

John Nelson Langfitt

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DAVID SNYDER FLECK was born near Leighton, Mahaska County, Iowa, November 21, 1858, and died in Newton March 24, 1932. He was a son of William and Cassa Ann Fleck. He received his education in the Leighton public schools, and in Oskaloosa College. On becoming of age he followed farming for a while, after which he engaged in the grain and lumber business in Leighton. In 1889 he removed to Minden, Nebraska, where he was in the grain business, but later changed to Templeton, Iowa, and finally settled at Killduff, Jasper County, where he conducted a lumber and grain business, as well as operated a grain and stock farm near there. The later years of his life he resided in Newton. He held various township offices, and in 1906 was elected a member of the Jasper County Board of Supervisors, and was re-elected in 1908, serving from January, 1907, to January, 1912. In 1914 he was elected senator and served in the Thirty-sixth and Thirty-seventh general assemblies. He was a Democrat in politics and an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

JOHN NELSON LANGFITT was born at Big Rock, Scott County, Iowa, May 9, 1866, and died in a hospital in Des Moines August 5, 1932. Burial was in Greenfield Cemetery, Greenfield. His parents were John Jay and Caroline Gadd Langfitt. He attended rural school, Wilton Academy, and Davenport Business College. In 1887 he removed to a farm near Greenfield. From 1892 to 1898 he was in western Washington, returning to Greenfield in the latter year where he resumed farming in connection with stock raising. He was early interested in civic and political affairs. He was a member of the township Board of Trustees for many years. In 1916 he was elected representative and was re-elected in 1918, serving in the Thirty-seventh and Thirty-eighth general assemblies. In 1924 he was elected senator and was re-elected in 1928, serving inclusively from the Forty-first to the Forty-fourth assemblies.

CHARLES HAZEN KELLEY was born near Franklin Falls, New Hampshire, April 21, 1856, and died in Charles City, Iowa, March 19, 1932. His parents were John L. and Susan B. (Drew) Kelley. He attended public school and was graduated from the Tilton Academy, Tilton, New Hampshire, and from the Law Department of Boston University in 1882. After practicing law about two years in New Hampshire, he removed to Clear Lake, Iowa, in 1884 where he engaged in practice and also helped found the Cerro Gordo County Bank. In 1885 he removed to Forest City where he built up an extensive practice. In 1898 Governor Shaw appointed him as a judge of the Twelfth Judicial District. He was later elected and continued in that position a third of a century, or until his death. In 1907, because of better railroad facilities at Charles City, he removed there. He was regarded as an able jurist.

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