

JOHN RUSSELL BARCROFT was born in Cadiz, Ohio, May 13, 1824; he died in Des Moines, Iowa, January 20, 1901. He was admitted to the bar at the age of twenty-three, in his native place. He first settled in Millersburg, Ohio, where he engaged in the practice of law. While residing there he was for a time a law partner of Gen. Josiah Given, Chief Justice of Iowa. He came to Iowa in 1864, stopping awhile in Oskaloosa, but settled in Des Moines in 1865, where he entered into a law partnership with J. S. Polk and F. M. Hubbell. He was a man of much ability and occupied a commanding position in his profession, but had never been an office-holder, nor was he a member of any church or of any secret order.

WILLIAM H. TURNER was born in Sciota county, Ohio, September 10, 1834; he died at Keokuk, Iowa, October 29, 1900. He came with his parents to Lee county in 1852, where he afterwards resided. He received his education at Maryville College, Kentucky. After his college days he entered upon the study of medicine under the late Dr. John F. Sanford. He had practiced a few years before the outbreak of the war, at which time he was made assistant surgeon of the 2d Iowa Infantry, which place he held to the end of the war in 1865. He also held the position of medical examiner of the Pension Board during the administration of President Cleveland.

SAMUEL S. WHITE was born in Franklin county, Indiana, in 1811; he died at Portland, Oregon, January 6, 1901. He settled upon the site of Burlington in the fall of 1829, and was the founder of that town. He was an Indian war veteran, having fought in the Sac and Fox and Black Hawk wars. He removed to Oregon in 1845, where he became a farmer and steamboat man. He was the first probate judge in that State. Steps have been taken in Burlington to secure his portrait for the gallery of local history in the new library building.

CHARLES KLOCK SMITH was born at Johnsonville, New York, February 12, 1835; he died at Sioux City, Iowa, February 24, 1901. He was one of the pioneers of Sioux City, having settled there in 1855. President Buchanan appointed him postmaster in 1857, in which position he served four years. He was elected mayor in 1867. In 1861 he became a member of the Iowa Frontier guards. Mr. John H. Charles narrated the principal events in the life of this early settler in *The Sioux City Tribune* of February 25, 1901.

ALEXANDER LAUBENCE was born in New Deer Parish, Aberdeenshire, Scotland, September 11, 1807; he died at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, February 9, 1901. He held the office of city marshal of Cedar Rapids, coroner, township trustee, assessor and deputy U. S. marshal. He retired from public life in 1897. He was especially prominent in the Masonic order.

HOWARD A. LANGLEY was born January 16, 1827, at Northfield, Massachusetts; he died at Burlington, Iowa, January 15, 1901. He served three years and five months in Co. C, 16th Wisconsin Infantry. He settled in Burlington in 1867, where he afterwards resided. He was a member of the Matthies Post, G. A. R., Burlington.

THE PRAIRIE SLOUGH.—A note should have accompanied the article under this heading, giving the pronunciation of the word "slough," as used in this part of the Middle West. It is pronounced as if written "slew," "sloo," or "slue."

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