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common school education while in his native country, and in 1874 entered as a student Augsburg Seminary, Minneapolis, Minnesota, where he remained four years, then taught school, first parochial, and later public school in Worth County, Iowa, for a few years. He then located on a farm about three miles south of Northwood, remaining there until 1914 when he retired from farming and became a resident of Northwood. He held different township offices and in 1887 became secretary of Worth County Farmers Mutual Insurance Association which he retained for forty years. In 1912 he was elected representative and was re-elected in 1914, serving in the Thirty-fifth and Thirty-sixth general assemblies. He was an educated and cultured man, was on the local library board, had a large private library, and had traveled extensively on this continent and in Europe.

ROBERT M. FINLAYSON was born in Salem Township, Carroll County, Illinois, October 7, 1844, and died in Mount Carroll, Illinois, February 10, 1935. Burial was in the Grundy Center Cemetery, Grundy Center, Iowa. He grew to manhood at the farm home of his parents, William and Jessie (Mackay) Finlayson, attended common school in the country, and was graduated from the Mount Carroll High School. For a few years he aided his father on the farm in summers and taught country schools in winter. In 1866 he removed to Tama County, Iowa, and followed farming in summers and school-teaching in winters. In 1868 he bought 240 acres of wild land in Beaver Township, Grundy County, and for the next seventeen years followed the life of a pioneer farmer, broke prairie, farmed, ran threshing machines, and took part in public matters, held some township offices, and was a member of the County Board of Supervisors. In January, 1885, he was appointed county auditor to fill a vacancy, and by reason of subsequent elections he held that office until January, 1895. In 1893 he became cashier of the First National Bank of Grundy Center, in 1896 became president, and continued in that position until 1920 when he retired. In 1908 he was elected representative and was re-elected in 1910, and served in the Thirty-third and Thirty-fourth general assemblies. He was a man of unusual ability and fine spirit and served his county, town and community in many ways.

AUGUST A. BALLUFF was born in Davenport, Iowa, January 12, 1859, and died in that city November 18, 1934. Burial was in St. Marguerite's Cemetery, Davenport. His parents were John C. and Matilda Hesse Balluff. He attended St. Marguerite's School, and when fifteen was apprenticed to learn the drug business. He remained in that business until 1884, following that by being deputy clerk of the District Court five years, clerk in the law office of Cook & Dodge four years, secretary and treasurer of the Iowa Telephone Company two years, cashier of the Citizens National Bank of Davenport seven years and vice president of the German Savings Bank of Davenport for two years. He was

clerk of the District Court from January 1, 1903, to January 1, 1907. About 1909 he returned to Cook & Dodge and remained with that firm or its successor, Cook & Balluff, until his death. In 1908 he was elected representative and served in the Thirty-third General Assembly, and was elected senator in 1910 and served in the Thirty-fourth and Thirty-fifth assemblies. He served for some time as chairman of the Scott County Democratic Central Committee, and was the Second District member of the Democratic State Committee from 1914 to 1920.

HERBERT A. MAINE was born in Newton, Iowa, October 12, 1880, and died in Waterloo November 25, 1934. Burial was at Jessup. He was graduated from North High School, Des Moines, and from the civil engineering department of the Agricultural College (now the Iowa State College), Ames, in 1902. He at once associated himself with his father, James E. Maine, in the James E. Maine Construction Company, Des Moines. In 1910 he removed to Waterloo and established the H. A. Maine Company and in the course of the next several years erected many important buildings in Waterloo, Marshalltown, Ottumwa, Newton and other cities, including the ten-story Levitt & Johnson building in Waterloo. They also built two power dams on the Cedar River, one at Waterloo and one at Nashua. During the World War he was commissioned a first lieutenant in the Navy and was stationed at New York City as an assistant in charge of naval construction. He was formerly president of the First National Bank of Waterloo, and later vice president of the Commercial National Bank of the same city. On July 4, 1933, Governor Herring appointed him a member of the State Highway Commission, and three months later he became chairman of the commission.

WILLIAM HEPBURN BREMNER was born in Marshalltown, Iowa, October 24, 1869, and died in Minneapolis, Minnesota, December 11, 1934. He received his law degree from the State University of Iowa in 1895 and shortly thereafter entered general practice of law in Des Moines, first with Robert Shuler as Bremner & Shuler, and later with Crom Bowen and Raymond B. Alberson, as Bowen, Bremner & Alberson. In 1902 he was named city solicitor and served until 1908, when the commission plan of city government became operative. Soon thereafter he was named general attorney for the Minneapolis & St. Louis Railroad Co. He was advanced to general solicitor of the company in 1913, to general counsel in 1916, and to president in 1917. He held the presidency until the road went into receivership in 1923, and from that time until his death was receiver. He had exceptional ability as a lawyer and an executive. When in the University he played both football and baseball and upon graduation became representative of that institution on the committee which had charge of the annual track meet sponsored by the University, Iowa State College, Drake University, and Grinnell College. He kept his enthusiasms and his friendships to the end.

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