

**WILLIAM CONNOR** was born in Ireland, April 4, 1845; he died in Des Moines, Iowa, February 9, 1904. In 1848 he came with his parents to America, settling in Oneida county, New York, where his early years were spent. From 1863-65 he served in the war of the rebellion as a member of Co. D, 13th New York Cavalry. On his return he studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1867 at Syracuse, N. Y. In 1869 he located in Des Moines, where he became one of the ablest members of the Polk county bar. From 1878 to 1882 he was district attorney of Polk and adjacent counties; from 1883 to 1885 he served as circuit judge. In 1885 he became a member of the law firm of Gatch, Connor & Weaver. After the death of Col. Gatch in 1897, he became the senior member of the firm Connor & Weaver.

**ELBERT M. SARGENT** was born in Felicity, Ohio, March 8, 1840; he died in Grundy Center, January 7, 1904. He was engaged in the mercantile business when the war broke out, but left it at once and was mustered into Co. I, 22d Ohio Volunteers; he was later made Captain of Co. K, 59th Ohio, and as such served to the close of the war. In 1879 he came to Grundy Center, Iowa, and was in the mercantile business until 1896. He was a member of the city council and of the school board; he served as State senator in the 26th regular and special sessions of the legislature; in 1899 he was elected a member of the republican State central committee from the fifth district, continuing as such until 1903.

**RALPH G. ORWIG** was born in Mifflinburg, Pennsylvania, May 12, 1832; he died in Chicago, March 27, 1904. At an early age he entered business life in Philadelphia, engaging first in the mercantile business. He later became publisher of the Philadelphia State Journal. During the civil war he removed to Des Moines and became Governor Stone's private secretary. While the Governor was absent in the army, the duties of the office devolved upon him. He subsequently became publisher of the Des Moines daily and weekly Bulletin, and was at one time interested in the Iowa State Register. In 1893 he removed to Chicago where he has since resided.

**NELSON B. EVERTS** was born in Mexico, New York, September 18, 1825; he died in Webster City, Iowa, January 12, 1904. He was an early settler of Webster City, and one of its best known citizens. His profession was that of a civil engineer and he was for many years surveyor of Hamilton county. When the Illinois Central railroad was built through Iowa, he was chief engineer for the company on the Dubuque division. He superintended the building of the bridge across the Mississippi and the construction of the tunnel through the bluffs east of Dubuque. He was later employed by the Great Western road and by the Minneapolis & St. Louis.

**JUSTUS C. ADAMS** was born in Philadelphia, November 14, 1841; he died in Indianapolis, Indiana, December 26, 1903. In 1855 he came to Muscatine, Iowa, with his father, Samuel Adams. The latter was one of the first men in the United States to invent machinery for the making of brick. He established a factory with modern methods in Muscatine. The family in 1861 removed to Indianapolis, traveling by wagon. Justus C. became one of the best known residents of that city. He served on the city council and was in 1877 a representative in the Indiana legislature, and speaker of the House.

**AMOS JOHNSON** was born in Delaware county, Ohio, February 23, 1842; he died in Jefferson, Iowa, December 27, 1903. Mr. Johnson was a member of Co. I, 4th Ohio Infantry, in the civil war. In 1863 he came to Iowa

and located first in Cedar county, where he taught school. In 1868 he removed to Greene county; in 1896 he was elected county auditor and moved to Jefferson. He was public spirited and was active in securing measures relating to the improvement of taxation laws, road laws and methods of farming. He was for years a prominent member of the Greene County Farmers' Institute.

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JOHN BURKHOLDER was born in Lancaster county, Pa., February 18, 1813; he died in Des Moines county, March 4, 1904. Mr. Burkholder landed in Burlington from a Mississippi river boat on April 18, 1837, before the Territory of Iowa had been organized. He was a stone mason by trade, and worked on the first state house, at Iowa City, in 1841; he also helped build the first court house erected in Iowa. He filled several public offices, was justice of the peace for many years, was a member of the board of supervisors, and was also county assessor when that office was an important one. He spent two years in California during the gold fever times, but returned to Iowa in 1851. For years he had lived on his fine farm in Benton township.

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AUGUSTUS ANDERSON was born in Sweden, November 13, 1836; he died in Stratford, Iowa, January 22, 1904. He came to this country in the early fifties and lived for a time in Illinois. In 1857 he removed to Hamilton county, Iowa, where he has since resided. Much of his time was devoted to his farming interests; but he filled many positions of public trust. For twenty years he was president of the school board of Marion township; he was one of the organizers and for ten years president of the state bank of Stratford. He represented Hamilton county in the 21st and 22d General Assemblies.

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JOHN W. BOYD was born in Pennsylvania in 1845; he died in Cleveland, Ohio, January 5, 1904. In 1861 he enlisted as a drummer boy in Co. I, 3d Iowa Infantry; later he served as a private in Co. F, 2d Iowa. After the war he received a thorough medical education, graduating from the Keokuk College of Physicians and Surgeons. In the early seventies he settled in Defiance, Shelby county, where he practiced his profession. He represented Shelby county in the 27th General Assembly. About a year ago he removed to Cleveland, Ohio.

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JAMES A. BROWN was born in New York state April 25, 1831; he died in Vinton, Iowa, December 21, 1903. In 1842 he moved with his father to Keosauqua, Iowa. He studied civil engineering and in 1855 entered the government service in which he remained three years. About 1865 he removed to Benton county. He was elected surveyor of the county and was four times re-elected; he was also deputy county auditor for a time, and for sixteen years was business manager of the college for the blind.

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HENRY CLINTON HARGIS was born in Pulaski county, Kentucky, February 21, 1820; he died in Bloomfield township, Polk county, Iowa, February 23, 1904. He came to Polk county nearly fifty years ago and engaged extensively in farming, at one time owning more than 500 acres of land. He was a candidate for many important offices. In 1872 he was nominated by the greenback party for State treasurer; in 1876 for elector at large; in 1883 for State senator and was also at one time a candidate for congress.

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PHINEAS CADWELL was born in Madison county, New York, April 17, 1824; he died in Logan, Iowa, February 26, 1904. He came to Harrison county in 1854 and was one of its most influential men in early days. He was from 1861 to 1882 a director of the State Agricultural Society, and for twenty years president of the Harrison County Agricultural Society, which he helped to organize. He represented Harrison county in the 14th General Assembly.

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