University, Carlinville, Illinois, in 1880, securing his Master’s degree from the same institution in 1882. In 1881-82 he was engaged in explorations for the Smithsonian Institution in Central America. In 1886 he became professor of zoology and curator of the Museum of Natural History, and in 1890 the head of the Department of Zoology in the University, serving until the fall of 1926 when he resigned to give more time to research work. When connected with the University he engaged in scientific research expeditions into Florida, the Saskatchewan River country, the West Indies, to Plymouth (England), Naples, Barbados, and Hawaii. He was a member of leading scientific societies, and was the author of “Narrative of Bahama Expedition from the University of Iowa,” 1893; “American Hybrids,” Parts 1, 2, 3, 1900, 1904; “Narrative Barbados-Antigua Expedition,” 1912; also of many papers on scientific subjects. He was held in high esteem as a scientist, an educator, and a man.

William Bell Tallman was born at Point Pleasant, Virginia, now West Virginia, January 10, 1848, and died in Osceola, Iowa, October 27, 1926. He was brought by his parents, Thomas B. and Frances Gillespie Tallman, upon their removal to Iowa in 1851. The family first settled on a farm in Lee County, and later removed to Des Moines County. William helped on the farm, attended common school, and entered Burlington Collegiate Institute from which he was graduated in 1870. His parents having removed to Green Bay Township, Clarke County, the previous year, he followed them, worked on the farm, teaching school in winters until 1876 when he became principal of the Woodburn school, which he conducted until 1879. He had been reading law under direction of M. L. Temple of Osceola, was admitted to the bar in 1880, and practiced his profession in Osceola until his death. From 1898 until 1908 he was in partnership in the practice with L. E. Crist. He was elected senator in 1899 and served in the Twenty-eighth and Twenty-ninth general assemblies. In 1912 he was the Eighth District presidential elector, chosen on the Democratic ticket.

John Kilken was born on a farm in Monona Township, Clayton County, Iowa, December 20, 1851, and died in Monona November 7, 1926. He was educated in public school in the country and in Monona. He taught school in the country for a time, clerked in a store in Monona, and soon followed that by entering the mercantile business in Monona on his own account, which he continued successfully for forty years. He also conducted a private banking business, but in 1913 sold that to the Citizens State Bank of Monona, of which he was for some time president. He retired from active business in 1919. He served the public of his town and community in many ways. He was the first mayor of Monona and held the office two terms. He was elected representative in 1883 and was re-elected in 1885, serving in the Twentieth and Twenty-first general assemblies.