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JOSEPH BUFFON STEWART was born near St. Charles, Missouri, August 12, 1821; he died at Des Moines, Iowa, May 10, 1899. His father, Dr. Abram Stewart, was for many years a surgeon in the U. S. army. He died in 1834, and the following year the mother removed to Fort Madison, Iowa. Mr. Stewart was fourteen years of age at this time and thenceforward his home was in this State. He settled in Des Moines in 1853, where he became an officer in the U. S. Land Office. He was personally acquainted with Black Hawk and many other prominent Iowa Indians, as well as with the leading men of our State during the past half century. He became an extensive dealer in real estate, from which he realized a handsome fortune. His long residence in this State had stored his memory with varied recollections, some of which he intended to write out for these pages; but the opportunity for doing this never came. He was a genial, pleasant gentleman whose departure was widely deplored.

ABEL BEACH, a pioneer resident of the State died at his home in Iowa City, June 19, 1899. He was born in New York and was about seventy years of age. He graduated from Union College, Schenectady, New York, in 1849. In 1854 he removed to Iowa City. In 1855 he occupied for a short time the chair of Latin and Greek in the State University, ill health compelling him to resign. He was one of the charter members of the Theta Delta Chi fraternity. When the capital was removed to Des Moines, he came with it and served as deputy state auditor from 1855 to 1859, under John Pattee. When his term of office expired he returned to Iowa City, which became his home. He was for a short time acting private secretary to Gov. Kirkwood. Mr. Beach was a man of wide learning and literary tastes. In 1895 he published a book of poems called "Western Airs."

SPENCER S. BENEDICT died at Sioux City, the home of his daughter, Mrs. C. M. Robinson, April 9, 1899. Mr. Benedict was prominent in the business and political circles of Civil War times and earlier. He was born in Albany, October 19, 1812. In 1837 he was chosen assistant alderman in Albany; from 1839-41 he was colonel on the staff of Gov. Seward, and was also on the staffs of Governors Hamilton Fish and E. D. Morgan. Later he served as quartermaster-general of the state, as harbor master of the port of New York, and during the war he was the confidential friend of Secretary Seward. He remained in the state department for several years. He was the only surviving member of the original board of trustees of the New York Life Insurance Company.

ROBERT LOWRY was a native of Blair county, Pennsylvania; he died at Huron, South Dakota, April 17, 1899, at the age of eighty-three. He settled at Davenport, Iowa, in 1853, and was for some time associated in business with Hon. Hiram Price. He became one of the leading grain dealers of eastern Iowa. While residing in Davenport he was elected state senator (1869) for Scott county, serving the regular term of four years. He was a leading and influential member of the senate, taking an active interest in the legislation of that period. He was appointed register of the U. S. Land Office at Huron, South Dakota, some sixteen or seventeen years ago, and that city was thereafter his home until his death. Mr. Lowry represented the State of Iowa on the Centennial Commission of 1876.

MASTEN H. JONES, a pioneer settler of Davis county, died at his home in Bloomfield, Iowa, May 25, 1899. He was born in Putnam county, Indiana, January 7, 1828. He was admitted to the bar in Indiana in March, 1851, and the same month removed to Bloomfield where he afterwards practiced law. He served in the Civil War as lieutenant of Co. D, Forty-fifth Iowa Infantry. He served in various positions of trust in the county. A sketch of his life written by his life-long friend Col. S. A. Moore, appeared in *The Daily Iowa Capital* for May 29.

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