Reuben A. Lenocker
remained in the army until the close of the war, then returned to Wis-
consin, was admitted to the bar in 1866 and in 1867 removed to Iowa
and became station agent for the Northwestern at Moingona. In 1870
he was elected clerk of courts of Boone County, was re-elected in 1872
and again in 1874, serving six years. Following that he returned to
Moingona and became postmaster there. In 1883 he was elected represen-
tative and served in the Twentieth General Assembly. He was one
of the founders of what is now the Boone County Abstract and Loan
Company of Boone. Although admitted to the bar in Iowa and a mem-
ber of the Boone County Bar Association, and practicing occasionally,
he never actively entered the profession. His home remained in Moingona.

REUBEN A. LENOCKER was born in Holmes County, Ohio, October 7,
1844, and died in Winterset, Iowa, May 14 1932. Burial was at Dexter.
His parents were Godfrey Fred and Suvilla Drushel Lenocker. The
family removed to Henry County, Illinois, in 1866, and to Penn Town-
ship, Madison County, Iowa, in 1869. Reuben was educated in rural
public school and the Dexter Normal School. He taught eight terms
of school in the country schools in Penn Township. Farming and stock
raising constituted his business, and in this he was quite successful.
He took an interest in public affairs and served in 1907 and 1908 as a
member of Madison County Board of Supervisors. In 1914 he was
elected representative and was re-elected in 1916, serving in the Thirty-
sixth and Thirty-seventh general assemblies. Being a life-long Democrat
and three times elected to important public position in a county over-
whelmingly Republican, was indicative of the high regard in which he
was held. For twenty-nine years he was secretary of his local school
board, or until he removed to Winterset in 1919.

JOHN WESLEY REEDER was born at Goshen, near Cincinnati, Ohio,
October 11, 1836, and died at Tipton, Iowa, December 11, 1931. His
parents removed to the vicinity of Tipton when he was fourteen years
old. Until he was sixteen he alternated between working on the farm
and attending school. He was one of the earliest students at Upper
Iowa Conference Seminary at Mount Vernon, later called Cornell Col-
lege, and for ten years followed teaching. During that time he aided
in establishing the first free school west of the Mississippi River, the
Tipton Union School, in 1857. He engaged in farming and raising and
dealing in live stock, was successful in business, acquiring about one
thousand acres of good Cedar County land as well as town properties
and bank stocks. He was a prominent lay member of the Methodist
Episcopal church and was a trustee of Cornell College many years.
Because of his early acquaintance with the Hoover family at West
Branch he was given a seat on the platform during the inauguration
ceremony of Herbert Hoover as president.