

George Martin Curtis

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then formed a partnership with S. M. Casey at Fort Madison and commenced the practice of law. This partnership lasted until Mr. Casey's death in 1903, after which Mr. Stewart practiced alone. In 1899 he was appointed assistant United States attorney for the Southern District of Iowa, and served in that position fourteen years, being under District Attorneys Lewis Miles and M. L. Temple. He was local attorney for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company, and also represented the Mississippi River Power Company, the Green Bay Drainage Company, the Fort Madison Gas Company, the Fort Madison Street Railway Company, and many other corporations. He was an able lawyer, was a Republican in politics, and was active and influential in local and state affairs.

GEORGE MARTIN CURTIS was born at Oxford, New York, April 1, 1844, and died at Clinton, Iowa, February 9, 1921. He removed with his parents to Ogle County, Illinois, in 1856. He was reared on a farm and educated in common schools and Rock River Seminary, Mount Morris, Illinois. From 1863 to 1865 he clerked in a store in Rochelle, Illinois, and for two years was in merchandising business in Courtland, Illinois. In 1867 he removed to Clinton, Iowa, and engaged in the manufacture of doors, blinds, and lumber. His brother, Charles F. Curtis, was associated with him in the firm of Curtis Bros. & Co. He was also interested in banking at Clinton. He was a natural leader and early took an interest in public affairs. In 1887 he was elected representative and served in the Twenty-second General Assembly. For twelve years the Second District had been represented in Congress by a Democrat, but in 1894 the Republicans nominated Mr. Curtis, and he was elected, and was re-elected two years later, but declined to be a candidate again. He was a delegate to the Republican national conventions of 1892, 1904, and 1916, and was a member of the Iowa Commission to the Louisiana Purchase Exposition of 1904.

FRANK G. CLARK was born in Vermont, April 17, 1838, and died in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, February 3, 1921. He enlisted as a private in Company G, Sixteenth Vermont Infantry, and was promoted to first lieutenant. In 1864 he was graduated from Middlebury College, Middlebury, Vermont, then read law with Hon. P. T. Washburn, afterwards governor of Vermont, at Woodstock, Vermont, and was admitted to the bar in 1866. Shortly thereafter he removed to Belle Plaine, Iowa, and commenced practice. In 1871 he was elected representative from Benton County, and served in the Fourteenth General Assembly. In 1876 he removed to Cedar Rapids and practiced law there until shortly before his death. At one time he was a member of the Cedar Rapids City Council. In 1918 he was commander of the Loyal Legion of Iowa. During the last fourteen years of his life he was referee in bankruptcy for the Northern District of Iowa. He was an influential lay member of the Congregational church and was active in Y. M. C. A. work.

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