

ROBERT C. STIRTON was born in Devonshire, England, April 2, 1861, and died at Monticello, Iowa, October 30, 1921. His parents were Robert and Anne Stirton, both natives of Scotland. The father died when Robert was two years old and shortly thereafter he was taken by his mother to Scotland where they lived until 1871 when they immigrated to America, locating in Delaware County, Iowa. In 1873 they removed to Monticello. He worked on farms in summers and attended school at Monticello in winters. He taught several terms of school, served three years as assistant postmaster, and in 1890 entered the Lovell Bank. In 1897, when it was organized as a state bank, he became its cashier and continued as such until his death. He served as president of the fair association of his county, and also as president of the board of education of Monticello. In 1903 he was elected senator and served in the Thirtieth, Thirty-first, and Thirty-second general assemblies. In 1906 he was the Democratic candidate for Congress in the Fifth District, and in 1908 was a candidate of the same party for presidential elector.

---

EUGENE SCHAFFTER was born at Lynchburg, Virginia, September 3, 1864, and died at Eagle Grove, Iowa, October 31, 1921. A son of Charles Albin and Lucy (Hall) Schaffter, natives of Switzerland, he was with them in their removal to Paxton, Illinois, in 1880. He attended public school and the Collegiate and Normal Institute of Paxton. He worked at newspaper reporting at Batavia, Illinois, but came with his parents to Eagle Grove in 1882, and for the next seventeen years, with the exception of about a year in Europe in 1890, he worked as a railroad stenographer and clerk. In 1899 he entered the practice of law at Eagle Grove with D. C. Filkins, but when two years later Mr. Filkins removed to Minneapolis, Mr. Schaffter continued the practice alone. He was mayor of Eagle Grove and a member of the school and library boards. In 1908 he was a delegate to the Republican National Convention, and in 1918 was elected senator and served in the Thirty-eighth and Thirty-ninth general assemblies. He was prominent in Royal Arch Masonry in Iowa. He was a graceful writer with strong poetic instincts and left a number of published specimens of his writing.

---

JOHN W. HANNA was born in Big Grove Township, Benton County, Iowa, August 29, 1857, and died at Vinton, Iowa, April 14, 1922. His parents were Mr. and Mrs. Alexander H. Hanna. He received his education in public school, in Tilford Academy, and in Cornell College, attending the latter one year. He followed farming and stock raising, was president of the Farmers Savings Bank of Garrison from the time of its organization, was president of the Benton County Farm Bureau for three years, and was a member of the Benton County Exemption Board during the World War. He was elected representative in 1918 and re-elected in 1920, serving in the Thirty-eighth and Thirty-ninth general assemblies.

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.