

building and management of several western railroads, and also engaged in other important business enterprises. He removed to Chariton in 1867, where he founded the First National Bank. He was elected to the Iowa house of representatives in 1877, serving in the session of the following winter. He was also repeatedly elected director of the State agricultural society. He held many important positions in the course of his useful life, and was for a long time prominent in the councils of the Episcopal church.

JAMES D. GIFFEN was born in Northumberland county, Pa., Oct. 2, 1839; he died in Marion, Iowa, Dec. 22, 1902. In 1856 he came west with his parents who settled on a farm in Linn county, Iowa. He graduated from Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, and afterwards taught school in Tipton and Marion. He was admitted to the bar and began the practice of the law in the latter place. He served as mayor and held other offices in the town and county. In 1882 he was elected district judge and served on the bench until 1895. On retiring from the judgeship he practiced law for about a year in Chicago, but then returned to Marion. He was one of the oldest and ablest members of the Linn county bar.

W. H. H. MYERS was born in Clinton county, Ind., Dec. 24, 1839; he died at Milford, Iowa, Jan. 24, 1903. He removed with his parents to Fayette county, Iowa, in 1851. At the outbreak of the civil war he was attending the Upper Iowa University at Fayette, but left school to enlist in Co. H, 38th Iowa Infantry, of which he was appointed orderly sergeant. He was discharged at Houston, Texas, Aug. 15, 1865. After the war he resided for a time in Polk county, Iowa, and in Kansas and Nebraska. In 1895 he settled in Milford, where he remained until his death. He was elected a representative in the 28th general assembly, and was also prominent in the Grand Army of the Republic.

J. J. MOSNAT was born in Bohemia, September 28, 1849; he died in Belle Plaine, Iowa, June 19, 1903. He came to America with his parents in 1852. The family settled first in Missouri, removing in 1862 to Wisconsin. In 1869 Mr. Mosnat came to Iowa. He took a regular course at the State University and graduated from the law department in 1875. He entered at once on the practice of law at Belle Plaine, where he afterward lived. He filled many local offices in his home town, and won a high place in the front rank of his profession. He represented the Tama-Benton district as State senator in the 23d and 24th general assemblies.

JEROME M. WHITE died at Latona, state of Washington, Feb. 7, 1903. He served as captain of Co. E, in the Northern Border Brigade, having enlisted at Sioux City, Sept. 27, 1862. After the civil war he removed to Atchison, Kas., where he engaged in business for some years, finally inigrating to Latona, where he served as postmaster several years. He was especially well known in Masonic circles, where he won the high esteem of his associates. His portrait was published in *THE ANNALS* (Vol. V, No. 7, p. 522), as one of the illustrations of Capt. W. H. Ingham's well remembered history of that organization.

JUDGE RUFUS LINDERMAN was born in Orange county, N. Y., in 1828; he died in Davenport, Oct. 10, 1902. In the early fifties he came west, settling first in Le Claire, Iowa. In 1859 he removed to Davenport, where he became judge of the county court, an institution now abolished. He served in this position eight years, until 1867, and won an enviable reputation as an able and just judge. He removed to Colorado in the seventies and was elected judge of one of the district courts of that State. About eight years ago he returned to Davenport, where, on account of ill health, he led a quiet and retired life.

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