JAMES F. LAVENDER was born at Rochester, New Hampshire, March 24, 1851, and died at Rockwell City, Iowa, June 11, 1926. He was with his parents when they removed to Scott County, Iowa, in 1863. He was educated in public school, in Griswold College, Davenport, and in Iowa Agricultural College, Ames. For ten years he taught school and for the last five years of that period was superintendent of schools at Le Claire, Iowa, and at Cordova, Illinois. In the meantime he had read law at intervals, and continuing his preparation at Minneapolis, Minnesota, was admitted to the bar there in 1880. He practiced for about a year with Brown & Campbell at Davenport, and in 1881 removed to Rockwell City and engaged in practice there. During his forty-five years of residence there, besides attaining a good law practice, he held many positions of trust. He served as mayor of Rockwell City, was county superintendent of schools from 1886 to 1889 inclusive, and in 1895 was elected representative and was re-elected in 1897, serving in the Twentysixth, Twenty-sixth Extra, and Twenty-seventh general assemblies. He served as county attorney of Calhoun County for the years 1915 to 1920 inclusive.

John Hayes was born at Washington, Connecticut, September 14, 1837, and died in Seattle, Washington, July 9, 1926. His parents were Rev. Gordon and Mary Fassett Hayes. When a mere youth he removed to Muscatine, Iowa. On September 2, 1861, he enlisted in Company C, Sixteenth Iowa Infantry, as first sergeant. He was wounded at Shiloh, was promoted to second lieutenant December 22, 1862, for some time acted as assistant quartermaster of the engineering department under General Grant, and was discharged for disability July 8, 1864. In 1872 he removed to Red Oak and engaged in the real estate business. He was a director in the Iowa State Agricultural Society in 1887 and 1888, and was president of the society in 1889 and 1890. He was a member of the commission for the erection of monuments to mark the positions occupied by Iowa volunteers at the Battle of Shiloh, and served as secretary of the commission from its organization in 1900 to the close of its service in 1907. In 1907 he removed to Seattle.

Dr. David Crawford Brockman was born in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, September 15, 1853, and died in Ottumwa August 21, 1925. He was the son of Walter L. and Helen Crawford Brockman. He was graduated from the Medical Department of the State University of Iowa in 1878 and in 1888 he returned there as an instructor, remaining until 1892, when he located in Ottumwa and engaged in general practice. In 1893 he was president of the Wapello County Medical Society, in 1896 of the Tri-State Medical Society, in 1905 of the Iowa State Medical Society and in 1906 of the Iowa Surgical Association. In 1905 he relinquished general practice and devoted his time to surgery and diagnosis. He stood high in his profession and as a citizen.

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