

WILLIAM E. REED was born in Mercer county, Pa., Feb. 25, 1826; he died at Sturgis, S. D., Oct. 13, 1905. This death closed a most romantic career of one of the early settlers of Jackson county, Iowa. He was a veteran of the war with Mexico, serving with both Generals Taylor and Scott, and under the immediate command of Jefferson Davis. He served in the detachment of U. S. troops which removed the Winnebago Indians from Iowa Territory to Minnesota. He was a very early Baptist clergyman and well known in eastern Iowa. Our correspondent, Mr. Harvey Reid, of Maquoketa, has secured full information concerning the military and civil career of the Rev. Mr. Reed, which will be given to the world ere long in a history of that section of Iowa Territory. The book promises to possess much historic interest.

LOREN L. DELANO was born on a farm near Marietta, O., Jan. 17, 1846; he died at Atlantic, Iowa, Nov. 1, 1905. He was of English and French ancestry. He grew up on the home farm and was in the main educated in the common schools, though he took a course of instruction at the Glendale High School in Washington county. He taught school a short time after reaching the age of eighteen and then came to Iowa. He stopped awhile in Indianola, where he studied law with the firm of Maxwell & Brian. He was admitted to the bar in 1868. He then removed to Atlantic where he resided until his death. In the autumn of 1903 he was elected to the Iowa house of representatives, of which he became a well-known and leading member. He took a prominent part in the contest with the railroads upon the question of return transportation for shippers of live stock to Chicago. This contest made his name quite familiar to the people of the State.

T. W. STILES was born near Connorsville, Ind., March 20, 1832; he died at Winterset, Iowa, Nov. 29, 1905. He came to Iowa in 1858, settling in Warren county, residing first in South township and later at Paterson. He entered the Union army in 1862 as second lieutenant in Company F, 39th Iowa Infantry, in which he later was promoted to the rank of captain. His retirement from the service was consequent upon a severe wound he received at the battle of Corinth. He was a prominent and useful citizen and at various times held positions in the government of his city, township and county. He served three terms as member of the board of supervisors of Madison county.

JAMES R. CRAWSHAW was born in Philadelphia, Pa., July 4, 1834; he died in Des Moines, Iowa, Dec. 23, 1905. Particulars concerning his early life are very meager. He was, however, a soldier in the civil war, in which he made a creditable record. Some of his interesting personal belongings while in the army he recently took occasion to place in the State Historical Museum. He came to Des Moines to live nearly fifty years ago. He was a contractor of much experience and had been successfully employed in superintending the building and subsequent improvement of the capitol, enjoying the confidence of the State officers and all others with whom he was associated. He bore the reputation of being a useful and honorable man.

W. P. COWMAN was born in Rockbridge county, Va., Oct. 2, 1831; he died at Casey, Iowa, on Christmas night, 1905. He came to Iowa with his parents in 1849. After some years' experience in journalism in Jasper county, he secured an interest in *The Casey Vindicator*, with which he was connected up to the time of his death. He enlisted in Company G, 18th Iowa Infantry, where he was appointed orderly sergeant. He held many positions in civil life, the most important of which was that of member of the Iowa house of representatives from Jasper county in the 15th general assembly. An earnest advocate of temperance, genial in his intercourse with others, and a friend and protector of birds and dumb animals, he was a man whose list of friends was coextensive with his acquaintance.

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