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NOTABLE DEATHS.

COL. SAMUEL W. DURHAM, one of the oldest pioneers of Linn county, died at Marion, Iowa, May 2, 1909, at the advanced age of ninety-two years. Mr. Durham was descended from Kentucky pioneers; his grandfather, John Durham, having crossed the mountains from Virginia in 1783 in company with Rev. Frank Clark, who established the first Methodist church in Kentucky. In 1815 Samuel Durham's father, Jesse B. Durham, migrated to Indiana where Samuel Durham was born two years later. In 1839 he journeyed on horseback from Indiana and Illinois to Linn county, Iowa, which was his home from that time on. Mr. Durham was a member of the first Constitutional Convention of Iowa and served as its secretary. He surveyed large portions of northern and northwestern Iowa and southern Minnesota under government contracts. He surveyed the city of Des Moines, and also made some of the first surveys in Cedar Rapids and other cities. Col. Durham, as he was familiarly called, was in all respects the type of the old school, honest, obliging, and an honored citizen who had a host of friends. He was a Democrat and personally knew most of the pioneer politicians in Iowa. He was known by every one in earlier Iowa, and he appeared many times as a witness in our courts when questions arose as to disputed corners, and old established roads and streets which he had laid out long ago. Mr. Durham was married in 1843 to Ellen Wolcott who died in 1901. Five children survive them, C. Durham, Mrs. F. L. Tillotson, Mary Durham, B. H. Durham, and Louise Durham.

B. L. W.

JACKSON HAYWARD CARTER was born in Bath county, Kentucky, September 27, 1833; he died at Redfield, Iowa, April 10, 1909. His father died in 1836, and he removed with his mother to Morgan county, Indiana. He there learned the blacksmith's trade and for several years engaged in this business and in farming. He removed to Iowa in 1862 and soon thereafter located at Redfield, where he worked at his trade for eighteen years; later he engaged in the hardware business. In 1892 he was elected to the Iowa legislature, representing Dallas county in the lower house of the 24th and 25th General Assemblies. He was later appointed doorkeeper of the Senate and served as such for several sessions.

MATTHEW LONG was born in Columbus, Ohio, in 1824; he died in Marshfield, Mo., about May 1, 1909. He came to Iowa in 1861, locating near Williamsburg. He was a Republican in politics and was elected Senator from Iowa county, serving in the 12th and 13th General Assemblies. After his political career, he removed to Des Moines, where he occupied the position of Secretary of the State Insurance Company. Retiring from this position, he removed to Los Angeles, where he became identified with the insurance business. About twenty years ago he removed to Marshfield, Mo., which place remained his home to the time of his death.

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