

## James Findley Morris

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positions held by Mr. Mahin were trustee of Iowa State Normal School, 1889-90; regent of State University of Iowa, 1894-97; and colonel of First Regiment, Iowa National Guard, 1891-98.

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JOHN SNURE was born in Adamsville, Michigan, in 1873, and died in Washington, D. C., March 29, 1936. His parents were Samuel Edward and Eliza Jane (Johnson) Snure. He was graduated from the Michigan State Normal School, Ypsilanti, in 1891. He was a reporter on the *Twin City (La Salle and Peru) Journal*, Ottawa, Illinois, in 1892 to 1896; on the *Des Moines Leader* in 1896; on the *Des Moines Register and Leader*, and the *Des Moines Register and Tribune*, 1896 to 1903, except that he served over a year in the Spanish-American War, enlisting on April 26, 1898 as a private in Company H, Fifty-first Infantry. He was promoted to corporal June 20, 1898, and was discharged September 20, 1899, at Manilla, Philippine Islands, when he returned to Des Moines. In 1903 he removed to Washington, D. C., and until his death he was correspondent from the national capital to various papers, chief among them being the *Des Moines Register and Leader*, later the *Register and Tribune*, and the *New York Herald-Tribune*. He had an unusually large acquaintance with leading politicians and statesmen of the country and was universally respected and trusted by them. He kept his close association with Iowa people to the end.

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WILLIAM STUART was born in Antrim County, Ireland, January 10, 1851, and died at Armstrong, Iowa, March 31, 1936. Burial was in the Armstrong Cemetery. His parents were Alexander and Margaret (Ellis) Stuart. The family removed to Ontario, Canada, in 1856 where William received his education in the public schools. In 1864 they removed to Fulton, Illinois, where he learned the blacksmith trade. In 1879 he removed to Grundy Center, Iowa, where he followed blacksmithing and wagon making, but later entered the farm implement business. In 1890 he was elected mayor of Grundy Center. In 1892 he removed to Armstrong, Emmet County, and became one of the founders of the town. There he engaged in banking, becoming a director and the vice president of the First National Bank of Armstrong, and also the owner of several hundred acres of farm land in Emmet County. He was a member of the school board and for three years, 1897, 1898 and 1899, he was a member of the Board of Supervisors of Emmet County. In 1916 he was elected representative, was re-elected in 1918, and served in the Thirty-seventh and Thirty-eighth general assemblies.

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JAMES FINDLEY MORRIS was born in a log cabin near Princeville, Peoria County, Illinois, October 23, 1854, and died in Altadena, California, May 6, 1936. Burial was in Mountain View Cemetery, Pasadena. His parents were Absalom and Mary Jane (Findley) Morris. The family removed in April, 1855, to Black Hawk County, Iowa, locating on land then secured from the government at \$1.25 an acre. The son

attended school but little during his boyhood, as it was necessary for him to labor on the farm. When twenty years old he attended school at Hopkinton, Delaware County, two terms, taught a term of country school, then attended high school three years. In 1881 he removed to southeast of Ireton, Sioux County, where for over thirty years he devoted himself to farming and raising livestock, in which he was highly successful. He was a school director ten years, and school treasurer fifteen years. He was elected representative in 1903, re-elected in 1906, and served in the Thirtieth, Thirty-first and Thirty-second general assemblies. As citizen and as legislator he was faithful to his trusts. He retired from business in 1909 and removed to Pasadena, California.

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FRANK THOMAS VASEY was born at Taylorsville, Illinois, October 26, 1876, and died in Springfield, Illinois, April 1, 1936. Burial was at Tokio, Missouri. His parents were Dowland and Elizabeth (Hadley) Vasey. He attended high school at Livergood, Nebraska, received his A. B. degree from the University of Nebraska in 1904, and his A. M. from the State University of Iowa in 1918. He began teaching in rural schools in 1902, was principal of high school in Pawnee City, Nebraska, 1904 to 1906; superintendent of schools of Tarkio, Missouri, 1906 to 1910; of Albia, Iowa, 1910 to 1913; of Charles City, 1913 to 1918; of Mason City, 1918 to 1930; and of Springfield, Illinois, from 1930 until his death. He was president of the Northeast Iowa Teachers' Association in 1916, and of the Iowa State Teachers' Association in 1927. He was held in very high regard as an educator and as a public citizen.

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LOUIS H. WIESE was born near Tipton, Iowa, December 9, 1890, and died in Davenport February 21, 1936. Burial was in Allen's Grove Cemetery several miles north of the city of Davenport. His education was acquired in district schools in Cedar and Scott counties, supplemented by two terms in Brown's Business College, Davenport. He served fifteen months in the World War. He was in the grocery business in Davenport for five years, and for several years he was a salesman. In 1932 he was elected representative and was re-elected in 1934, and served in the Forty-fifth, Forty-fifth Extra, and Forty-sixth general assemblies. He was chairman of the Pharmacy Committee in the Forty-sixth. He was highly regarded as a legislator and as a citizen.

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HARRY J. MILES was born at Miles, Jackson County Iowa, September 13, 1869, and died at Miles April 13 1936. His parents were Forrest and Henrietta Graham Miles. He acquired his education in the grade schools of Miles and in Grinnell College. He spent his entire life in Miles, where he served as mayor four terms. His business was farming and stock raising. In 1916 he was elected representative as a Republican, and was re-elected in 1918, and served in the Thirty-seventh and Thirty-eighth general assemblies.

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