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early history of Illinois for the Illinois Historical Society, and for other publications. He was also connected with newspapers of his father and brothers for many years. For the past thirty years Mr. Weber resided in Clinton and Cedar Rapids. He was a scholarly gentleman and frequently spoke before clubs on the history of the early days in Illinois and concerning many of the associates of Lincoln and Douglas whom he had known as a boy and young man.—B. L. W.

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AMOS NORRIS ALBERSON was born at Orange, Ashland County, Ohio, September 4, 1849, and died in Monrovia, California, August 17, 1931. Burial was at Washington, Iowa. When he was sixteen years old, his father, James Alberson, advanced him money so that he and a partner bought 1,350 sheep and drove them to southeastern Iowa. The next year he was owner and herder of 1,700 sheep, but disease destroyed the flock and he returned to Ohio and took an apprenticeship as a plasterer. In 1872 he returned to Iowa and located at Washington where for several years he was a plasterer and building contractor. In 1881 he entered the grocery business, which he did not relinquish until he retired from business in 1920. After 1926 he made his home in California. He was a member of the Washington School Board for fifteen years, was a member of the Official Board of the Washington Methodist Episcopal church for thirty-five years and was church chorister seventeen years. Although a Democrat in a strong Republican county, he was elected representative in 1897, served in the Twenty-seventh General Assembly, and in 1899 was elected senator to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of D. J. Palmer who had been appointed railroad commissioner, and served in the Twenty-eighth General Assembly. He was mayor of Washington from 1901 to 1905, and again in 1921 to 1925. But the public activity that likely appealed to him most was his service in the Masonic order. He filled practically all the many positions in the local lodge, and all the important ones in the state bodies, being grand master in 1921-22. He was not only proficient in the work, but in his life he exemplified the exalted doctrines of the order.

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E. O. HELGASON was born in Mason City, Iowa, November 7, 1872, and died at Armstrong, Emmet County, March 22, 1933. He was with his parents in their removal in 1879 to a farm in Seneca Township, Kossuth County. He attended public school in the country, took a course in a business college, was a student two years in Iowa State College, Ames, and taught school for two years. He was three years with his brothers who were levee contractors along the Mississippi River in Louisiana. In 1900 he located on a farm near Armstrong and in 1915 removed to the town of Armstrong. He held several township offices, was secretary of Seneca Township School Board eight years, and was a director of Armstrong Consolidated School District eleven years. He was elected representative in 1927 to fill a vacancy during the session of the Forty-second General Assembly, and was re-elected to the

Forty-third and Forty-fourth assemblies. Politically he was a Republican and an active and useful citizen and legislator.

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JOHN L. BROWN was born near Rose Hill, Mahaska County, Iowa, May 25, 1861, and died at Rose Hill May 17, 1931. Burial was in Jackson Cemetery, one half mile west of Rose Hill. His parents were Jonathan and Elizabeth (Reed) Brown, who were early settlers in that locality. He was educated in rural public schools of that neighborhood. In 1884 he engaged in the trade of a mason, and in 1901 entered the hardware and furniture business in Rose Hill. For many years of his later life he was a breeder of barred Plymouth Rock chickens, winning many premiums and trophies. He was a great lover of hounds and of the fox hunt. In 1912 he was elected representative and served in the Thirty-fifth General Assembly. He was a Democrat in politics.

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G. A. JUSTICE was born on a farm in Linn County, Iowa, near Marion, December 31, 1857, and died at Defiance, Shelby County, March 18, 1933. Burial was at Harlan. His parents, John and Margaret (Allsworth) Justice removed to Jones County in 1865. The son received his education in common schools, augmented by one year in Mechanicsville High School. In 1881 he removed to near Panama, Shelby County, where he engaged in farming and stock raising. He later removed to Defiance. He was a member of the Shelby County Board of Supervisors during the years 1907 to 1911 inclusive. In 1918 he was elected representative and was re-elected in 1920, serving in the Thirty-eighth and Thirty-ninth general assemblies.

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ISAAC N. SNOOK was born in Union County, Pennsylvania, February 20, 1848, and died in Pleasant Ridge Township, Lee County, Iowa, November 2, 1931. His parents, J. C. and Jane (Cornelius) Snook, removed with their family to Pleasant Ridge Township in 1853, and that continued to be Isaac's home during the rest of his life. He grew to manhood on his father's farm and received his education in near by schools. He was engaged in agricultural pursuits all his life. He ran a threshing machine during the fall seasons for over fifty years, was at one time president of the State Threshers' Association and a director in the national association. He was a justice of the peace for sixteen years, and held several township offices. In 1922 he was elected senator and served in the Fortieth and Forty-first general assemblies.

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HENRY LUSK WILSON was born in Crystal Township, Tama County, Iowa, July 12, 1858, and died at a hospital in Des Moines October 12, 1932. Burial was at Osage. His parents were West and Margaret Drynan Wilson. He received his education in district schools in the vicinity of his birth and in Traer High School. He early entered dealing in live stock, operating at three or four different places, but finally in 1883 he located at Osage. Throughout his active life farming and dealing in live stock were his principal lines of business. In early life he acted

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