Clayton E. Bronson
he read law in the office of Wood Brothers, Effingham, Illinois, and was
admitted to the bar at Mount Vernon, Illinois, in July, 1881. In October
of the same year he located in the practice of law at Storm Lake. He
was county attorney of Buena Vista County in 1887 and 1888. He was
for some time chairman of the Republican County Central Committee,
and was several terms mayor of Storm Lake. On August 30, 1900,
Governor Shaw appointed him a judge of the Fourteenth Judicial Dis-
trict succeeding Judge Frank H. Helsell, resigned. By reason of this
appointment and subsequent elections he served until 1913 when he
returned to private practice, having as his partner in later years Willis
C. Edson. He was a member of the Presbyterian church, was a trustee
of the local church, and a trustee of Buena Vista College. He was held
in high esteem in the community in which he lived for over fifty years.

Clayton E. Bronson was born on a farm near Raymond, Black
Hawk County, Iowa, September 1, 1881, and died in Waterloo January
28, 1935. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery, Waterloo. He was with his
parents, Lyman H. and Frances Butterfield Bronson, in their removal
to Waterloo in 1889. He was graduated from East High School, Water-
loo, in 1903, the same year entered the insurance business with his father
in Waterloo and at the time of his death was manager of the Bronson
Insurance Agency. He was a Republican and had the confidence and
esteem of the public. He was elected representative in 1914 and served
in the Thirty-sixth General Assembly.

Charles Wesley Carter was born near Collinsville, Illinois, April
11, 1853, and died in Pasadena, California, April 21, 1934. His parents
were Henry T. and Hester Ann Carter. He was graduated in 1878 from
Chicago College of Law and removed the same year to Orange City,
Sioux County, Iowa, and began the practice of law. He was a resident
of Orange City and of Rock Valley, Sioux County, until 1902. He was
active in the development of that section of the state and became the
owner of some 3,000 acres of land in that vicinity. In 1899 he was
elected representative and was re-elected in 1901, and served in the
Twenty-eighth and Twenty-ninth general assemblies. In 1902 he removed
to Grinnell, Iowa, but in 1913 removed to Pasadena.

Merlin A. Freeman was born in Scott County, Iowa, October 14,
1886, and died in a hospital in Iowa City June 11, 1928. Burial was at
Chillicothe, Missouri. He was with his parents in their removal to Jas-
per County in 1884. He was reared on a farm and received his educa-
tion in district and Grinnell public schools. Before becoming of age he
entered railway train service, and followed that until shortly before
his death. For many years of his later life he was a conductor on the
Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad with his home at Ottumwa.
In 1914 he was elected representative from Wapello County and served
in the Thirty-sixth General Assembly. In politics he was Republican.