

positions held by Mr. Mahin were trustee of Iowa State Normal School, 1889-90; regent of State University of Iowa, 1894-97; and colonel of First Regiment, Iowa National Guard, 1891-98.

JOHN SNURE was born in Adamsville, Michigan, in 1873, and died in Washington, D. C., March 29, 1936. His parents were Samuel Edward and Eliza Jane (Johnson) Snure. He was graduated from the Michigan State Normal School, Ypsilanti, in 1891. He was a reporter on the *Twin City (La Salle and Peru) Journal*, Ottawa, Illinois, in 1892 to 1896; on the *Des Moines Leader* in 1896; on the *Des Moines Register and Leader*, and the *Des Moines Register and Tribune*, 1896 to 1903, except that he served over a year in the Spanish-American War, enlisting on April 26, 1898 as a private in Company H, Fifty-first Infantry. He was promoted to corporal June 20, 1898, and was discharged September 20, 1899, at Manilla, Philippine Islands, when he returned to Des Moines. In 1903 he removed to Washington, D. C., and until his death he was correspondent from the national capital to various papers, chief among them being the *Des Moines Register and Leader*, later the *Register and Tribune*, and the *New York Herald-Tribune*. He had an unusually large acquaintance with leading politicians and statesmen of the country and was universally respected and trusted by them. He kept his close association with Iowa people to the end.

WILLIAM STUART was born in Antrim County, Ireland, January 10, 1851, and died at Armstrong, Iowa, March 31, 1936. Burial was in the Armstrong Cemetery. His parents were Alexander and Margaret (Ellis) Stuart. The family removed to Ontario, Canada, in 1856 where William received his education in the public schools. In 1864 they removed to Fulton, Illinois, where he learned the blacksmith trade. In 1879 he removed to Grundy Center, Iowa, where he followed blacksmithing and wagon making, but later entered the farm implement business. In 1890 he was elected mayor of Grundy Center. In 1892 he removed to Armstrong, Emmet County, and became one of the founders of the town. There he engaged in banking, becoming a director and the vice president of the First National Bank of Armstrong, and also the owner of several hundred acres of farm land in Emmet County. He was a member of the school board and for three years, 1897, 1898 and 1899, he was a member of the Board of Supervisors of Emmet County. In 1916 he was elected representative, was re-elected in 1918, and served in the Thirty-seventh and Thirty-eighth general assemblies.

JAMES FINDLEY MORRIS was born in a log cabin near Princeville, Peoria County, Illinois, October 23, 1854, and died in Altadena, California, May 6, 1936. Burial was in Mountain View Cemetery, Pasadena. His parents were Absalom and Mary Jane (Findley) Morris. The family removed in April, 1855, to Black Hawk County, Iowa, locating on land then secured from the government at \$1.25 an acre. The son

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