

## James Harvey Jamison

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located in Des Moines and engaged in practice. Two years later, or in 1903, he was appointed by President Roosevelt as United States consul at Utilla, Honduras. He followed his service there by being consul at Puerto Cabello, Venezuela, until 1918, thus serving under three administrations, Roosevelt, Taft and Wilson. He then returned to Des Moines and resumed his law practice, following it until near his death.

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AUSTIN BRUCE GARRETSON was born at Winterset, Iowa, September 14, 1856, and died in Cedar Rapids February 27, 1931. His parents were Nathan and Hannah Garretson. His education was chiefly obtained in the public schools of Osceola. In youth he was apprenticed to a wheelwright. He entered railroad work as station agent at New Virginia, Warren County, on the Des Moines, Osceola & Southern, now belonging to the Burlington system. He later opened as agent the stations from Osceola to Des Moines and followed that by becoming a conductor on that line. In 1881 he removed to Denison, Texas, and served as a conductor on the Missouri, Kansas & Texas, later on the Mexican National, and still later on the Mexican Central railways. In 1889 he removed to Cedar Rapids and entered the service of the Order of Railway Conductors. He was initiated into that order in 1884, soon became an active member, was made assistant grand chief conductor in 1888, and continued to hold important positions in the order until in 1906 when E. E. Clark, grand chief conductor (soon thereafter to be called president), was appointed a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission, Mr. Garretson was appointed to that position which he held until 1919, and on his retirement was advisory counsel of the order until he was pensioned. He exercised great influence in the field of organized labor. In 1916 he was chief spokesman for all the brotherhoods in their victorious fight for the eight-hour law. He was editor-in-chief of the *Railway Conductor*, and was a member of the Federal Commission on Industrial Relations from 1912 to 1915.

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JAMES HARVEY JAMISON was born in Franklin Township, Clarke County, Iowa, March 11, 1859, and died in Des Moines February 11, 1932. Burial was in Maple Hill Cemetery, Osceola. His parents were Robert and Christena (Kyte) Jamison. He was educated in the Osceola High School, the Garden Grove Academy, and was graduated from Valparaiso Normal School in 1880. He read law with McIntire Brothers, Osceola, and on May 14, 1890, was admitted to the bar and began practice as a member of the firm of McIntire Brothers & Jamison. In 1896 he became the senior member of the firm of Jamison & Park. In 1891 he was elected senator and served in the Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth assemblies. Again in 1903 he was elected senator and served in the Thirtieth, Thirty-first and Thirty-second assemblies, having one extra session because of the adoption of the biennial election amendment. He proved to be an industrious and efficient legislator. During the latter part of his service he gave his attention largely to insurance matters and was the author of several very important acts which be-

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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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

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