

## Alva L. Hager

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ALVA L. HAGER was born near Jamestown, New York, October 29, 1853, and died in Des Moines, Iowa, January 30, 1923. He was with his people in their removal to Jackson County, Iowa, in 1859, and to the vicinity of Langworthy, Jones County, in 1863. He attended common school and Monticello and Anamosa high schools, and in 1874 entered the Law Department of the State University of Iowa, graduating therefrom in 1875. That fall he began the practice of law at Greenfield with his brother, C. E. Hager, and with John A. Storey. In 1877 the firm became Hager & Storey. In 1891 he entered the firm of Gow & Hager. From 1878 to 1882 he was city attorney of Greenfield, and in 1891 was elected senator and served in the Twenty-fourth General Assembly. In 1892 he was permanent chairman of the second Republican State Convention at Des Moines, a few weeks thereafter was nominated for Congress in the Ninth District Convention, elected the following November and re-elected in 1894 and 1896, serving in the Fifty-third, Fifty-fourth, and Fifty-fifth congresses. He removed to Des Moines in 1901 associating with O. R. Patrick in the practice of law, and later with Charles L. Powell. He was president of the Commercial Savings Bank of Des Moines from 1911 to 1918. During the World War he was a popular speaker in Liberty Loan and other patriotic work.

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SOL E. FIELD was born at Conway, Massachusetts, July 8, 1834, and died at Shenandoah, Iowa, March 14, 1923. His parents were Elijah and Philena Arms Field. He attended common school and academy, and commenced teaching at the age of seventeen. In 1854 he removed to the vicinity of Kewanee, Illinois, where he continued teaching. He was unable to pass the physical examination in order to enter the Union Army until in September, 1864, when he enlisted in the One Hundred and Thirty-eighth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. At that time he was teaching in the Knoxville, Illinois, High School, and several of his students volunteered with him. He was honorably discharged December 15, 1864. On returning from the war he followed teaching and farming in Illinois until 1868 when he removed to a farm in Iowa near the site of Shenandoah. In 1887 he was elected representative and was re-elected two years later, serving in the Twenty-second and Twenty-third general assemblies. In 1908 he removed to California where he remained until the death of his wife in 1919 after which he returned to Shenandoah. He was for many years an active and influential factor in the civic, educational, and religious affairs of his town, his county, and that part of the state. One of his sons, Henry Field, became the head of the noted Henry Field Seed Company of Shenandoah.

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WILLIAM W. GIST was born at Starr, Hancock County, Ohio, February 6, 1849, and died at Cedar Falls, Iowa, June 8, 1923. Burial was at Marion, Iowa. On March 23, 1864, he enlisted in Company D, Twenty-

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