He removed to Colfax in 1890 and thereafter remained a resident of that place. In 1899 he was elected representative and was re-elected two years later, serving in the Twenty-eighth and Twenty-ninth General Assemblies. He was postmaster at Colfax from 1908 to 1913.

JOHN A. COUSINS was born in what is now Dubuque County, Iowa, but which was then Dubuque County, Wisconsin Territory, on April 15, 1837, and died at his home in New Hartford, Butler County, Iowa, March 12, 1918. He attended common school and, later, Epworth Seminary. Farming was his vocation in early life. In 1865 he removed to Grundy County, continuing farming. In 1873 he removed to New Hartford and engaged in hardware, lumber and implement business, continuing this until 1900. He was also interested in banking at New Hartford and Plainfield. In 1908 he was elected representative and re-elected two years later, serving in the Thirty-third and Thirty-fourth General Assemblies.

EDWARD KNOPT was born in London, England, March 4, 1842, and died at Waverly, Iowa, August 16, 1914. He removed with his parents to Boone County, Illinois, in 1855 and, in 1863, to Bremer County, Iowa. He did farm work, then bought grain, did a livery business and also imported horses from England and France. In 1876 he was appointed postmaster at Waverly, serving until 1882. In 1886 he was appointed United States marshal for the Northern District of Iowa, and held the position until 1891. He was again appointed in 1897 and served until 1914, making in all twenty-three years’ service in that office. He was an active and influential Republican.

JOHN SCHOENENBERGER was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, June 5, 1850, and died at his home near East Peru, Madison County, Iowa, April 23, 1915. He came with his parents to Madison County in 1855, attended country schools and eventually became a very successful farmer and stockman. At different times he served as township assessor, clerk, trustee and school treasurer. Although a Democrat, in 1906 he was elected representative from Madison County, which was strongly Republican, and served in the Thirty-second and Thirty-second extra General Assemblies. In 1912 he was his party’s candidate for senator in the Adair-Madison District, but was defeated.

JOHN PARKER was born in Lincolnshire, England, December 18, 1837, and died at his home at Malvern, Iowa, April 7, 1915. He had to quit school when seven years old and work to help support the family. He emigrated to America in 1857, settling in Marion County, Ohio. He came to Mills County, Iowa, in 1867, and became a progressive and successful farmer. He was elected representative in 1895 and was re-elected in 1897, serving in the Twenty-sixth, Twenty-sixth extra and Twenty-seventh General Assemblies.
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