W. B. Southwell was born at Sterling, Illinois, November 16, 1862, and died at a hospital in Chicago, February 16, 1920. Interment was at Burlington, Iowa. When a small boy he removed with his parents to Burlington. He became a carrier boy for The Burlington Hawkeye. Later he ran the news stand at the Union Hotel, and at the Union Station. In 1885 he entered the business office of The Burlington Hawkeye and soon became that paper's business manager. He achieved real success in that work and in 1904 he went to the Register and Leader of Des Moines as its business manager, remaining there thirteen years. There he was also eminently successful. In 1917 he returned to Burlington as principal owner and publisher of The Hawkeye. In Des Moines he was a director and finally first vice-president of the Chamber of Commerce. In Burlington he was a member of the school board, a director in the Rotary Club, and was very active in Red Cross, Belgian Relief, Liberty Bond sales and all war activities.

Marion Floyd Stookey was born in Kosciusco County, Indiana, March 19, 1846, and died at Leon, Iowa, April 2, 1919. In 1857 he came with his parents to Linn County, Iowa, where they made their home on a farm. He attended common school, one year at Cedar Rapids High School and one year at Western College. He enlisted in Company C, Forty-seventh Iowa Infantry and served until the regiment was discharged. He taught school during winters and worked on farms during summers for several years. He attended the law department of the State University of Iowa, and graduated from there in 1877. He then located at Leon, forming a partnership with E. W. Haskett which lasted several years and until Mr. Haskett was appointed district attorney in Alaska. For several years Mr. Stookey was one of the editors of the Decatur County Journal. He was mayor of Leon for a time and also was city attorney. He was county attorney of Decatur County in 1887 and 1888. In 1903 he was elected senator and served in the Thirtieth, Thirty-first and Thirty-second General Assemblies.

Hugh Robert Lyons was born at St. Clairsville, Ohio, July 10, 1825, and died at his home at Winfield, Henry County, Iowa, December 28, 1913. He came on horseback and by stage from Indiana to Winfield in 1853, and entered from the government 320 acres of land three miles southwest of Winfield. It remained his property until his death, never having been mortgaged or encumbered. He brought his family there in 1855 and lived there until 1891 when he removed to Winfield. He held a number of township offices, was a member of the county board of supervisors and was elected representative in 1863 and again in 1873, serving in the Tenth and Fifteenth General Assemblies.
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