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School at Emporia in 1891. He then returned to Iowa, was graduated from the Law Department of the State University of Iowa in 1893 and the same year entered practice of the law at Keosauqua which he continued until near the time of his death. During the World War he entered Y. M. C. A. service and was sent overseas where he was assigned to the educational department of the association, and delivered lectures on commercial law subjects and citizenship. In 1920 he was elected representative and served in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly. He was a Republican in politics, a member of the Methodist church, and was the dean of the bar of Van Buren County.

DAVID M. PATTERSON was born in Jackson Township, Keokuk County, Iowa, August 10, 1858, and died in Sigourney January 28, 1937. Burial was in Rock Creek Cemetery three miles east of Ollie, Keokuk County. His parents were Mr. and Mrs. Adam Patterson. His education was acquired in rural public school near his place of birth. He followed the vocation of farmer and in time became the owner and operator of a large farm. From 1910 to 1925 he resided in Sigourney, and again in the last few years of his life. Besides holding some local township offices, he served as a member of the school board for thirteen years, was a member of the Sigourney City Council, and in 1910 was elected representative and served in the Thirty-fourth General Assembly. Later, from January 1, 1929, to December 31, 1931, he was a member of the Keokuk County Board of Supervisors.

THEODOR CARSTENSEN was born in Germany January 2, 1870, and died in Clinton, Iowa, October 1, 1936. Burial was in Springdale Cemetery, Clinton. When a small boy he came with his parents to America and to Clinton. He attended public school in Clinton, the University of Chicago, and the University of Illinois at Urbana. For a number of years he was employed by the Curtis Bros. Company, lumber manufacturers. In 1903 he was elected representative and served in the Thirtieth and Thirty-first general assemblies. Soon thereafter he became a member of the Clinton High School faculty. He was the first manual training instructor in the Clinton schools. In 1920 he was made business manager of the Clinton School District and aided in the planning and erection of several new school buildings of the city, and in improvements in some of the older ones. In 1924 he became secretary of the Clinton School Board, and later added to his duties that of secretary of the Clinton Library Board. He was a most useful public servant.