

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.

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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.

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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 Waupun, 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.

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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.

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