John William Dickman

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he emigrated to America, and for two years worked as a farm hand in Jackson County, Iowa. For a few years he worked in the sash and door factory of Curtis Brothers in Clinton. In 1879 he removed to Dubuque and followed the same vocation there, but in 1888 he organized the Frudden Lumber Company and became actively engaged in operating a line of lumber yards. Later he aided in organizing the Engler-Frudden Lumber Company, which did a wholesale business. He was active in business and civic affairs in Dubuque for many years. In 1901 he was elected representative, was re-elected and served in the Twenty-ninth, Thirtieth, and Thirty-first general assemblies. In 1906 he was elected senator and served in the Thirty-second and Thirty-third general assemblies. In 1919 he retired from active business and removed to Southern California.

JOHN WILLIAM DICKMAN was born at Defiance, Ohio, April 22, 1863, and died at Rochester, Minnesota, August 22, 1931. Burial was at Fayette, Iowa. His parents, William and Martha Ann (Schott) Dickman, removed with their family to near Sumner, Iowa, when John W. was but a youth. He was graduated from Upper Iowa University with the degree of B. A. in 1888; took graduate work in Columbia University, New York, in 1900-01; received the degree of A. M., Cornell College, Mount Vernon, 1904; Sc. D., Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, 1907; and L.L. D., Upper Iowa University, 1926. With the exception of four years, 1894 to 1898, when he was superintendent of schools at Sumner, he was continuously a member of the faculty of Upper Iowa University—a period of forty years, being president from 1928. It was he who led in the campaign to raise the fund that was necessary to sustain the institution when it was decided by the Methodist church to merge Upper Iowa with Cornell. He was successful in raising more than the required amount.

FREDERICK HENRY KERBIL was born in Ashland County, Ohio, February 1, 1849, and died in Donnellson, Iowa, October 31, 1928. In 1857 his parents removed with their family to a farm in Lee County, Iowa. He was educated in rural public schools and in a private school maintained by the Mennonite church. He followed farming and stockraising until 1916 when he retired and removed to the town of Donnellson. During his active life he held several township offices and was for many years a member of the local school board. In 1910 he was elected representative and served in the Thirty-fourth General Assembly. He was a Democrat in politics.

ROBERT JOHN THOMPSON was born in LaPorte City, Iowa, October 16, 1865, and died in Montreux, Switzerland, August 24, 1931. His parents were Francis M. and Elizabeth H. Thompson. He attended the public schools of La Porte City, learned the printer's trade in Waterloo, received private instruction in law and philosophy, taught school from
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