

and served in that capacity until appointed to the Supreme Bench by Governor Larrabee, in February 1889, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Judge Reed. He was twice elected a Supreme Judge and thrice served as Chief Justice, assuming that position upon his appointment by the Governor. Upon his retirement from the Supreme Bench he was appointed by Governor Cummins to fill a vacancy upon the District Bench of his county, caused by the death of Charles P. Holmes, serving the remaining year of his predecessor's term. Judge Given was married at Millersburg, Ohio, October 6, 1851, to Elizabeth Armor. She died twelve years ago. The surviving children are Welker, Josiah Jr., William H. Given and Mrs. Joseph G. Gardner, all of Des Moines, and Frank and Thomas Given of Spokane, Wash. Few men have had greater personal popularity than Judge Given. He had that sweetness of disposition, that kindness of heart, and that sympathy for and thoughtfulness of others which endeared him to all. A quickness of comprehension, and an almost intuitional divination of the very right in every controversy made him an exceptionally strong trial judge; and when promoted to the Supreme Bench, he brought to it years of experience both at the bar and on the bench, making him a valuable member of that body. He never betrayed either a friend or a trust; and his ideals were of the highest. No one ever challenged either his character or his motives. Distinguished as a soldier, eminent as a jurist, and conspicuously honorable and just in his private life, Judge Given's services both to the State and the Nation were of inestimable value.

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LUCIAN C. BLANCHARD was born at Diana, Lewis county, New York, April 15, 1839; he died at his home in Oskaloosa, Iowa, March 1, 1908. He attended rural schools and afterwards removed to Mt. Morris, Illinois, where he taught school for some time. In 1860 he arrived in Newton, Jasper county, Iowa. He enlisted in Company K, 28th Iowa Volunteer Infantry, participating in the battles of Fort Gibson and Champion Hills and in the Siege of Vicksburg. He was honorably discharged on account of disabilities and returned to the north. He graduated from the law course at the University of Michigan in 1866. He was appointed Judge of Jasper county in 1867 and elected in 1868. He was elected Circuit Judge of a district composed of Poweshiek, Washington, Keokuk and Jefferson counties, then re-elected, the district now also embracing Jasper, Marion and Mahaska, then a re-election added four years more to the eight already served with great credit. He served in the Legislature from Mahaska county in the House of the 25th and in the Senate of the 26th, 27th, 28th and 29th General Assemblies. He was a member of the Iowa Vicksburg Park Monument Commission. He was once President of the Iowa State Bar Association, Vice Commander Iowa Department G. A. R., Grand Orator and Grand Treasurer Iowa Grand Lodge of Masons, and with Judge Theron F. Newton, editor of the *Masonic Digest*.

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GALUSHA PARSONS was born at East Aurora, N. Y., on May 22, 1828; he died at his home in Tacoma, Washington, March 10, 1908. He removed from New York to Iowa in 1865, locating at Ft. Dodge. He was a representative in the Iowa House of Representa-

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