

AARON V. PROUDFOOT was born at Liberty, Clarke County, Iowa, June 13, 1862, and died at a hospital in Des Moines June 7, 1936. Burial was at Indianola. His parents were Jacob and Cyrena (Van Scoy) Proudfoot. His early education was obtained in public school near his home. In 1881 he entered Simpson College, Indianola, as a student, and at the same time obtained a position in the law and abstract office of Edward Hall and E. W. Hartman, Indianola, and was thus able to pay his own way through college during the next three years, and on leaving school was employed by them to handle their abstract business. In 1892 he was elected clerk of District Court of Warren County and held that position six years, during which time he pursued the study of law and was admitted to practice October 5, 1898. He began practice at that time in Indianola and continued it until his death. When a young man he was for four years chairman of the Republican County Central Committee. He was city solicitor of Indianola several years, and was secretary of the school board. He was presidential elector from the Seventh District in 1904 when Theodore Roosevelt was elected. In 1908 he was elected senator from the Clarke-Warren District and served in the Thirty-third and Thirty-fourth general assemblies. In 1912 he was a candidate in primary election for the Republican nomination for governor, George W. Clarke and Perry G. Holden also being candidates, Mr. Clarke winning the nomination and the subsequent election. In 1916 he was again elected senator and served in the Thirty-seventh and Thirty-eighth general assemblies. In the latter he was chairman of Judiciary Committee Number 2. For years he was prominently connected with the Ancient Order of United Workmen lodge, and was grand master of the Iowa jurisdiction. He was active in local church and Sunday school work and was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal church of Indianola throughout most of his active life. He was an alternate lay delegate to General Conference of the church in 1920, and a delegate in 1924 and 1928. In 1920 the General Conference created the World Service Commission and Mr. Proudfoot was made a member of it. Its duties include arranging the budget for the church activities, amounting to millions of dollars annually. Of the originally appointed members, thirty-five in number, Mr. Proudfoot was the only one present at the meeting at Columbus last May. He was and had been for years chairman of the Board of Trustees of Simpson College, often carrying much responsibility. He was an able lawyer, an able and effective public speaker, a wise legislator, a churchman of more than local and state influence, and a citizen of great usefulness.

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CHARLES WEBSTER was born at Waucoma, Fayette County, Iowa, May 18, 1859, and died at Waucoma July 31, 1936. Burial was in the cemetery at that place. His parents were Joseph P. and Phoebe A. Webster. He received his schooling in public schools of Waucoma, spent a year as a student in the law office of Ainsworth & Hobson of West Union,

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