

President McKinley in 1897 and served consecutively for fifteen years. In 1926 he was elected representative and served in the Forty-second General Assembly, both the regular and the extra session. He was a man of ability and of influence in his part of the state.

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HARRIETT ALMA RIGBY was born near Wooster, Ohio, May 17, 1844, and died in Mount Vernon, Iowa, October 5, 1935. Her parents were Justin and Harriett Rice Miles. The family removed to Jackson County, Iowa, in 1855 to a location which later became a part of the town of Miles, named in honor of the family. She attended the Lyons Female Seminary, Lyons, Iowa. She took an active part in community service during the Civil War. She was a member of a mixed quartet which gave concerts of patriotic songs. She frequently rode horseback from Miles to Sabula, a distance of fourteen miles, to meet boats carrying mail up the Mississippi River and delivered it to the people in her territory, bringing messages to home folks from their boys on the battlefields. She helped care for many wounded soldiers at her father's home. In the school year of 1868-69 she was a music student in Cornell College, Mount Vernon. In June, 1869, she married Martin F. Rigby, of Stanwood, Cedar County. Two years later they removed to a farm near Stanwood. They were the parents of two children. In 1889 they removed to Mount Vernon. Mr. Rigby died in 1918. Mrs. Rigby joined the Christian church in early womanhood and later transferred to the Methodist Episcopal church. She was a charter member of the Woman's Relief Corps of Mount Vernon, was a member of different women's clubs, took an active interest in community affairs, and aided a number of students to obtain education. Dying at past ninety-one years, she was one of the last survivors of the patriotic young women whose work in Civil War days lightened the burdens and soothed the sorrows of the Union soldiers and their families.

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WILLIAM JAMES McCLAIN was born in Rock Island County, Illinois, January 21, 1866, and died in Brooklyn, Iowa, October 21, 1935. His parents were John and Sarah McClain. The family removed to Scott Township, Poweshiek County, Iowa, in 1867. He went to school in his home district when a boy and later attended academy in Grinnell for three terms. He lived a short time in Colorado, but returning to Poweshiek County engaged in farming and stock raising in Lincoln Township until 1929, when he retired from the farm and resided in Brooklyn. In 1930 he was elected representative and served in the Forty-fourth General Assembly. He was a Republican, a member of the Methodist church, and a progressive and useful citizen.

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ARTHUR D. BAILIE was born at Mason, Effingham County, Illinois, July 1, 1857, and died in Storm Lake, Iowa, September 17, 1935. His parents were Andrew and Sarah (Winterringer) Bailie. He obtained his education in country public school and at Normal, Illinois. He taught district country schools and began reading law. For three years

he read law in the office of Wood Brothers, Effingham, Illinois, and was admitted to the bar at Mount Vernon, Illinois, in July, 1881. In October of the same year he located in the practice of law at Storm Lake. He was county attorney of Buena Vista County in 1887 and 1888. He was for some time chairman of the Republican County Central Committee, and was several terms mayor of Storm Lake. On August 30, 1900, Governor Shaw appointed him a judge of the Fourteenth Judicial District succeeding Judge Frank H. Helsell, resigned. By reason of this appointment and subsequent elections he served until 1913 when he returned to private practice, having as his partner in later years Willis C. Edson. He was a member of the Presbyterian church, was a trustee of the local church, and a trustee of Buena Vista College. He was held in high esteem in the community in which he lived for over fifty years.

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CLAYTON E. BRONSON was born on a farm near Raymond, Black Hawk County, Iowa, September 1, 1881, and died in Waterloo January 28, 1935. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery, Waterloo. He was with his parents, Lyman H. and Frances Butterfield Bronson, in their removal to Waterloo in 1889. He was graduated from East High School, Waterloo, in 1903, the same year entered the insurance business with his father in Waterloo and at the time of his death was manager of the Bronson Insurance Agency. He was a Republican and had the confidence and esteem of the public. He was elected representative in 1914 and served in the Thirty-sixth General Assembly.

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CHARLES WESLEY CARTER was born near Collinsville, Illinois, April 11, 1853, and died in Pasadena, California, April 21, 1934. His parents were Henry T. and Hester Ann Carter. He was graduated in 1878 from Chicago College of Law and removed the same year to Orange City, Sioux County, Iowa, and began the practice of law. He was a resident of Orange City and of Rock Valley, Sioux County, until 1902. He was active in the development of that section of the state and became the owner of some 3,000 acres of land in that vicinity. In 1899 he was elected representative and was re-elected in 1901, and served in the Twenty-eighth and Twenty-ninth general assemblies. In 1902 he removed to Grinnell, Iowa, but in 1913 removed to Pasadena.

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MERLIN A. FREEMAN was born in Scott County, Iowa, October 14, 1866, and died in a hospital in Iowa City June 11, 1928. Burial was at Chillicothe, Missouri. He was with his parents in their removal to Jasper County in 1884. He was reared on a farm and received his education in district and Grinnell public schools. Before becoming of age he entered railway train service, and followed that until shortly before his death. For many years of his later life he was a conductor on the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad with his home at Ottumwa. In 1914 he was elected representative from Wapello County and served in the Thirty-sixth General Assembly. In politics he was Republican.

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