George Carson
THOMAS B. HANLEY was born in Ohio December 11, 1853, and
died at his home in Des Moines, Iowa, September 22, 1919. When
a small boy he came with his parents to LeClare, Iowa. Consider-
able time was spent in his boyhood in employment on the Missis-
sippi River. After attending school one year at the State College
at Ames he followed school teaching a few years and in 1880
graduated from the law department of the State University of
Iowa. He commenced practice at LeClare but in 1888 removed to
Tipton, forming a partnership with William P. Wolf as Wolf &
Hanley, which continued until Mr. Wolf went on the bench in
1895. He was mayor of Tipton two years. In 1894 he was the
leader in organizing the Modern Brotherhood of America, a frater-
nal insurance association, and became its first president. He
continued to hold that office until his death. The Modern Brother-
hood of America has had a phenomenal growth, largely due to
Mr. Hanley’s leadership. The headquarters were removed to Mason
City where the order erected a million dollar office building a
few years ago. He removed to Des Moines in 1907 and maintained
his office there. He was one of the most prominent fraternal as-

GEORGE CARSON was born in Jennings County, Indiana, February
5, 1841, and died at Council Bluffs, Iowa, February 18, 1919. In
his youth he attended public school and an academy. He enlisted
as a private in the Union Army in 1861 and was discharged in
1865 as a first lieutenant. After the war he attended Hartsville
University for a time and the law department of the Michigan
State University, graduating from the latter in 1868. In 1869
he removed to Council Bluffs and the following year formed a
law partnership with S. Smith, the firm being Smith & Carson.
In 1879 it became Smith, Carson & Harl. In 1877 he was elected
representative, and re-elected two years later, serving in the Seven-
teenth and Eighteenth General Assemblies. In 1883 he was elected
senator and served in the Twenty-first and Twenty-first General As-
semblies. In 1886 he was elected one of the judges of the Fifteenth
Judicial District and served four years. In 1896 he was elected
mayor of Council Bluffs. His services in all these public stations
were marked by a high sense of duty.

CHARLES McALLISTER was born at South Lee, Massachusetts, Febru-
ary 1, 1840, and died at South Lee, July 20, 1913, while there
making his annual visit to the old family homestead, which he
still owned. His interment was there. After obtaining an educa-
tion in the common branches, he taught school two years, then
entered Williams College and graduated in 1863. He graduated
from Berkshire Medical College in 1865. He practiced medicine at
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