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WILLIAM FLETCHER BROWN was born at Indian Camp, Guernsey County, Ohio, August 5, 1850, and died at Artesian, South Dakota, October 6, 1912. Interment was at Indianola, Iowa. His parents were John and Elizabeth Ann Brown, who emigrated with their family to Jasper County, Iowa, in 1864. William Fletcher attended common school, Central University, Pella, for a time, and was graduated from Simpson College, Indianola, in 1877. During his junior year in college he was licensed to preach by the Methodist Episcopal church. He was graduated from Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, New Jersey, in 1879 with the degree of B. D. In 1904 Cornell College, Mount Vernon, conferred on him the degree of D. D. He served the following pastorates: Carlisle Circuit, 1879-80; Dunlap, 1881-83; Macedonia and Carson, 1883-85; and Adel, 1886. He was vice-president of Simpson College in 1887-91, and president in 1892-97. He was pastor at Nevada in 1898-99, and from 1900 to 1912 was secretary of the Des Moines Conference Preachers' Aid Society. In 1908 he was a delegate to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church which met in Baltimore. As pastor in the many places where he ministered, and as secretary of the Preachers' Aid Society he rendered able and devoted service, but his work as vice-president and president of Simpson College was of conspicuous merit.

FRANK B. YOUNKIN was born at Chariton, Iowa, May 9, 1884, and died at Ottumwa, Iowa, March 24, 1923. His parents were C. H. and Nancy Ann Younkin. The family removed to Ottumwa in 1899 where Frank and his brother Lloyd operated a news stand and cigar store for twenty-four years. Frank enlisted in the Iowa National Guard in 1903. He served with the Third Iowa Infantry on the Mexican border in 1916 and went to France with Company G, One Hundred and Sixty-eighth Infantry, in 1917 as a first lieutenant. He was wounded in the fighting near Chateau Thierry by a high explosive July 26, 1918, and was promoted to captain September 1, 1918. He also saw service in the Champaign area, the St. Mihiel district, the Argonne forest, and was with the army of occupation in Germany, being over seas eighteen months. He was a lieutenant-colonel on Governor Kendall's staff at the time of his death.

ABNER H. EDWARDS was born at Lamoille, Illinois, September 14, 1846, and died at Audubon, Iowa, March 1, 1923. He enlisted in Company G, One Hundred and Thirty-ninth Illinois Infantry, May 17, 1864, and was honorably discharged, October 28, 1864. Farming and rearing live stock was his vocation. He removed to Douglas Township, Audubon County, Iowa, in 1884. In 1895 he was elected representative and served in the Twenty-sixth and Twenty-sixth Extra general assemblies. He served as justice of the peace from 1900 to 1920. Shortly before his death he gave six acres of ground to the people of Douglas Township for use as a public park.

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