

ABRAHAM C. RECK was born in Stark County, Ohio, April 3, 1834, and died at Spokane, Washington, March 31, 1921. The body was some weeks later interred at Allerton, Iowa. In 1854 he removed to Garden Grove, Decatur County, Iowa. In 1855 he removed to the southeast part of the county and for ten years or more ran a grist mill and a saw-mill. Soon after the war he removed to a farm in Wayne County. In 1871 he with P. M. Phillips, as Phillips & Reck, engaged in dry goods business in Allerton. About ten years later he withdrew from the firm and with J. B. Rankin, as Reck & Rankin, entered the drug business in Allerton. For several years he was editor and publisher of the *Allerton News*. In 1879 he was elected representative and served in the Eighteenth General Assembly. At one time he served as mayor of Allerton and at another as justice of the peace. In 1912 he removed to Des Moines, and in 1918 to Spokane, Washington.

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HIRAM CRUSAN BISHOP was born near West Union, Iowa, March 10, 1852, and died at a hospital in St. Paul, Minnesota, March 22, 1921. Burial was at Elkader, Iowa. His parents were Mr. and Mrs. Franklin P. Bishop, natives of Kentucky. He was educated in the rural schools and at Ainsworth Academy, West Union, and at Upper Iowa University, Fayette. He taught school several years in Fayette and Clayton counties and was county superintendent of Clayton County from 1888 to 1894. In 1893 he established the *Clayton County Democrat*, and continued as its editor and publisher until his death. He was a Democrat in politics and in 1899 was elected senator and served in the Twenty-eighth and Twenty-ninth general assemblies. He was a man of large influence in his county and was a good legislator.

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LUTHER BROWN was born in Ellsworth, Mahoning County, Ohio, January 10, 1838, and died at Pensacola, Florida, January 19, 1921. Burial was in the National Cemetery near there. He went with his parents on their removal to Patch Grove, Wisconsin, when a small boy. He entered Rush Medical College, Chicago, in 1860, but before completing his course volunteered in the Twentieth Wisconsin Infantry and served three years in the war. On returning he finished his course at Rush Medical College and entered the medical practice at Postville, Iowa, in 1866. In 1875 he was elected representative from Allamakee County and served in the Sixteenth General Assembly. In 1890 he removed to Rockford, Iowa, where he resided until his death, spending several winters during this time in the South.

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HUGH M. PICKELL was born in Henry County, Iowa, December 23, 1841, and died in Des Moines, Iowa, March 17, 1921. He enlisted in Company D, Fourth Iowa Cavalry, October 2, 1861, was promoted to first lieutenant July 20, 1863, and was mustered out at Atlanta, Georgia, August 8, 1865. He resided in Mount Pleasant until 1871, when he re-

moved to Boise, Idaho, and in 1874, to Des Moines, Iowa. He followed the vocation of hardware salesman, but in 1894 Governor Jackson appointed him a deputy oil inspector. He continued in this service fifteen years, or until 1909, being chief inspector from 1905. He was active and influential in Grand Army circles, local, state and national.

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SIMON MILLER was born near Dickeyville, Grant County, Wisconsin, February 5, 1861, and died at Dubuque, Iowa, April 22, 1920. His early life was spent on the farm and in school. In 1886 he removed to Dubuque and followed the vocation of teamster, became identified with the teamsters' union as their financial officer and business agent, and also became a member of the executive board and auditing committee of the Grand Lodge of Iowa of the Ancient Order of United Workmen. He became influential in organized labor circles, because of his conservatism and good judgment. In 1906 he was elected representative and was re-elected three times thereafter, serving in the Thirty-second, Thirty-third, Thirty-fourth, and Thirty-eighth general assemblies.

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E. B. HIGLEY was born at Windham, Ohio, October 24, 1832, and died at Mason City, Iowa, March 13, 1920. He was buried at his native town. He removed to Mason City in 1880 and organized the E. B. Higley Company, a produce concern of extensive business. He was a member of the city council of Mason City from 1898 to 1904, and of the Mason City Park Commission. At his death he bequeathed his home to Mason City to be converted into a home for elderly women, and named it "The Julia M. Higley Home," in honor of his wife who had preceded him in death.

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JOHN H. SMITH was born in the state of Delaware, February 21, 1828, and died at Ira, Jasper County, Iowa, January 9, 1915. He removed with his parents to Michigan in 1832 and to Jasper County, Iowa, in 1857. He taught school awhile and worked as a carpenter. He enlisted in Company K, Twenty-eighth Iowa Infantry, and was mustered out in 1865 as orderly sergeant. He was elected representative from Jasper County in 1885 and served in the Twenty-first General Assembly. He materially assisted in the legislation establishing the Iowa Soldiers' Home.

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SAMUEL M. McCLEERY was born at Somanauk, Illinois, September 26, 1852, and died at Washington, Iowa, February 12, 1918. He was brought by his people to Washington County, Iowa, in 1864, where he lived until his death. He followed the vocation of farmer and stock dealer. In 1900 he was elected a member of the board of supervisors, and was re-elected, serving in all nine years. In 1908 he was elected representative and re-elected two years later, serving in the Thirty-third and Thirty-fourth general assemblies.

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