

JOHN COLLINS SHERWIN was born at Berlin, Ohio, February 6, 1851, and died at Mason City, Iowa, February 3, 1919. When an infant he came with his parents to LaCrosse, Wisconsin. He attended common school and Ripon and Beloit Colleges and graduated from the law department of the Wisconsin State University at Madison in 1875. In 1876 he came to Mason City, Iowa, and entered on the practice of law. He first had a partnership with B. F. Hartshorn and two years later, with Richard Wilbur. At one time he was a partner of M. L. Schermerhorn. In 1881 he became city solicitor of Mason City, and in 1884, mayor. The fall of 1884 he was elected district attorney of his judicial district, being the last one under the old system. In 1888 he was appointed district judge and was later elected and regularly re-elected, serving until 1899, when he was elected judge of the supreme court of the state. He was re-elected to this position serving until 1913. After retiring he continued to make his home in Mason City. He had a high standing in his profession and as a citizen.

---

CORNELIUS C. PLATTER was born at Chillicothe, Ohio, April 22, 1839, and died at Red Oak, Iowa, December 30, 1909. He graduated at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, in 1860. In 1861 he enlisted in Company I, Eighty-first Ohio Infantry, was commissioned a second lieutenant, then a first lieutenant, then adjutant of his regiment, and later was commissioned captain and appointed adjutant of his brigade. Finally he was assistant adjutant general on the staff of General John A. Logan. After the war, he removed to Forest City, Missouri, and engaged in the furniture business, but in 1870 he removed to a farm near Red Oak, Iowa, where he lived for twenty-five years. In 1873 he was elected representative, serving in the Fifteenth General Assembly. Again in 1881 he was elected representative and served in the Nineteenth General Assembly. He was postmaster at Red Oak from 1900 until his death, almost ten years.

---

CHARLES E. ALBROOK was born in Pennsylvania, October 23, 1851, and died at San Diego, California, February 10, 1919. Burial was at Eldora, Iowa. When a boy he came with his parents to Delaware County, Iowa. He attended common school and graduated from Cornell College, Mt. Vernon. He went to Eldora in 1874 and began the study of law in the office of Judge Porter and W. J. Moir. After being admitted he was a partner of Judge Porter for some time and later practiced alone until 1893 when he became the senior member of the firm of Albroom & Lundy, which continued until 1908 when he was appointed as one of the judges of the Eleventh Judicial District. He was later elected and served until 1914 when he retired and moved to San Diego, California.

Copyright of Annals of Iowa is the property of State of Iowa, by & through the State Historical Society of Iowa and its content may not be copied or emailed to multiple sites or posted to a listserv without the copyright holder's express written permission. However, users may print, download, or email articles for individual use.