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GEORGE S. ALLYN was born in Clinton, Illinois, March 9, 1847, and died in Mount Ayr, Iowa, July 17, 1928. His parents were Henry and Emily E. (Forman) Allyn. George spent his boyhood in various towns to which his father, a Methodist minister, was called to preach, and during that time obtained a fair education in public schools. When eighteen years old he began teaching school in winters and working on farms in summers, and the next year, 1866, removed to Ringgold County, Iowa, continuing the same work. In 1872 he was elected clerk of the District Court, and was twice re-elected, serving six years. He served two years as postmaster at Mount Ayr during the Hayes administration, but resigned and engaged in the real estate, abstract and loan business with C. B. Morris. In 1880 they organized the Mount Ayr Bank, and Mr. Allyn was either cashier or president of that institution until 1915. He served as a member of the Mount Ayr City Council, and as a member of the local school board. In 1895 he was elected senator, and was re-elected in 1899, serving in the Twenty-sixth, Twenty-sixth Extra, Twenty-seventh, Twenty-eighth, and Twenty-ninth general assemblies. In 1904 he was elected by the General Assembly a member of the Board of Trustees of the Iowa State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts and served until the duties of the trustees were taken over by the State Board of Education in 1909. In 1918 he was elected representative, and was re-elected in 1920, serving in the Thirty-eighth and Thirty-ninth general assemblies. He was a prominent lay member of the Methodist Episcopal church, was useful to his community in numberless ways, and filled his positions of honor and trust with fidelity.

GEORGE D. THOMPSON was born in Bureau County, Illinois, June 12, 1867, and died in Webster City, Iowa, February 25, 1928. His parents, Hiram E. and Mary L. (Studley) Thompson, removed with their family from Illinois to a farm in Hamilton County Iowa, in 1873. The son attended country school, Webster City High School, and Iowa State

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