Madison Bartlett Davis was born at Canaan, New Hampshire, November 12, 1838, and died at Sioux City, Iowa, July 28, 1914. He attended school at Salisbury, New Hampshire. He enlisted in the First New England Cavalry, later changed to the First New Hampshire Cavalry, and came out at the close of the war as an orderly sergeant. Soon after the war he came to Denmark, Lee County, Iowa. He read law with J. M. Casey, of Ft. Madison, and was admitted to the bar in December, 1871. In June, 1874, he removed to Sioux City and soon became a successful and noted lawyer, practicing largely in the federal courts. He was attorney for the settlers in the Iowa railroad land grant cases. He also gained prominence as a real estate owner and promoter. He was department commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, in 1900.

WILLIAM HENRY FREEMAN was born at Rockford, Illinois, in 1844, and died at Oakland, Iowa, January 23, 1914. He removed with his father in 1855 to Lafayette County, Wisconsin, remaining there until he was twenty-one years old. He came to Big Grove (now Oakland) in 1865 and engaged in railroad culvert construction a few years. In 1869 he engaged in the sawmill business and then the mercantile business at Oakland. In 1876 he went to Green County, Wisconsin, and followed the lumbering business until 1881 when he returned to Oakland and engaged in banking. He was elected mayor of Oakland in 1882 and also served as justice of the peace and on the school board. He was first elected representative in 1901 and served in the Twenty-ninth, Thirtieth and Thirty-first General Assemblies.

TIMOTHY P. MURPHY was born at Boston, Massachusetts, September 28, 1832, and died at Sioux City, Iowa, September 4, 1914. When four years old he came with his parents to Waupon, Wisconsin, and afterwards to Iowa City, Iowa. Here he attended the State University for a time and then read law with his brother, Jeremiah Murphy, then of Marengo, later of Davenport, and who was congressman from that district. He removed to Sioux City in 1880 and obtained an extensive law practice. He was appointed United States attorney for the Northern District of Iowa by President Cleveland in 1885 and served until 1890. He was a leader of the Democratic party in Woodbury County. At the time of his death he was the oldest practicing attorney in Sioux City.

WILLIAM W. HAWK was born in Ohio November 26, 1843, and died at Newton, Iowa, September 15, 1914. Interment was at Colfax, Iowa. He came with his parents to Keokuk County, Iowa, when a boy and when the war came on enlisted in Company E, Thirty-third Iowa Infantry, and served three years. He graduated from Keokuk Medical College in 1876 and commenced practice at Greencastle, near the present town of Mingo, Jasper County, where he attained success in his profession.

He removed to Colfax in 1890 and thereafter remained a resident of that place. In 1899 he was elected representative and was re-elected two years later, serving in the Twenty-eighth and Twenty-ninth General Assemblies. He was postmaster at Colfax from 1908 to 1913.

John A. Cousins was born in what is now Dubuque County, Iowa, but which was then Dubuque County, Wisconsin Territory, on April 15, 1837, and died at his home in New Hartford, Butler County, Iowa, March 12, 1918. He attended common school and, later, Epworth Seminary. Farming was his vocation in early life. In 1865 he removed to Grundy County, continuing farming. In 1873 he removed to New Hartford and engaged in hardware, lumber and implement business, continuing this until 1900. He was also interested in banking at New Hartford and Plainfield. In 1908 he was elected representative and re-elected two years later, serving in the Thirty-third and Thirty-fourth General Assemblies.

EDWARD KNOTT was born in London, England, March 4, 1842, and died at Waverly, Iowa, August 16, 1914. He removed with his parents to Boone County, Illinois, in 1855 and, in 1863, to Bremer County, Iowa. He did farm work, then bought grain, did a livery business and also imported horses from England and France. In 1876 he was appointed postmaster at Waverly, serving until 1882. In 1886 he was appointed United States marshal for the Northern District of Iowa, and held the position until 1891. He was again appointed in 1897 and served until 1914, making in all twenty-three years' service in that offlice. He was an active and influential Republican.

John Schoenenberger was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, June 5, 1850, and died at his home near East Peru, Madison County, Iowa, April 23, 1915. He came with his parents to Madison County in 1855, attended country schools and eventually became a very successful farmer and stockman. At different times he served as township assessor, clerk, trustee and school treasurer. Although a Democrat, in 1906 he was elected representative from Madison County, which was strongly Republican, and served in the Thirty-second and Thirty-second extra General Assemblies. In 1912 he was his party's candidate for senator in the Adair-Madison District, but was defeated.

JOHN PARKER was born in Lincolnshire, England, December 18, 1837, and died at his home at Malvern, Iowa, April 7, 1915. He had to quit school when seven years old and work to help support the family. He emigrated to America in 1857, settling in Marion County, Ohio. He came to Mills County, Iowa, in 1867, and became a progressive and successful farmer. He was elected representative in 1895 and was reelected in 1897, serving in the Twenty-sixth, Twenty-sixth extra and Twenty-seventh General Assemblies.

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