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Mutual Insurance Company. In 1910 he was elected representative and served in the Thirty-fourth General Assembly. He was a Republican in politics, did not aspire to public honors, but was of great service to the community in many ways.

JOHN H. AIKEN was born at Iowa City, Iowa, March 27, 1875, and died in Ida Grove January 14, 1936. In 1876 he was with his parents in their removal to the Soldier River Valley in Ida County, in which locality he grew to manhood. He remained on his father's farm properties in Grant Township, Ida County, helping to operate them, until in 1903-04 he was a few months in Valley Junction in the commission business. That was followed by eighteen months in Battle Creek, Ida County, after which he located in Ida Grove, where he looked after the farms that had been owned by his father and directed extensive cattle feeding operations. For fifteen years he served as a member of the Ida Grove Board of Education. He was a Republican, and in 1920 was elected representative, was five times re-elected, and served inclusively from the Thirty-ninth to the Forty-fourth general assemblies. He was assessor of the city of Ida Grove during 1895 and was about to begin that work for 1936 at the time of his death.

JOHN T. SULLIVAN was born in Muscatine County, Iowa, October 19, 1863, and died in Waterloo, Iowa, September 12, 1935. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery, Waterloo. He was a son of Timothy and Catherine Sullivan. He attended local school in the country, an academy in Iowa City, and was graduated from the Law School of the State University of Iowa in 1887. He began the practice of law in Waterloo the same year in partnership with J. F. Burns as Burns & Sullivan. Later Alfred Longley entered the firm. Recently Mr. Sullivan was in practice with his son, Jeffrey G. Sullivan, as Sullivan & Sullivan. At the time of his death he had been the longest in practice of any attorney in Waterloo. He early became a force in politics, and co-operated with the late W. W. Marsh for many years. It is said he was a delegate to five Democratic national conventions. In the convention of 1932 he seconded the nomination of Franklin D. Roosevelt and is credited with holding the Iowa delegation in the Roosevelt column. After election he was an influential factor in the distribution of federal patronage in Iowa. He was offered two different federal judgeships for himself, but preferred to follow the practice of his profession. He was always interested in the welfare and advancement of Waterloo, and was a devoted member of the Catholic church.

ALMOR STERN was born in Chester County, Pennsylvania, April 21, 1854, and died in Logan, Iowa, November 1, 1935. He was with his parents, Jacob T. and Millicent B. Stern, in their removal to Harrison County, Iowa, in 1857. The family settled at Harris Grove, a few miles southeast of the present town of Logan. Almor attended school at Missouri Valley, and at Magnolia, where the first high school in the county

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