

George Hartley Purdy

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of law in Iowa City in 1874. In 1886 he associated in partnership with M. J. Wade, later for a time with Stephen Bradley, and at the time of his death was associated with Frank F. Messer. Until 1896 he was a Democrat in politics and served as city attorney for two terms and as chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee in 1895 and 1896. Since 1897 he had supported the Republican ticket. He served as representative in the Twentieth, Twenty-first and Twenty-fifth General Assemblies and as senator in the Twenty-sixth, Twenty-sixth Extra and Twenty-seventh General Assemblies. He was trustee of the Iowa School for the Deaf for seven years.

SAMUEL DRUET was born in Piqua, Ohio, August 20, 1844; he died at Anamosa, Iowa, May 2, 1915. He was left an orphan at an early age, and in 1856 removed with his brother's family to Bloomfield, Iowa, where he was educated in the common schools. As a young man he learned the tinner's trade. At the outbreak of the Civil war he returned to Ohio, and in May, 1864, enlisted in the 161st Ohio Infantry, serving until his regiment was mustered out. In 1865 he returned to Bloomfield and engaged for a time in the tin and hardware business. After taking a regular course in medicine he began the practice in 1874 and followed that profession for twenty-two years at Marysville. In 1895 he was elected state senator from the Monroe-Marion district and served through the Twenty-sixth, Twenty-sixth Extra and Twenty-seventh General Assemblies. In June, 1898, he was appointed prison physician for the penitentiary at Anamosa and held that position for twelve years. He returned to his practice at Anamosa, but about a year ago failing health forced him to retire.

GEORGE HARTLEY PURDY was born in Ontario, Canada, August 27, 1866; he died at Mason City, Iowa, April 24, 1915. He removed in 1869 to Mason City, where he attended the public schools. He also took the course in civil engineering at Cornell College, Mt. Vernon. After leaving college he removed to Spencer and engaged in the grocery business for ten years. In 1899 he returned to Mason City and took charge of his father's farm, to scientifically develop it. About four years before his death he purchased a farm near Rockford and gave his attention to fruit and stock raising. He served as mayor and councilman of Rockford. He was elected representative from Floyd county in the Thirty-sixth General Assembly; was appointed chairman of the committee on horticulture and to membership on the committees on appropriations, agriculture and other committees of importance. Ill-health forced him to return to his home before the close of the session and his death occurred soon after its adjournment.

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