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GEORGE D. WOODIN was born February 27, 1827, near Warren, Pa.; he died at Sigourney, Iowa, August 12, 1903. He graduated at Allegheny College, Meadville, Pa., in 1847, after which he studied law in the office of L. D. Wetmore, of Warren. Coming to this State in 1853 he first settled at Iowa City, where he was chosen a representative in the last legislature (1856) held at the old capital. In 1857 he removed to Sigourney, Keokuk county, where he spent his days. In 1858 he was elected prosecuting attorney for the sixth judicial district, which place he held four years. After his term expired he held no public office, but became widely known as one of the ablest criminal lawyers in the State.

J. M. JOHNSTON was born near Findlay, O., August 15, 1855; he died at Waterloo, Iowa, June 9, 1903. He came with his parents to Louisa county, when he was five years of age. After attaining his majority he was for some years an active minister in the United Brethren Church. He held the office of postal clerk and postmaster of the town of Sumner, Bremer county, under the Cleveland administration. He was elected from Bremer county to the Iowa house of representatives of the 23d and 24th General Assemblies. He was one of the influential men of those legislatures, in the last of which he was an important factor in the work of founding the State Historical Department.

D. CABR EARLY was born in Brown county, Ohio, April 21, 1830; he died at Sac City, Iowa, August 4, 1903. After completing his school education, he studied law and was admitted to the bar in Ohio in 1852. Migrating to Iowa in 1856, he settled in Sac county, where he taught its first public school. He was elected to the office of treasurer and recorder, and also to that of county judge, taking a leading part in the political, social and financial development of the county during its first quarter of a century. He was also one of the founders and long a director of the First National Bank of that city. Few men in northwestern Iowa were better known throughout the State.

BERNARD H. GARRETT was born in the state of Kentucky in 1825; he died near Letts, Iowa, May 21, 1903. He came to Iowa in 1852, settling in Muscatine county. About ten years ago he removed to Letts, which was thereafter his home. He served in the Mexican war as second lieutenant 16th U. S. Infantry. He was once a member of the Kentucky legislature. Removing to Iowa he was elected a member of the house of the 21st general assembly.

ALFRED D. ARTHUR was born in Jefferson county, N. Y., March 7, 1831; he died at Webster City, Iowa, Jan. 28, 1903. He came with his parents to Fond du Lac county, Wis., in 1847. In 1858 he crossed the Mississippi, settling at Spirit Lake. In 1863 he removed to Webster City, where he resided until his death. He was for many years a leading business man, and one of the founders of the Congregational Church in Hamilton county.

DANIEL BREWER died at Waukegan, Ill., Dec. 29, 1902, at the advanced age of 88 years. He came to Iowa at the age of 23, and the following year was chosen to the house of representatives of the second legislative assembly for the counties of Louisa and Washington. He was conspicuous for his advocacy of Iowa City as the site for the State capitol. He removed to Waukegan, Ill., in 1846, where he afterwards resided until his death.

WALTER BURKHOLDER, was born in Holmes county, O., in 1847; he died at Fort Dodge, Iowa, June 15, 1903. He was one of the pioneer settlers of Fort Dodge and had seen its growth from a small frontier village to a thriving city of several thousand inhabitants. He was a brother of Mrs. Gov. C. C. Carpenter, and William E. Burkholder, who was lost on the Spirit Lake expedition of 1857.

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