

## NOTABLE DEATHS

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WILLIAM HULBERT THRIFT was born in Des Moines, October 15, 1847; he died at Hot Springs, Arkansas, March 30, 1914. His father, Josiah Moffitt Thrift, came to Fort Des Moines in 1843, as garrison tailor for the Dragoons, married Eunice Jewett of Jefferson county, took up land now included in Union Park, where a daughter and a son, William Hulbert, were born. William Hulbert Thrift attended the first school in Des Moines. When but a boy he removed with his parents to Boone county. At the age of fourteen he enlisted as a private in Company D, Sixteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, on December 2, 1861. He participated in the battles of Shiloh, Corinth and Iuka. At Iuka he was seriously wounded, and was discharged on account of disability on November 21, 1862. While convalescing he joined Company F, Iowa Northern Border Brigade, stationed at Spirit Lake to protect the settlers against Indian raids, and served from September 17 to December 9, 1863. He enlisted in Company H, Forty-fourth Iowa Volunteer Infantry on May 28, 1864, and was mustered out September 15, 1864. Upon his return from the war he studied dentistry and graduated from the Ohio Dental College at Cincinnati in 1868. He returned to Boone, Iowa, to practice his profession, and in 1872 removed to Eldora. Two years later he located in Independence and remained ten years. In 1884 he removed to Dubuque which was his residence until 1905, when he removed to Des Moines. He served in the Iowa National Guard from July 2, 1877, to February 1, 1909, and was Adjutant General of Iowa from 1905 to 1909. He was given a gold medal of honor for twenty-five years of service as an officer in the Iowa National Guard. He received a six months' probationary appointment at the National Cemetery, Arlington, and served as Assistant Superintendent of the National Cemetery, Knoxville, Tennessee. In April, 1911, he was appointed Superintendent of the National Cemetery, Pineville, Louisiana, and held the position until his death. His remains were interred in the National Cemetery, Arlington, Washington, D. C.

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AMOS WISELEY BRANDT was born in Auburn, De Kalb county, Indiana, August 24, 1850; he died at Des Moines on March 15, 1914. He came with his parents to Des Moines in April, 1858, and for

some years attended the public schools here. He pursued his later education at Grinnell College and at Monmouth College, in Illinois, from which he graduated in 1871. He engaged in farming until December, 1877, when he removed to Des Moines. For two years he studied law in the office of Conrad & Phillips, and then entered the Iowa Law School, a branch of Simpson Centenary College at Indianola, and graduated therefrom in 1880. He served as justice of the peace for Lee township for one year and as United States store keeper and United States gauger until 1885. In 1887 he was elected auditor of Polk county, and continued in office until 1895. In June, 1898, Mr. Brandt was commissioned Captain and organized a company of colored immunes. This company proceeded to Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, and Macon, Georgia, where they performed camp and garrison duty. An order to depart for Matanzas, Cuba, was countermanded on account of the close of the war. On July 5, 1899, Captain Brandt was appointed Captain of Company F, Thirty-second U. S. Volunteers, which went to the Philippines and served until June, 1901. Captain Brandt was an active member of the Early Settlers' Association and served as its president several times. He was ever interested in all social affairs of the pioneers of the county.

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JAMES SHANNON CRAWFORD was born in Coshocton county, Ohio, December 20, 1851; he died in Chicago, March 2, 1913. When he was two years of age his parents removed to Allamakee county, Iowa, where he was raised on a farm and educated in the common schools. He attended Upper Iowa University and the State University of Iowa. In 1876 he taught school in Allamakee county for a year. He visited the Centennial and spent some time observing the industries and inspecting the coal, iron and oil regions of the East. Returning to Iowa he resumed school teaching in Cass county and in 1882 was principal of schools at Lewis. He became superintendent of schools in Cass county and was a member of the Educational Board of Examiners in 1890. He represented Cass county in the House of the Twenty-fourth General Assembly. For some years he engaged in newspaper work on the *Atlantic Telegraph* and the *Cherokee Herald*. In 1900 he was appointed a member of Ferdinand W. Peck's staff of custodians of the United States exhibit at the Universal Exposition in Paris and in his capacity as head of the corn kitchen did much to develop the use of corn as a food among the European people. He was connected with the Department of Exploitation of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition in St. Louis, 1902 to 1904, and many of his articles appeared in the leading magazines of that time. He was the author

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