WILLIAM WALTER SCOTT, humanitarian, soldier and jurist, died at his home in Davenport, Iowa, December 7, 1947; born at Rock Island, Illinois, February 24, 1884, son of William Walter and Margaret Ann Scott, his father dying in 1905 and his mother in 1945; received his education in the schools of Rock Island and Valley Junction, Iowa; became a student in Drake University in liberal arts, and returned to Rock Island with the family in 1904, becoming a postoffice clerk there until 1910, when he re-entered Drake as a law student graduating in 1913; entered law practice in Davenport with John Weir, a former classmate at Drake: served on the Mexican border as a lieutenant, and Battery F. 123rd Field Artillery, and captain in World War I; served as justice of the peace at Davenport on his return and elected as district judge in Scott county beginning service in January 1922; a jurist twenty-seven years until his death; married Winifred K. Griffin in Davenport, August 1, 1927, who with his brother John, of Rock Island survives; known as a humanitarian of the purest type, for years devoting activities to relief of the needy and helpless; a member of the American Legion, fraternal orders, bar associations and enjoyed life-long association with the Y.M.C.A.

HENRY L. ADAMS, attorney, educator and legislator, died at Des Moines, Iowa, December 14, 1947; born on a farm near Maynard, Fayette county, Iowa, November 28, 1875; graduated from the Maynard schools at sixteen and from Upper Iowa University at Fayette in 1897; was principal of the Waucoma schools two years, and appointed county superintendent of schools for an unexpired term and was re-elected three times; resigned in 1905 and entered the law school of the University of Chicago, which he attended one year, then entered the law department of the State University of Iowa, and admitted to the state bar in 1907; located at West Union in the firm of Rogers and Adams; elected senator in 1908 from the Allamakee-Fayette district, serving in the Thirtythird and Thirty-fourth General Assemblies; moved to Des Moines' in 1912, becoming attorney for the C. & N. W. railway, and in more recent years specialized in insurance law; married in 1898 to Ina Holmes, of Fayette, a classmate, who graduated in the same college class, and who survives with two daughters, Mrs. Edward Rate, Iowa City, and Mrs. Paul Dowty, Evanston, Illinois: a vice president of the Pioneer Lawmakers association of Iowa, a Republican, a Mason, and a member of the Prairie club of Des Moines.

ORIEN W. FIFER, minister and editor, died at Indianapolis, Indiana, September 18, 1947; born in 1868, he entered the ministry in 1891, and held pastorates in Methodist churches at Lincoln, Wahoo, Geneva and York, Nebraska, before coming to Des Moines

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