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CAPT. AARON M. LOOMIS was born in Rodman, Jefferson county, New York, April 30, 1831; he died at Wyoming, Iowa, December 5, 1909. At an early age he removed with his parents to Medina county, Ohio, where he resided until 1856, when he removed to Wyoming, Iowa, engaging in the mercantile business. He enlisted for service in the civil war Aug. 9, 1862, as a private, but on the 20th of the same month, he was elected second lieutenant of Co. K, Twenty-fourth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He served under General Grant at the siege of Vicksburg, and on the 11th of June, 1863, was made first lieutenant. He was in the Red River Expedition and with Sherman in the Shenandoah Valley. July 21, 1864, he was promoted to the captaincy of his company, and continued in command until the close of the war and his mustering out in August, 1865. He served as a member of the school board of Wyoming, on the city council, and as mayor. He was also for some time a trustee of Lenox College. In 1895 he was elected to represent Jones county in the Twenty-sixth General Assembly.

CAROLINE M. MATHEWS, (wife of Governor William M. Stone,) was born in Coshocton, Ohio, about the year 1835; she died at the home of her son, William A. Stone, in Caldwell, Idaho, January 7, 1910. She came to Knoxville, Iowa, with her family in 1855. In 1856 she became the wife of William A. Stone, her father's law partner. During her husband's public career few women in Iowa were better known. Some time after the expiration of Governor Stone's term of office, the family moved to Marshalltown; then back to Knoxville; to Washington, D. C., and finally to Oklahoma City, where Governor Stone died July 17, 1893. She was buried at Knoxville, Iowa, beside her husband.

CHARLES W. STEWART was born in Hendricks county, Ind., in 1851; he died at his home near Clive, Iowa, January 15, 1910. He removed to Iowa in 1868. He attended the common schools, and the Baptist College in Des Moines, later graduating from the law department of Simpson College. In 1881 he removed to Cheyenne, Wyoming, where he entered the practice of the law. He had charge of the auditing and insurance departments of Wyoming for seven and one-half years. He returned to Polk county in 1890, engaging in farming and stock raising near Clive. He was elected to the legislature from Polk county, serving in the twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth general assemblies.

WILLIAM I. CHAMBERLAIN was born in Binghamton, New York, March 24, 1846; he died at his home in Wyoming, Iowa, December 10, 1909. He attended the public schools and academy at Binghamton until 1864, when he removed with his parents to Wyoming, Iowa. He studied law and was admitted to the practice in 1870. In 1880 he purchased the Wyoming Journal, which he continued to publish during the remainder of his life. Aside from his work as a lawyer and editor, he held many offices of trust and confidence.

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