

JOHN E. DEMPSTER was born in Morgan county, Ohio, January 3, 1837; he died at Davenport, Iowa, June 2, 1912. He began his residence in Scott county, Iowa, on a farm in 1860, where he resided for some forty years, when he removed to Grinnell, Iowa, where his home remained thereafter. He was elected to the Twenty-seventh General Assembly as a representative from Scott county.

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JAMES M. GROAT was born near Buffalo, N. Y., June 19, 1842; he died at Waterloo, Iowa, April 18, 1912. He grew to manhood in his native State, and enlisted for service in the Union army from New Attica, N. Y. After his honorable discharge he returned to and remained in New York until 1870, when he removed to Butler county, Iowa, engaging in the grain and stock business at Aplington and Parkersburg, prior to his removal to Waterloo in 1887. He was an active and successful business man, and freely gave of his time and means for the promotion of the public welfare. He was one of the founders and first directors of the Waterloo Chautauqua Society.

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MALCOLM NEY McNAUGHTON was born in Caledonia, N. Y., April 1, 1849; he died at Villisca, Iowa, June 23, 1912. He received his preliminary education in the common schools at Caledonia, and at Riga, N. Y., supplemented by a brief course at Le Roy Academy. At the age of fifteen he began the study of medicine, and graduated at the age of eighteen from the Medical University at Buffalo. He removed to Montgomery county, Iowa, in 1868, and in the fall of that year located at Villisca. He was a typical physician of the early west, successful in his practice and in business. Investments in farm lands and other property as rapidly as his resources warranted, resulted in greatly enhanced values in nearly every instance, and produced a considerable estate. He was a public-spirited and most useful citizen.

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JULIAN WALTER RICHARDS was born February 5, 1856, in Waterloo, Iowa, where he died May 17, 1912. He was the son of Dr. Walter O. and Julia Richards, whose residence in Waterloo began in 1855. He was educated in the schools of his native county and graduated from Iowa State University in 1876 with the degree of B. A. He became attached to the *Waterloo Courier* immediately after graduating, and continued for a number of years, gradually expanding his acquaintance and his service in correspondence to the out of Iowa papers. His correspondence with the *Chicago Tribune* is more voluminous and important than any other Iowa correspondence in any other journal. Julian Richards had been personally acquainted with Iowa men and affairs for a generation, and probably not a single incident or personality of importance during the last twenty-five years escaped his scrutiny or passed unnoted in his newspaper work. His published and personal writings entered into the most serious calculations of public men both within and without the State. He was among newspaper men universally characterized as a most sane and just compiler of facts, while he continued unequalled in his record of correctly analyzing conditions and anticipating results of political contests.

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