

degree of A. B. in 1892; from Illinois College of Law, with the degrees of LL. B. and LL. M. in 1896; and from the University of Chicago with the degree of Ph. B. in 1898. He began practice in Chicago in 1896 but in 1898 removed to Des Moines and became secretary of and an instructor in Highland Park College of Law. In 1902 he became the junior member of the firm of Miller (Jesse A.), Wallingford (J. D.) & DeGraff, but in October, 1903, was appointed assistant attorney general under C. W. Mullan and served in that position until January 1, 1907. Having been elected county attorney of Polk County in November, 1906, he served three years, or until he was appointed by Governor Carroll January 3, 1910, judge of the District Court. He served as judge until elevated to the Supreme Court January 1, 1921, having been elected the previous November. This position he retained until December 31, 1932, having been defeated in the election of the previous November. Judge DeGraff was a scholarly man and a popular jurist. He was the author of *Outlines of American Government*, 1898; *Outlines in Economics*, 1900; and *Pharmacy Law*, 1916.

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HENRY SILWOLD was born in Sheboygan County, Wisconsin, January 12, 1860, and died in Newton, Iowa, April 28, 1934. Burial was in the cemetery of St. John's Evangelical Church in the country near Newton. His parents were Henry and Charlotte (Depping) Silwold. They removed from Wisconsin to Malaka Township, Jasper County, Iowa, in 1866. The son Henry helped on the farm during crop seasons, and attended public school in the country during winters, later took a preparatory course at Hazel Dell Academy, Newton, entered Drake University in 1885 and was graduated in 1890. He then began the study of law in the office of W. O. McElroy at Newton, was admitted to the bar in 1892 and began practice at Baxter. In 1898 he removed to Newton. In March, 1900, he was appointed county attorney of Jasper County to succeed W. O. McElroy, resigned, and the fall of 1901 was nominated by the Republicans for that office, was elected and served until January 1, 1904. Governor Carroll appointed him a judge of the Sixth Judicial District to succeed Byron W. Preston and he assumed the duties January 1, 1913. In 1914 he was elected for a full term and served until December 31, 1918. He then returned to the practice in Newton which he continued up to a short time before his death. He was honorable in his profession and in his official duties, as well as in his private life. He was scholarly, interested in local history, and was an occasional contributor to the ANNALS.

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HARRY MATTINGLY COWPER ("Holmes Cowper") was born in Dundas, Ontario, Canada, March 4, 1870, and died in Des Moines, Iowa, July 2, 1934. Burial was in Glendale Cemetery, Des Moines. His parents were Roland Frederick and Sara Ann (Bishop) Cowper. He attended Quaker College, Pickering, Ontario, and studied music in London under

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