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with George W. Scott, as Scott & Theophilus. In 1899 Mr. Theophilus was elected representative from Scott County and served in the Twenty-eighth General Assembly. In 1905 B. I. Salinger joined the firm, the firm name becoming Salinger, Scott & Theophilus. In 1910 he was elected district judge, and was twice re-elected, serving nearly twelve years. In 1916 he polled a large vote as a candidate for justice of the Supreme Court of Iowa on the non-partisan ticket when Horace E. Deemer and William D. Evans were re-elected.

ALONZO J. BARKLEY was born in Linn County, Iowa, March 27, 1842, and died at Boone, Iowa, December 19, 1922. His parents were James Newton and Lydia Hobson Barkley. In 1852 the family removed to a farm about eight miles from Boonesboro. August 11, 1862, he enlisted in Company D, Thirty-second Iowa Infantry. At the battle of Pleasant Hill, Louisiana, April 9, 1864, he was wounded and captured, was paroled July 1, 1864, and mustered out at Clinton, Iowa, August 24, 1865. That fall he entered Cornell College, Mount Vernon, but owing to his father's death it was only possible for him to remain there one year, when he returned home. The fall of 1866 he was elected county recorder and served four years in that position, receiving a training that made him an expert abstracter, which business he followed on leaving the recorder's office. In 1884 he helped organize the Boone County Bank, in 1889 became its president and retained its active management until he retired from business in 1911. In 1899 he was elected representative and was re-elected two years later, serving in the Twenty-eighth and Twenty-ninth general assemblies. He was a trustee of Cornell College for ten years, was a prominent lay member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and was active in the Grand Army of the Republic and in the Masonic order.

JAMES ELERICK was born in Belmont County, Ohio, April 6, 1836, and died at Monrovia, California, August 7, 1922. Final interment was in the Zion Lutheran cemetery near Douds, his boyhood home in Van Buren County, Iowa. In 1849 he came with his parents in their removal to a farm in the northwest part of Van Buren County. He was employed by a milling company previous to the Civil War and, being temporarily in Illinois working for that company, enlisted July 17, 1861, in Company A, Fifty-ninth Illinois Infantry. In December, 1862, he was promoted to captain of that company. He served until December 25, 1865, when he received his discharge. He then located in Douds. In 1881 he was elected representative and served in the Nineteenth General Assembly. In 1889 he was elected sheriff of Van Buren County, and was re-elected two years later, serving four years. In 1903 he was elected senator and served in the Thirtieth, Thirty-first, and Thirty-second general assemblies. The past few years he had resided in southern California.

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