

had full charge of the Rock Island road between Grinnell and Council Bluffs. The work was often dangerous in those days and many of his thrilling experiences he has related in his "Recollections of a Civil Engineer," Newton, Iowa, 1893. He resided in Newton nearly 20 years and was well known throughout Central Iowa.

JAMES A. WRIGHT was born in Delaware county, Iowa, in 1857. He died in Salt Lake City, Utah, April 1, 1904. He was a son of Hon. James A. Wright, who succeeded Elijah Sells as Secretary of State. He received his education at the State Agricultural College at Ames. He was variously connected with horticultural enterprises in this State and in Utah. At one time he edited and published the Davis County Republican, succeeding J. A. T. Hull in that enterprise. Later still he acquired a wide reputation as a horticulturist and horticultural editor in Utah. In these directions lay his principal life work.

JOHN A. MCDANIEL was born in Licking county, Ohio, April 11, 1827; he died at Vinton, Iowa, May 7, 1904. He was a pioneer of Benton county, having located at Vinton in 1856, where he was engaged for twenty-one years in a large mercantile business; later he gave his attention to the development of fine stock. He served on the city council, as member of the school board, and was for a long time president of the Benton County Agricultural Association. He was an abolitionist in politics, his father's home in Ohio having been a station on the "Underground railroad."

EDWARD J. MCGORRISK was born in County Armagh, Ireland, in 1835; he died in Des Moines, Iowa, April 16, 1904. He was one of the pioneer physicians of Des Moines, having located there in 1858. During the Civil war he served as surgeon of the Seventeenth Iowa Infantry, and later was promoted to acting medical director of the Fifteenth Army Corps. At one time he served as surgeon general of Iowa. He was known throughout the State as a physician and surgeon of great ability.

MILES K. RAMSEY was born August 31, 1839, in Harrison county, Ohio; he died in Boone, Iowa, April 26, 1904. In 1854 he located in Boone county. When the civil war broke out he enlisted in Co. C, Third Iowa Infantry, and served for three years. He was at an early day elected County Judge; he afterwards studied law and was in 1868 admitted to the bar. He gained a state-wide reputation as a brilliant lawyer.

FRED A. BOLT was born at Knowlesville, N. Y., November 15, 1848; he died at Tacoma, Wash., June 14, 1904. He was one of the early printers in Hamilton, Webster and Marshall counties, settling afterwards in Boone. In those sections of the State he was at one time widely known and highly esteemed. He migrated to Tacoma about the year 1888, where he resided until the time of his death.

DAVID KINERT was born in Pennsylvania, December 4, 1817; he died at Glenwood Springs, Col., about the 23d of May, 1904. He settled in Anamosa, Jones county, Iowa, in 1851, residing there until August, 1903, when he removed to Colorado. Mr. Kinert twice represented Jones county in the Iowa Legislature, and for three terms was sheriff of Jones county.

J. FOSTER CAMPBELL was born at Vernon, Ind., December 7, 1822; he died at Davenport, Iowa, June 11, 1904. He was especially distinguished for his work on the school board, and as county supervisor and assessor, which useful positions he held for many years.

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