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WILLIAM I. TIZZARD was born in Burlington, Iowa, about the year 1842; he died there June 9, 1902. He was the son of William Tizzard who was many years the proprietor of *The Gazette*. At the outbreak of the civil war young Tizzard enlisted in the 1st Iowa Infantry as a drummer boy. The following year he enlisted in company G, 25th Iowa and was appointed second lieutenant. He made a brilliant record, and passed through many of the severest battles, coming out without a scratch. His exposures, however, and the hard service, left their effects upon him which only ceased with his life. The papers of that city spoke in the highest terms of this veteran of the civil war.

LESLIE B. MATTOON was born in the state of New York, April 29, 1847; he died at Kenmare, N. D., June 10, 1902, where he had gone to look after his mining interests. At the age of 17 he enlisted in the Union army as a member of Battery C, N. Y. First Light Artillery, and participated in many battles. He chose the medical profession and in 1875 graduated from a medical college in Chicago. The same year he located in Elgin, Iowa, which had since been his home. He served as State senator from the Allamakee-Fayette district, in the 22d, 23d, 24th and 25th general assemblies. During late years he devoted much of his time to his large business interests.

HUGH LANGAN was born in County Donegal, Ireland, in 1853; he died in Clinton, Iowa, June 10, 1902. When a child his parents came to America and settled in Pennsylvania; in 1856 they came to Iowa and located in Clinton county. Mr. Langan settled in Vail, Crawford county, about thirty years ago, but has since resided for a number of years in South Dakota where he served as a member of the house of representatives in the 16th general assembly. Some years ago he returned to Iowa. He was prominent in politics, and served as representative from Crawford county in the 29th general assembly.

NOAH BROCKWAY BACON was born in Westmoreland, N. Y., Dec. 19, 1799; he died in Des Moines, May 29, 1902, at the age of 102 years. His father served in the Revolutionary war for a period of seven years. In early life Mr. Bacon operated a stage line in southern New York and northern Pennsylvania. In 1843 he removed to Wisconsin where he engaged in farming. Since 1880 Mr. Bacon had resided in Iowa. In Mr. Bacon's boyhood a large part of the U. S. was a wilderness; cooking stoves, sewing machines, railroads and steamboats were unknown. Only one U. S. president had served before his birth.

DAMON N. SPRAGUE of Wapello, was born at Cooperstown, N. Y., March 31, 1832; he died at Richland Springs, N. Y., August 12, 1902. Mr. Sprague had been a practicing lawyer in southeastern Iowa ever since 1855. He represented the counties of Des Moines and Louisa in the House of Representatives of the seventh general assembly. In 1870 he was chosen district attorney of the Burlington judicial district, serving in that capacity a full term of four years. He was a lawyer of high repute, and well esteemed by all who knew him. His remains were interred at Wapello.

FRANCIS VARGA was born in Hungary Aug. 8, 1817; he died at Leon, Iowa, April 5, 1902. He was judge advocate general in Louis Kossuth's provisional government during the revolution in 1848. He came to Decatur county, Iowa, in 1858, where he resided until his death. We have received a sketch of the life of this distinguished patriot which we hope to present in THE ANNALS hereafter.

ERRATA.—The date of the death of Lt. Col. James A. Sawyers is given on page 491 as "the 7th day of March, 1898." It should read March 27th.

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