

county with his parents in 1849. He attended the district schools of the county and the academy at Troy, in Davis county, then the leading school in that part of the State. He enlisted in Co. I, 3d Iowa Cavalry, from which he was discharged some time in 1862, for disability. He was elected to the House of Representatives of the 19th and 21st General Assemblies. In 1891 he was elected state senator, serving in the sessions of 1892 and 1894. As a legislator Dr. Reynolds was active and influential, especially in the matter of securing such laws as would promote the health of the people. As a physician he was widely recognized as learned and skillful. He actively supported the bill providing for the founding of the Historical Department, in which he always took a deep interest and to which he was a liberal contributor.

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MAJOR ADAM KRAMER was born in Germany, Oct. 15, 1837; he died in Iowa City, Nov. 10, 1901, thus closing the brilliant record of a soldier's life. Maj. Kramer came to this country at an early age and received his education in Philadelphia. When 20 years old he joined a Pennsylvania Cavalry troop, and for forty years thereafter continued in active service in the U. S. army. He participated in the siege of Yorktown and the battles of Antietam, Murfreesboro and Chickamauga. A summary of his distinguished career, as found in the Official Register, shows a wide and varied service, including five months with the German army during the Franco-Prussian war. His last command was at Fort Leavenworth with a cavalry battalion. Although a man of splendid physique, his hard life had its natural effect, and in 1897 he retired in broken health. He has since resided in Iowa City. He was buried with military honors at Arlington Heights, Washington, D. C.

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ERASTUS SNOW was born on a farm near Winchester, N. H., September 19, 1819; He died at his home in Grinnell, Iowa, March 2, 1902. Early in life he developed marked business ability. For eight years, including the financial crisis of 1857, he had charge of a bank in Winchester, N. H., attending to every department of business himself. In 1859 he removed west, remaining for two years in Davenport, Iowa. In 1861 he purchased 80 acres of land near the town of Grinnell, and has since resided there. He has had charge of many important matters relating to the town and county. He was a member and chairman of the Board of Supervisors; first president of the national bank; president of the savings bank, and at one time in charge of the finances of the school district. He served as a member of the House of Representatives of the 13th General Assembly. He was prominently identified with the Granger movement, and conducted successfully a Granger store for years. When the Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company was organized he was made president.

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GEORGE T. WILLIAMS was born in Nauvoo county, Ill., in 1854; he died at his home in Ida Grove, March 7, 1902. When a small boy he removed with his family in a wagon across the country to Tabor, Fremont county, Iowa. He attended school during the winter terms only. In 1872 a physical injury caused him to abandon farm life, and he came to Ida Grove, where he taught one term of school. He then entered the office of *The Pioneer*, and after two years of work upon a small salary, acquired a half-interest in the paper, of which he was editor at the time of his death. Much of his time in later years was spent in traveling through the United States preparing and publishing special advertising editions for newspapers, the work for which was usually done at *The Pioneer* office. He had written up about 3,000 towns in this way and was widely known in Iowa and elsewhere. Mr. Williams was a favorite with the journalists of this State and his early death called forth many tributes of respect.

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