

1906 he was elected one of the judges of the district court of the Seventeenth Judicial District, and served until 1914, when he retired because of failing health.

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JOHN MCCLEARY DAVIS was born in Belmont, Ohio, June 25, 1831, and died in Chicago, Illinois, December 10, 1915. He removed to Monroe County, Ohio, where his youth was spent. He came to Iowa when twenty-one years of age. In 1854 he became first deputy secretary of state under his uncle, George W. McCleary, then secretary of state. This position he held until 1863, serving also under Elijah Sells. For some time after this he held a position in one of the government departments at Washington, D. C. In 1867 he was appointed clerk in the land office at Des Moines, by C. C. Carpenter, then registrar. In 1868 he was appointed deputy registrar and held the position continuously with the exception of a few months until January 1, 1883, when the registership was abolished. He continued to conduct the affairs of the land office in the office of the secretary of state until 1891, when he retired. He maintained his home at East Eleventh Street and Court Avenue, Des Moines, until shortly before his death.

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EDMUND COLE SPAULDING was born at Lancaster, New Hampshire, March 12, 1838, and died at Marble Rock, Iowa, December 19, 1915. He lived a short time in his early life in Illinois, Minnesota and Wisconsin, and came to Iowa in 1869, locating at Charles City. For several years teaching school was his principal employment. In 1881 he removed to his farm in Floyd County and remained there until 1900 when he changed his residence to Marble Rock. In 1891 he was elected to the Iowa House of Representatives, was re-elected in 1893 and again in 1895, serving in the Twenty-fourth, Twenty-fifth, Twenty-sixth and Twenty-sixth extra general assemblies. In 1901 he was elected senator and served in the Twenty-ninth, Thirtieth and Thirty-first general assemblies. He was identified with many reform measures. Although it was a common practice then for legislators to use railway passes, yet he never accepted one.

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JAMES WALLACE JAMISON was born at Lafayette, Indiana, March 1, 1848, and died at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, September 18, 1914. In 1869 he removed to Wyoming, Iowa, clerked in a store there, read law at leisure times, was admitted to the bar of Jones County in 1872 and commenced practice at Olin. In 1881 he removed to Anamosa where he practiced successfully until 1892, when he removed to Cedar Rapids and practiced there until his death. In Cedar Rapids he was associated for a time with H. G. Burr. In 1895 he, with William Smyth, formed the firm of Jamison & Smyth, and in 1910 they ad-

mitted Fred Hann into the firm. Mr. Jamison ranked high as a lawyer. In 1914 he was nominated at the nonpartisan judiciary primary as one of the candidates for a district judge of the Eighteenth Judicial District, but was called by death before election.

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EZRA WILLARD was born in Wyoming County, New York, December 22, 1840, and died at Atlantic, Iowa, September 28, 1915. His father having died he was brought by his mother to Williams County, Ohio, in 1841. 1855 he removed to Elkhart County, Indiana. He was graduated from Notre Dame University, Notre Dame, Indiana, in 1859, studied law at Elkhart and was admitted to the bar there in 1861. He enlisted in Company C, Ninth Indiana Infantry, and became adjutant with the rank of first lieutenant. In 1864 he removed to Adel, Iowa, and practiced law there until 1876, when he removed to Dallas, Texas. While there he was appointed a special judge for the trial of several important cases, and served satisfactorily. In 1881 he removed to Atlantic, Iowa, and practiced there until his death.

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EMORY S. HUSTON was born in Franklin Township, Des Moines County, Iowa, September 1, 1844, and died at Washington, D. C., November 30, 1915. Burial was at Burlington, Iowa. He enlisted August 22, 1862, as fifer in Company G, Thirty-ninth Iowa Infantry, and was mustered out June 5, 1865, at Washington, D. C. After the war he located in Burlington and became county judge and ex-officio county auditor and was county auditor in 1870 and 1871. He was admitted to the bar in 1873. During a long and successful career as a lawyer he was a member of the firm of Power, Huston & Power, and later of Huston, Holsteen & Hill. In 1905 he was employed at Washington, D. C., by the government in cases of claims arising out of the Spanish-American War, remaining there actively engaged in that work until his death.

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HERBERT K. SKINNER was born in Stockholm, St. Lawrence County New York, April 2, 1849, and died at his home in Clear Creek Township, Jasper County, Iowa, November 14, 1915. He came with his parents to Fort Dodge, Iowa, in 1853. They removed in 1860 to Jasper County and to the farm where he continued to reside until his death. He secured his education in the country school and in Newton High School. He taught country schools for twelve years, was township assessor ten years and township clerk eighteen years. He was elected representative in 1910 and served in the Thirty-fourth General Assembly.

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