

Matthew H. Francis

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at Harlan and at Pierce, Nebraska. He later became interested in banking at both places. In 1897 he was elected county treasurer, and was re-elected in 1899, serving four years. In 1901 he was elected representative and served in the Twenty-ninth General Assembly, but declined being a candidate again. For eight years he was a member of the city council of Harlan, and for the same length of time, was a member of the school board. He was a Democrat in politics.

MATTHEW H. FRANCIS was born in Mahanoy City, Pennsylvania, April 25, 1872, and died in the State Hospital, Clarinda, Iowa, June 27, 1925. Burial was in a cemetery near his home in Peoples Township, Boone County. He was brought by his parents in their removal to the vicinity of Moingona, Boone County, Iowa, the fall of 1872. Later the family removed to a farm in Peoples Township. Matthew attended country school, was graduated from Woodward High School in 1888, and from Highland Park College in 1894. He taught school during winters for a few years, farming in summers, but later gave his entire time to farming. He held several township offices, was a member of the Boone County Board of Education, was president of the Boone County Farm Bureau for two years, was assistant secretary of the Senate of the Thirty-sixth General Assembly, and in 1924 was elected representative and served in the Forty-first General Assembly. He was a member of the Baptist church in which he was an ardent worker, and was a Republican in politics. He was never married. His devotion to his public service caused a nervous breakdown after the close of the legislative session.

JAMES L. WARREN was born in Mahaska County, Iowa, September 23, 1860, and died in Des Moines May 17, 1925. His parents were Robert B. and Emily L. (Bingham) Warren. His boyhood was spent in the farm home. He attended common school and later Penn College for some three years. He read law in the office of Bolton & McCoy of Oskaloosa, was admitted to the bar there in December, 1886, and practiced there until June, 1891, when he removed to Pella and engaged in practice there with his brother, Granville E. Warren, for the first three years, after which he practiced alone. In 1892 Granville E. was elected county attorney, but owing to his failing health he did but little of the work of the office, the duties for the ensuing two years devolving upon James L., who had been made his assistant. In 1899 James L. was elected representative, and was re-elected in 1901, serving in the Twenty-eighth and Twenty-ninth assemblies. In 1903 he was elected senator and served in the Thirtieth, Thirty-first, and Thirty-second general assemblies. In 1910 he took up the practice of his profession in Des Moines, removing his family there in 1917. From early manhood he was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, was a Republican in politics, and a most worthy citizen.

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