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came laws relating to insurance companies. In 1913 he became president of the Western Life Insurance Company of Des Moines and so remained until the consolidation of the company with the Royal Union Life Insurance Company of Des Moines in 1924. Mr. Jamison was a member and an elder of Central Presbyterian church, Des Moines.

WILLIS G. BONNER was born in Webster City, Iowa, February 16, 1878, and died in Des Moines October 13, 1931. Burial was at Webster City. He was a son of Andrew S. and Phebe E. (Skinner) Bonner. After being graduated from the Webster City High School he read law in the office of Daniel Cady Chase of Webster City. He was admitted to the bar in 1907 and entered practice in Des Moines having offices with Fred L. Groesbeck and with R. L. Parish and C. C. Dowell, who constituted the firm of Parish & Dowell. In 1918 Governor Harding appointed him a judge of the Municipal Court of Des Moines and in 1922 he was elected a judge of the District Court of Polk County, which position he was occupying at the time of his death.

ERNEST C. HAMILTON was born near Peru, Madison County, Iowa, August 1, 1889, and died at Mount Pleasant October 20, 1931. Burial was at Winterset. Soon after his birth the family removed to Winterset. He was graduated from Winterset High School in 1910, and from the State University of Iowa in 1914 with the degree of B. A. He then engaged in the real estate business at Winterset with his father, J. E. Hamilton. In the later years of his life he was an active farmer. In the World War he was in the Aircraft Production, being located at Kelly Field, Texas, and later at Buffalo, New York. He was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1924. June 16, 1924, Governor Kendall appointed him to fill the vacancy on the State Board of Parole caused by the resignation of J. R. Murphy, and he served until June 30, 1929.

JOHN D. SHAFFER was born in Black Hawk County, Iowa, May 18, 1858, and died in Elgin, Fayette County, June 27, 1931. He attended public school, was two terms at Western College, and two terms at Upper Iowa University. He followed farming and the breeding of Percheron horses and Shorthorn cattle. He was also interested in banking, being at one time vice president of the Wadena Savings Bank, and later was president of the Elgin Savings Bank. He was assessor of his township, was a member of the Fayette County Board of Supervisors for six years, and was elected representative in 1903 and served as a member of the Thirtieth, Thirty-first and Thirty-second general assemblies.

D. MILLARD GIBSON was born in Osceola, Iowa, September 11, 1868, and died near that city June 1, 1930. His parents were E. P. and Edith Millard Gibson. He was reared on a farm near Osceola, was educated

in rural school, Osceola High School, Simpson College, and received a business course in Highland Park College. He followed the vocation of farming until a few years before his death, when he retired. He held positions in township government, was an active worker in the Farm Bureau organization, was president of the Iowa State Bank of Osceola, was elected representative in 1920, re-elected in 1922, and served in the Thirty-ninth and Fortieth general assemblies.

JOHN B. TRUAX was born in Jonesborough, Indiana, February 14, 1859, and died in Independence, Iowa, November 19, 1930. He was with his parents, Isaac and Anna Truax, in their removal to a farm in Buchanan County, Iowa, in 1864. He attended public school, engaged in farm work and other labor, clerked in a general store in Hazleton several years, and in 1892 was elected county recorder of Buchanan County, in which position he served twenty years. Following that he was engaged in the abstract business at Independence until 1923. In 1924 he was elected representative, and was re-elected in 1926 and 1928, serving in the Forty-first, Forty-second and Forty-third general assemblies.

HENRY LINN PIERCE was born at Belleville, Illinois, March 19, 1867, and died at Freeport, Illinois, May 1, 1930. Burial was at Stockton, Illinois. When a mere boy he removed with his father, his mother having died, to Clay County, Iowa. He attended public school, and Spencer High School, taught school several terms, and in 1891 entered the employ of C. L. Ward in the Bank of Linn Grove at Linn Grove, Buena Vista County. On Mr. Ward's death in 1918 Mr. Pierce continued the bank until 1926. For twenty-one years he was secretary of the Linn Grove School Board, was elected representative in 1906 and served in the Thirty-second General Assembly, and also served as a member of the Board of Supervisors of Buena Vista County in 1925 and 1926. His last few years were spent in Freeport, Illinois.

CHARLES C. HAMILTON was born in Macon City, Missouri, January 12, 1861, and died in Sioux City, Iowa, September 17, 1931. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hamilton, removed their family to Omaha, and finally to Sioux City, where they located in 1866. Charles C., after being graduated from public school in Sioux City, was graduated from the Law Department of the State University of Iowa in 1883. He at once took up the duties of a district court reporter and followed that vocation for thirty-seven years, or until 1920, serving under several different judges of his home district, the Fourth Judicial District. On August 6, 1920, Governor Harding appointed him judge to fill the unexpired term of Judge John W. Anderson, resigned. By reason of elections he was still serving at the time of his death.

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