

PATRICK B. WOLFE was born in Chicago, Illinois, October 7, 1848, and died at Clinton, Iowa, June 11, 1922. His parents were John and Honora (Buckley) Wolfe. The family lived for some time at Ottawa, Illinois, but removed to Lost Nation, Clinton County, Iowa, in 1854. Young Patrick attended common school and the Academy of Christian Brothers at La Salle, Illinois. He then took an academic course of two years at the State University of Iowa, and was graduated from the Law Department of the University in 1870. In 1871 he commenced the practice of law at Dewitt. From 1877 to 1880 he was corporation counsel for the town of Dewitt. In 1885 he was elected senator and was re-elected in 1889, serving in the Twenty-first, Twenty-second, and Twenty-third general assemblies. He resigned as senator in 1891 and on November 10 of that year Governor Boies appointed him judge of the Seventh Judicial District to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of Judge Andrew Howat. By election he served in this position until August 31, 1904, when he resigned and formed a partnership with his son, John L. Wolfe, for the practice of law in Clinton, to which city he had removed in 1893. In 1910 he was an unsuccessful candidate on the Democratic ticket for judge of the Supreme Court of Iowa.

---

ABRAM PEARSON was born near where now stands Kansas City, Kansas, July 15, 1837, and died in Washington County, Iowa, September 20, 1922. His parents were Moses and Sarah Pearson of Miami County, Ohio. They were Friends (Quakers) and at the time of their son's birth were doing missionary work among the Indians. In 1838 they returned to their home in Ohio. Abram attended Friends' school and was two years at Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio, after which he taught school until 1862. He then removed to Kokomo, Indiana, and in 1863 to Jackson Township, Washington County, Iowa, where he settled on a farm on which he continued to reside the remainder of his life. He was a progressive and successful farmer and stockman and accumulated considerable property. He took an active part in public affairs and was secretary of his local school board for forty years. In 1879 he was elected representative and was re-elected two years later, serving in the Eighteenth and Nineteenth general assemblies. He retained his early religious beliefs, but there being no Friends' church near, he affiliated with the Presbyterian church, and was teacher of a Bible class thirty-two years.

---

STEPHEN AMBROSE BEACH was born at Summer Hill, New York, September 15, 1860, and died at Ames, Iowa, November 21, 1922. He was educated in public school, at Ann Arbor, and at Iowa State College, Ames, being graduated from the latter in 1887 with the degree of B. S., and in 1892 with that of M. S. For three years he was connected with a commercial nursery. In 1890 he became professor of horticulture at the Texas Agricultural College. In 1891 he became horticulturist of the

Copyright of Annals of Iowa is the property of State of Iowa, by & through the State Historical Society of Iowa and its content may not be copied or emailed to multiple sites or posted to a listserv without the copyright holder's express written permission. However, users may print, download, or email articles for individual use.