Robert Hunter was born on a farm in Butler County, Iowa, January 12, 1858, and died in Sioux City November 20, 1935. His education was acquired in country schools of Butler County, in Lenox College, Hopkinton, from which he was graduated in 1879, and in the Law Department of the State University of Iowa, from which he was graduated in 1881. He began practicing law at Aberdeen, South Dakota, in 1882, but in 1887 removed to Sioux City where he was engaged in law practice during his active life. He was also president of the Western Land Loan Company, and was extensively interested in farming and stock raising. A Republican politically, he was elected senator in 1908 and served in the Thirty-third and Thirty-fourth General Assemblies, where he made a record as a useful legislator.

Thomas Emmett was born near Traer, Iowa, March 25, 1856, and died in Huron, South Dakota, April 1, 1936. Burial was in the Huron Cemetery. His parents were Patrick and Hanora Emmett. He grew to manhood near Traer and soon afterward entered the livestock buying business, first at Dysart, and later at Reinbeck. While living at Reinbeck he was elected representative in 1897 and served in the Twenty-seventh General Assembly, and is said to have been the first Democrat ever elected to the legislature from Grundy County. About 1900 he started ranching in Spink County, South Dakota, but retained his home at Reinbeck. In 1912 he removed to Waterloo, and in 1919 to Clark, South Dakota, and in 1928 to Huron. He was one of the most widely known dealers in livestock, especially horses, in central Iowa during the period he operated in the state.

Allen J. Kane was born in Dubuque County, Iowa, January 10, 1886, and died in Dubuque December 26, 1935. Burial was in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Dubuque. He received his education in St. Joseph’s College, Dubuque, was graduated from the Law Department of the State University of Iowa in 1910, and began the practice of law in Dubuque. In 1912 he was elected representative, was re-elected in 1914, and served in the Thirty-fifth and Thirty-sixth general assemblies. In 1924 he was elected county attorney of Dubuque County, was re-elected two years later, and served four years. He was a Democrat politically and deservedly stood high in public regard.