home there.
For thirty-five years in his early life he was engaged in the ministry,
extending his labors throughout Missouri and southeastern Iowa,
and for the same number of years was secretary of the State Asso-
ciation of the Christian Church. He was one of the organizers of the
Republican party in Van Buren county, and represented that county
in the Fourth General Assembly. He also occupied a seat in the
Twentieth General Assembly as a Representative from Jefferson
county.

SAMUEL EWING McKEE was born in Alleghany county, Pennsyl-
vania, September 26, 1836; he died in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania,
June 27, 1913. He attended the common schools of his native
county until able to teach for a few terms and earn sufficient to
give him a course in Jefferson College. He graduated in 1851 and
give him a course in Jefferson College. He graduated in 1851
he entered Alleghany Theological Seminary and graduated there-
from in 1856. The same year he came west and was employed for a
number of years in various places as pastor, missionary and teacher.
In 1873 he settled in Washington, Iowa, and became principal of
the Washington Academy of which institution he was the main
originator. His connection with this institution continued until
1896. He was known as one of the foremost educators of the State.
The last years of his life were passed in his native State.
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