

## Lot Abraham

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which extended to January, 1913. During a portion of that time he also acted as private secretary to Lieutenant-Governor John Herriott during sessions of the legislature. He was also a member of the Board of Trustees of the Iowa State College at Ames from 1903 to 1908. In November, 1914, he was elected railroad commissioner, and was holding that position at the time of his death. Mr. Wilson loved politics, had consummate skill as a politician, was perhaps personally acquainted with more Iowa political men than was any one else of his generation, and was a trusted political adviser of many successful public men of Iowa.

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LOT ABRAHAM was born in Butler County, Ohio, April 18, 1838, and died at his home a few miles south of Mount Pleasant, Iowa, July 23, 1920. In 1841 he was brought by his parents to Center Township, Henry County, Iowa, where his father purchased the land on which Captain Abraham made his home the rest of his life. His schooling was obtained in the country schools of his neighborhood, but his education was added to through life by extensive reading, travel, observation and experience. At the outbreak of the Civil War he enlisted as a private in Company D, Fourth Iowa Cavalry. Within six months he was promoted to first lieutenant and at the end of the year was made captain. His military career was in every way creditable and he received his honorable discharge August 8, 1865. On returning home he engaged in farming and stock raising. In 1881 he was elected senator and served in the Nineteenth and Twentieth General Assemblies where he was active in legislation pertaining to prohibition and agriculture. At that early time he opposed members of the general assembly accepting railroad passes. He was active in the Grand Army of the Republic, was commander of his home post, was frequently a delegate to state and national encampments, and in 1911 was elected commander of the Department of Iowa. He was a prominent and influential leader in the Republican party in his county and district. He succeeded as a farmer and business man, was an extensive traveler in the United States, had visited many countries in Europe, also Egypt and the Holy Lands, was an active member of his church, and a progressive Christian gentleman. He was endowed with fine natural musical and dramatic talent which he used to the benefit of the Grand Army and for benevolent purposes. He gave his Civil War relics to the Historical Department of Iowa.

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CHARLES TRUMBULL GRANGER was born in Monroe County, New York, October 9, 1835, and died in Long Beach, California, October 26, 1915. Interment was at Waukon, Iowa. His boyhood was spent in Ohio and Illinois. He came to Iowa in 1854. For a few years he taught school in Allamakee and Mitchell counties. He served as county superintendent of schools of Mitchell County for a short time. While teaching

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