JOHN CLIGGITT was born in Montgomery county, New York, August 25, 1840; he died at Muscatine, Iowa, June 17, 1914. His early education was received in the common schools of Burlington, Vermont. In 1850 he removed to the West, locating for some time in Kendall county, Illinois. There he worked on a farm and attended school and later taught. He entered the Chicago law school in 1868, completed the course and was admitted to practice in the Supreme court of Illinois in 1869. He removed to Mason City, Iowa, in 1871 and continued the practice of law in that city for over forty years. He served at various times as justice of the peace, town recorder, secretary of the school board and mayor. He was a Democrat in politics and was delegate to the National Convention in 1886 which nominated Grover Cleveland.

EDWARD E. COOK was born in Scott county, Iowa, August 13, 1843; he died at his home near Buffalo, June 16, 1914. He was educated in the schools of Washington, D. C., Rochester, Albany and Geneva, New York, and Griswold College at Davenport, Iowa. He read law and was graduated from the Albany law school in May, 1863. He returned to Davenport and began the practice of law in his father's office. With different associates in the firm, he maintained his office and practice in Davenport from 1863 until his death. He acted as attorney for the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway Company, and other large corporations of the city and State. He was a Democrat in politics but never a candidate for office. He was prominently identified with the best interests of Davenport for many years.

GERHARD HENRY SCHULTE was born in Clayton county, Iowa, January 21, 1866; he died at his home in Elkader, June 17, 1914. His education was begun in the common schools and he commenced teaching at the age of nineteen years. In 1890 he graduated from the Iowa State College at Ames with the degree of B. S., and the next year attended the law department of the State University of Iowa. He was admitted to the bar in 1894 and practiced in Elkader. He was elected mayor of Elkader in 1902 and served continuously for twelve years. He represented Clayton county in the Thirty-second, Thirty-second Extra and Thirty-third General Assemblies. In 1912 he was elected county attorney and had been re-elected for a second term just previous to his death.