

Charles Eckles

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California. He was president of the State Banker's Association in 1903. He had interests in several other banks in the state, and had more than a state reputation as an able banker. He was a director of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company, of the Northwest Life Insurance Company of Milwaukee, was financially interested in several other business enterprises in Des Moines and was one of its foremost citizens. He was a Republican in politics and affiliated with the Unitarian church.

EDWARD THOMPSON HAGERMAN was born on a farm in Richland County, Ohio, March 1, 1857, and died in Des Moines, Iowa, January 8, 1933. Burial was in Franklin Church Cemetery, Miller Township, Franklin County, Ohio. His parents were William and Mary (Bealby) Hagerman. He attended country schools, was for a time a student at Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio, and was graduated with the degree of B. S. from Baldwin University, Berea, Ohio, in 1894. He received the honorary degree of D. D. from that institution in 1899. He was ordained a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church in 1884 and joined the North Ohio Conference. He held pastorates at Polk, West Salem, Wellington, and Norwalk, in all nineteen years. He was pastor of the First Methodist Church, Des Moines, from 1903 to 1910, during which time their present church edifice was built. Then followed three years as pastor of Grand Avenue Methodist Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He returned to Des Moines and from 1914 to 1925 was continuously on the platform as a lecturer, mostly for the Redpath Lyceum or a Chautauqua bureau. In that work as well as in his pastorates he was very successful.

CHARLES ECKLES was born at Eastholm, Yorkshire, England, September 2, 1840, and died in Taylor Township, Marshall County, Iowa, July 9, 1932. Burial was in Prairieville Cemetery, near Sterling, Illinois. His parents were Marmaduke and Hannah Leavitt Eckles. Charles helped his father in the latter's brickyard and attended school at the village of Buskirk. The family emigrated to America in 1849 and located on a farm between Dixon and Sterling, Illinois. Here Charles attended some winter terms of school at Prairieville, working as a farm hand in summers. In August, 1861, he enlisted in Company D, Thirty-fourth Illinois Infantry, and was promoted from private to sergeant, to lieutenant, and for the last eight months was captain of his company, being mustered out July 20, 1865. In 1867 he purchased land in Taylor Township, Marshall County. This he added to from time to time. He was successful as a farmer and as a breeder of pure bred cattle and hogs. He was elected representative in 1887 and was re-elected in 1889, serving in the Twenty-second and Twenty-third general assemblies. In 1903 he was elected senator and served in the Thirtieth, Thirty-first and Thirty-second general assemblies. He was active in legislation promoting agriculture and education.

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