

Luther College, Decorah. He followed school-teaching several years, in all teaching thirty-five terms. He dealt in farm lands, was township clerk of Mount Valley Township several years, member of the local school board, secretary of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Association of Winnebago County for forty years, and was a member of the Thirty-second General Assembly being elected in 1906.

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OLIVER HORTON was born near Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania, October 12, 1829, and died in Glidden, Iowa, May 6, 1919. His parents were Jonathan and Elizabeth Horton. He was educated in the schools of his locality. August 2, 1862, he enlisted in Company D, One Hundred and Thirty-eighth Pennsylvania Infantry, as a private and received different promotions until February 14, 1865, he became captain. He was mustered out July 2, 1865. He was with Sheridan's command during the Shenandoah campaigns, and saw very active duty throughout his service. In October, 1865, he removed with his family to Jackson County, Iowa, and in 1869 to Carroll County, where he engaged in farming near Carrollton. He held several local and township offices and in 1887 was elected representative and was re-elected in 1889, serving in the Twenty-second and Twenty-third general assemblies. For several years of his later life he had resided in Glidden.

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SYLVESTER CALVIN REES was born at Carlisle, Warren County, Iowa, May 5, 1849, and died in Hamburg, March 1, 1929. He was educated in common school and in high school at Carlisle. In 1868 he removed to Fremont County where he taught school, and also worked as a clerk in different stores. He engaged there in farming, in which he was quite successful, and acquired considerable land. In his later years he also engaged in real estate and insurance business. He served Hamburg as a councilman and as mayor. In 1914 he was elected representative and was re-elected in 1916, serving in the Thirty-sixth and Thirty-seventh general assemblies. In 1922 he was elected senator and served in the Fortieth and Forty-first general assemblies.

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HARRY H. GREEN was born at Elsham, England, March 13, 1839, and died in Long Beach, California, April 18, 1927. Burial was at Decorah, Iowa. He with his parents migrated to America in 1853 and located in Lyons, Iowa. He enlisted in Company I, Second Iowa Infantry, as fifth corporal May 5, 1861. He was promoted to second sergeant July 28, 1861; to first sergeant April 1, 1862; to captain November 24, 1862, and was mustered out at the expiration of his service May 26, 1864. He entered the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal church in 1867 and held pastorates at Summer Hill, Mill Rock, Maquoketa, Delmar, Wyoming, Toledo, Nashua, Janesville, Plainfield, and Iowa Falls. In 1883 he was elected representative from Bremer County and served in the Twentieth General Assembly. He was presiding elder in the Dubuque

District of his church in 1884-90, in the Decorah District in 1890-96, and again in the Dubuque District in 1898-1904. He was a delegate to General Conference in 1888 and again in 1900. Retiring from the ministry in 1904, he was a resident of Decorah from that date until 1918, then spent three years at Cedar Falls, after which he removed to Long Beach. He was an able minister and a popular man.

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JOSEPH DEFOREST ROBBINS was born at Valparaiso, Indiana, December 4, 1854, and died in a hospital in Council Bluffs, Iowa, September 3, 1928. Burial was at Malvern. His parents were Samuel Putnam and Caroline Coe Robbins. He received his education in the public schools of Valparaiso, and in the Indiana Normal School of Valparaiso, being graduated from the commercial course of that institution. He followed farming in his home neighborhood for a few years, but in 1880 removed to Woodson County, Kansas, and engaged in cattle ranching. In 1883 he removed to near Hastings, Iowa, where he became owner and operator of a large stock ranch. He added the grain and lumber business at Hastings. In 1908 he removed to Malvern. He took an active interest in church and civic affairs, was a member of the Town Council, and was elected representative in 1910 and served in the Thirty-fourth General Assembly.

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HENRY RITTER was born in Fort Madison, Iowa, October 19, 1852, and died in Burlington May 19, 1929. His parents were John and Mary C. Ritter. He received his education in parochial school and in Pierson's Business College, Fort Madison. His father being a brickmaker, Henry in vacations worked at brickmaking, and mastered the trade. In 1872 he took employment as a bookkeeper in a wholesale grocery house in Burlington, but in 1876 established a brickyard in a suburb of Burlington. This he conducted successfully for twenty-seven years, retiring in 1904. He was a Democrat in politics. He was four times elected alderman-at-large in Burlington, serving from 1888 to 1896. In 1903 he was elected representative and was three times re-elected, serving inclusively from the Thirtieth to the Thirty-fourth general assemblies.

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ABNER H. GALE was born at Iowa Falls, Iowa, February 28, 1863, and died in Mason City April 30, 1923. He was with his parents in their removal to Mason City in 1870. He was graduated from Mason City High School and in 1884 from the State University of Iowa in a civil engineering course. For three years he was employed by the Union Pacific Railroad as a civil engineer at Cheyenne, Wyoming. For a time he was a railway mail clerk, running between Mason City and Albia, but in 1887 he entered the employment of the City National Bank of Mason City, and after several years became cashier, and finally president. He was active in several local enterprises, especially the Mason

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