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ary, 1906, began the practice of law there, but devoted himself principally to real estate business. He was active in the city's development, became president of Long Beach Realty Board, and president of the Chamber of Commerce. He was also president of the Iowa Society of Southern California. In 1914 he was elected assemblyman and served two years. This was followed by an election to the state Senate in 1916 and a re-election in 1920, giving him eight years in that body. Shortly before the termination of that service he was a candidate for lieutenant governor, and came within a few hundred votes of election.

GEORGE B. McCARTY was born at Milford, Pennsylvania, August 7, 1845, and died in Emmetsburg, Iowa, April 4, 1928. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander McCarty, removed to a farm in Clayton County, Iowa, in 1858. George attended district school and later Upper Iowa University, read law with Thomas Updegraff at McGregor, was admitted to the bar at Elkader May 12, 1868, and began practice with his preceptor at McGregor. In October, 1869, he removed to Emmetsburg and began practice there alone, but a year later formed a partnership with E. J. Hartshorn, which continued until Mr. McCarty was elected district attorney of the Fourth Judicial District in 1874. This district comprised twenty counties of northwest Iowa and Mr. McCarty resided in Sioux City during the four-year term of the office, but in the fall of 1878 returned to Emmetsburg and formed a partnership with T. W. Harrison, which continued three years. From 1883 to 1900 he was the senior member of the firm of McCarty & Linderman. In 1904 his son, Dwight G., joined his father in the firm of McCarty & McCarty, which later became McCarty, McCarty & Smith. Mr. McCarty was successful in his practice and in business, and was a leader in the development of Emmetsburg and northwest Iowa.

JOHN McALLISTER was born in County Armagh, Ireland, November 3, 1840, and died in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, April 17, 1928. Burial was in the Palo cemetery. He immigrated to this country with his parents in 1852, the family locating on a farm in Coshocton County, Ohio. John obtained his education in rural schools and by private study and reading. He was teaching school the winter of 1861-62 when he quit and enlisted in Company I, Sixty-ninth Ohio Infantry. He was wounded at Stone River, was taken prisoner and sent to Libby prison, and was exchanged and rejoined his regiment. In 1864 he re-enlisted but in the battle of Resaca was wounded in the neck which cause him to speak afterward only in a coarse whisper. However, he rejoined his regiment and was in the famous March to the Sea and in the Grand Review at Washington May 23, 1865. Returning to Ohio he again taught school there, but removed to a farm near Palo, Linn County, Iowa, in 1866, where he followed farming, occasionally teaching a term of country school in winter. He held many township offices, among them being

justice of the peace, and was elected representative in 1903, and re-elected in 1906, serving in the Thirtieth, Thirty-first and Thirty-second general assemblies. Politically he was a Republican, and was a useful citizen.

JAMES F. POWELL was born in Harrington, Delaware, August 16, 1868, and died in Ottumwa, Iowa, July 12, 1928. His parents, Dr. C. C. and Kate (Fountain) Powell, removed to Exeter, Illinois, in 1876, later to Neeleyville, Illinois, and to Ottumwa, Iowa, in 1883. In 1885 James secured a position with the *Ottumwa Democrat* where he began the trade of printer, working afterward as a compositor on Des Moines, Council Bluffs and Omaha papers. In 1888 he returned to Ottumwa and began work as a compositor on the *Ottumwa Courier*. He advanced steadily, becoming foreman of the job office, foreman of the composing room, assistant business manager, and in 1901, business manager. On the death of A. W. Lee in 1907 he became publisher of the *Courier* and remained in that capacity until his death. He also had in connection with E. P. Adler of Davenport, general supervision of the newspapers of the Lee Newspaper Syndicate, being secretary-treasurer of it. He was prominent in the good roads movement, was a nature lover and out door enthusiast, was prominent in many activities beneficial to his city, and was held in esteem and affection especially by the people of Ottumwa, and by his fellow-workers in the newspaper field.

HENRY REED KEAGY was born in Epworth, Iowa, March 21, 1861, and died in Independence May 8, 1928. His parents were Philip and Mary Jane Keagy. He was in the mercantile business in Epworth several years, was an officer of Epworth Seminary, and was elected representative from Dubuque County in 1901 running as a Republican, and served in the Twenty-ninth General Assembly. In 1907 he removed to Independence and joined with J. A. Wells in the glove and mitten business, but in 1912 engaged in the grocery business. He was for several years a member of the Independence City Council, and at the time of his death was chairman of the Republican County Central Committee of Buchanan County.

EMMA B. FARNHAM was born in Osage, Iowa, February 20, 1859, and died in Charles City April 29, 1928. Burial was at Osage. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Lower. As Emma Lower she was a teacher in Osage public schools in 1879 when she was married to Frederick F. Coffin, a lawyer of Osage. She assisted him in his law practice. Mr. Coffin died in 1890, and in 1893 she was married to Samuel Fiske Farnham, a banker of Charles City, and thereafter resided there. She was acquainted with the best in literature, had traveled extensively in the United States, Canada, and Mexico, and had been three times to Europe. She was a woman of talent, had a strong personality, and exercised a positive influence for good.

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