

GEORGE W. HANNA was born at Waterloo, Iowa, June 3, 1850, and died at Luverne, Iowa, January 16, 1918. He attended common school at Waterloo and at Goldfield, Wright County, and spent some time at Upper Iowa University. Early in life he taught school and herded cattle. When the Northwestern railroad was constructed through Iowa to Eagle Grove, and north of there in 1878, he and a partner started a store at what is now Luverne. He has been considered the real founder of that town. He was postmaster and mayor and was interested in banking there. He early began to invest in land and at the time of his death owned 6,000 acres in Luverne township, Kossuth County, as well as large mining interests in Mexico. He became a leader in politics in his part of the state, was a delegate to the Republican national convention in 1888, and was elected representative in 1903, and served in the Thirtieth and Thirty-first General Assemblies.

EDGAR S. GARRISON was born at Clarence, Iowa, January 10, 1873, and died at Herconcitos, Province of Cheriqui, Republic of Panama, July 16, 1915. He removed with his parents to Denison, Iowa, when seven years old, attended school there, spent two years at Notre Dame University, and graduated from Iowa State University in 1895. He then entered the law office of his father, T. J. Garrison, of Denison, but later removed to Missouri Valley, forming a law partnership with J. S. Dewell. In 1896 he was elected clerk of the district court of Harrison County, and was re-elected the two succeeding terms, going out of office in 1903. Soon thereafter he went to the Panama Canal Zone entering the office of the prosecuting attorney as an assistant. In 1908 he was appointed district judge there and served until 1914, when he resigned, traveled extensively in Venezuela and other countries and entered into stock ranching business in Panama. He met his death through a prevalent tropical disease.

WILLIAM DESMOND was born in Boston, Massachusetts, in 1850, and died in Seattle, Washington, March 28, 1915. His parents brought him with them, in 1852, when they removed to near De Witt, Clinton County, Iowa. He served as constable and marshal of De Witt from 1872 to 1876, as deputy sheriff of Clinton County from 1876 to 1882, as sheriff from 1882 to 1885, as United States marshal for the Northern District of Iowa from 1885 to 1889, as sheriff again from 1889 until 1894, and again as United States marshal from 1894 to 1898. In 1909 he removed to Seattle where he was largely interested in real estate. He was one of the best and most popular peace officers of Iowa, singularly adapted physically, intellectually and morally for such responsibility. He was over six feet tall, weighed two hundred pounds and was a terror to evil doers, but kind to others. He broke up the famous "Fan" Burns gang of thieves as well as many other gangs. It is said President Cleveland first appointed him marshal chiefly because he looked to be what his friends claimed for him, "Iowa's greatest peace officer."

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