

that his life was one of rare usefulness. "Old Churubusco," as he was familiarly called, went to his final rest a truly historical character, universally respected and beloved.

ELIJAH SELLS was born in Franklin county, Ohio, February 14, 1814, and died at Salt Lake City, March 13, 1897. He was descended from revolutionary stock, his grandfather on the paternal side having been killed at Yorktown, and his great-grandfather in "Mad Anthony Wayne's" charge at Stony Point. Mr. Sells came to Iowa in 1841, and settled in Muscatine county where he engaged in the manufacture of pottery. He was elected to the first State Legislature in 1846 and again in 1852. At the first Republican State Convention in 1856 he was nominated for Secretary of State. He was elected and served in this office six years. In a subsequent State Convention he came within a few votes of the nomination for Governor, and, possibly, would have received the nomination, but for the fact that he withdrew his name, prematurely, as his friends believed. He afterwards went into the Navy as paymaster. After the war, settled at Salt Lake City, and sometime later was appointed Secretary of the Territory by President Harrison. This last office he held four years. During the time Mr. Sells resided in Iowa he was one of our foremost citizens—"one of the most influential men the State has ever had in public life." He was "a man of wide and varied knowledge, genial and cordial in his manners, blessed with 'troops of friends,' a shrewd far-seeing politician, possessing business habits and executive ability of a high order." THE ANNALS for October, 1896, contained two articles relating to Mr. Sells, one of which was from the pen of his life-long friend, Mr. John M. Davis of Des Moines. To these articles the reader is referred for further details of the life-work of Mr. Sells.

MRS. SARAH CAMPBELL was born in the county of Tyrone, Ireland, in 1815, and died at her home in Bloomfield township, Winneshiek county, January 13, 1897, having survived her husband, Hamilton Campbell, several years. This family camped on the farm where they spent their lives, June 7, 1848. Mr. Campbell had come out from the Green Isle as early as 1829, and had been a private in Captain Gear's (father of Ex-Governor and United States Senator John H. Gear) company in the Black Hawk war. He was in the same division with Abraham Lincoln. Returning to Ireland in 1837, he was married to Miss Sarah Campbell. Three years later they came to this country, landing at New York, and at once starting west. Their first settlement was in Jackson county, near Maquoketa, later removing to Dubuque. But they eventually found their way to Winneshiek county, as stated. We glean these particulars from *The Decorah Republican* of January 21, which pays a beautiful tribute to the memory of this intelligent and praiseworthy pioneer family, the earliest settlers in that county.

HON. JOHN McHUGH died in Cresco January 30, 1897. In the death of Mr. McHugh Iowa loses a noble man and one of her most respected and worthy citizens. A native of Canada, he removed to Iowa in 1867, and has for many years been identified with the banking and political interests of the State. In 1875 he organized the bank of Lawler and later the Howard county bank in Cresco. He was appointed National Bank Examiner by President Harrison and was found to be eminently qualified for the duties of that position. In 1879 he was elected to represent Chickasaw county in the State Legislature; in 1884 he served as one of the presidential electors, and in 1888 he was a candidate for Congress from the 4th district, but defeated in the convention by one-fourth of a vote. He has been active in every political contest for the last twenty years, his services as a ready speaker and able campaigner being much in demand. He was known over

the country as an enthusiastic stockman and was recognized as an authority in such matters. In religion he was a devout and consistent Catholic, with a broad charity and sympathy for all.

WILLIAM N. BROWN, Treasurer of Calhoun county, died at his home in Rockwell City, March 15, 1897. Mr. Brown was a native of New Brunswick, and in early youth followed the sea. At the breaking out of the civil war he was living in New Orleans, where his loyalty to the Union and refusal to join the Confederate army so enraged the Southerners that his life was endangered. The rope was placed about his neck, but, through the intervention of a friend, he was rescued. Enlisting with the Northern forces he served until the close of the war, making a very unusual and brilliant record. He was in thirty-eight separate engagements, and under fire one hundred and twenty-seven days. This war record entitled him to membership in the "Comrades of the Battlefield," an organization to which only those are eligible who were under fire ninety days or more. In 1866 Mr. Brown settled in Calhoun county, and at the time of his death was serving his third term as County Treasurer. He was an efficient and faithful public officer.

PRESTON BRADLEY DURLEY was born at Hennepin, Illinois, June 19, 1839, and died at Des Moines, Iowa, February 24, 1897. He was educated at Wheaton College, Illinois, attending also a commercial school in Chicago. He entered the Union army at the outbreak of the civil war, serving as quartermaster's sergeant for over three years. At the time of his muster-out his comrades presented him with a silver medal as a testimonial of their high esteem. After being connected with several business enterprises, he finally settled in Des Moines, in 1886, where he became part owner and business manager of *The Daily and Weekly News*. This position he held up to the date of his death. In 1886 he was married to Miss Ella H. Hamilton, the well known writer of Des Moines, who survives him. As a student, soldier, business manager and Christian gentleman, no man stood higher in the confidence of all who knew him.

JUDGE WILLIAM McLOUD died at his home near Keota, Keokuk county, January 26, 1897, at the age of seventy-two. He was born in Connecticut, but removing to Iowa in 1854 was one of the well known pioneers of Keokuk county. In early days he was active in organizing the township of Lafayette, serving as its first township Clerk. When in 1856, largely through his efforts, the first township school house was built, he was elected teacher at a salary of fifteen dollars per month. He taught for several terms in different parts of the county, and was honored with various township offices. He is remembered as the last County Judge and the first County Auditor of Keokuk county. A man of great force of character he commanded the esteem of all who knew him. He was an exceedingly well informed man, his common school education being supplemented by constant and careful reading. He was an active Mason.

JOHN McMILLER died at Anamosa March 7, 1897. He was an early settler of Hamilton county, and enlisted in Co. A, 32d Iowa Infantry, at Webster City, August 13, 1862. He was a good citizen and a brave soldier, serving with the command until the battle of Pleasant Hill, Louisiana, which another private, Mr. A. J. Barkley, writes in this number of *THE ANNALS*. In that battle Mr. McMiller received a terrible wound from the effects of which recovery was impossible. It was a life-long affliction. A bullet entered and obliterated one of his eyes, coming out on the side of his head. (Mr. Barkley mentions this wounded soldier in his article.) Some time after he reached home he was elected sheriff of the county; but in 1882 his friends secured his appointment as guard or keeper in the penitentiary at Anamosa, where he spent his remaining years.

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