WILLIAM GRAHAM was born November 29, 1820, in Washington County, Pennsylvania, and died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. A. Martin, Des Moines, Iowa, November 23, 1915. Interment was at Indianola. He was a farmer practically all his active life, never having engaged in any other business. He attained prominence in his native state, serving a term in the Pennsylvania legislature just preceding the Civil War. He also twice declined a nomination for Congress while there. In the fall of 1867 he came to Warren County, Iowa, near Indianola. In 1875 he was elected to the Iowa Senate and served in the Sixteenth and Seventeenth general assemblies. He was chairman of the committee on Suppression of Intemperance and championed the prohibitory amendment. In 1886 he removed to Gordon, Nebraska, in 1890 to Superior, Nebraska, and in 1897 to Pawnee City, Nebraska, where he remained until December, 1913, when he came to Des Moines.

AARON B. HOLBERT was born in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, September 20, 1853, and died at Englewood Hospital, Chicago, December 6, 1916. Interment was at Greeley, Iowa. In 1858 he came to Iowa with his parents who located on a farm in Delaware County. He attended common school, taught school several terms and attended Epworth Seminary and Lenox College. In 1879 he engaged in buying and shipping work horses to Minnesota for sale. In 1884 he commenced importing pure bred stallions from Europe and in time became one of the largest importers of stallions in the United States. He owned and operated several large farms and possessed some 20,000 acres of land in this country and Canada. In 1914 he was elected representative from Delaware County and served in the Thirty-sixth General Assembly. At the general election in 1916 he was re-elected, but died before the convening of the Thirty-seventh General Assembly.

CENTENARY B. BRADSHAW was born in Richmond, Jefferson County, Ohio, December 26, 1839, and died at Toledo, Iowa, January 11, 1916. He was the son of Rev. Harry and Susan Bradshaw. His father, a Methodist minister, being transferred in 1858 to the Upper Iowa Conference, the family was located at Mount Vernon. Here young Bradshaw pursued a collegiate course for two years. In August, 1862, he enlisted in Company F, Twenty-fourth Iowa Infantry, and was chosen second lieutenant. He came out at the end of the war as captain of his company. He then took up the study of law, was graduated in that course from the University of Michigan in 1867 and that year located at Toledo, Iowa, and engaged in practice. In 1893 and 1894 he served as county attorney of Tama County.
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