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At the time of his death he was secretary of the Iowa Association of Mexican War Veterans, and was one of the four surviving members living in this city. After the war Mr. Priestley engaged in the mercantile business in Northumberland for some years. In 1875 he was admitted to the bar. In 1882 he removed to Des Moines, where he has since been in the office of his son, the well known Dr. James T. Priestley. Mr. Priestley had been for years a prominent Mason.

DAVID W. JONES was born in Llandisyl, Cardiganshire, South Wales, September 21, 1821; he died at Manchester, Iowa, March 24, 1898. He was a practical machinist and manufacturer of woolen goods, having learned his father's trade before coming to this country. He crossed the Atlantic After residing in various places he removed to Iowa, settling in 1843. near Manchester. in 1857. In 1865 he erected the first and only woolen mill in that part of the State. This has become one of the chief industries of Delaware county, due to the perseverance, energy, practical knowledge and skill of its proprietor. Mr. Jones not only rose to a high and acknowledged position as a business man, but his personal characteristics made him esteemed and respected wherever he was known. Mrs. Jones, also a native of South Wales, is a sister of Mrs. Owen Bromley of Des Moines. The Manchester Press of March 31 devoted several columns to an interesting and appreciative tribute to the memory of this distinguished pioneer and most useful citizen.

HENRY MITCHELL McCully, representative in the 27th General Assembly, from Marion county, died at his home in Pella, March 8, 1898. He was born in Ohio, October 10, 1830, of Scotch-Holland descent. He came to Iowa in 1857. His life has been one of great activity, and much of his time has been devoted to various public duties. He served as justice of the peace of Lake Prairie township for several years; was mayor of Pella for seven terms; was a member of the board of supervisors for Marion county, and representative in the 19th and 27th General Assemblies. In all of these positions he distinguished himself by the faithful and capable discharge of every trust confided to him. He was in his seat a few weeks of the regular session of 1898, but his failing health at last constrained him to ask the House for "leave of absence for an indefinite period." Returning to his home he soon passed away.

RALPH GUBLEY PHELPS, a well known lawyer of Atlantic, died March 10, 1898. Mr. Phelps was born in Monmouth, Illinois, January 26, 1846. He graduated with honors from Monmouth College in 1867. In 1868 he removed to Cass county, Iowa, and the year following settled in Atlantic where he had resided thirty years. No citizen has been more unselfishly active in promoting the welfare of the town. He was twice elected mayor. In politics Mr. Phelps was a Democrat and very influential in furthering the interests of his party. His ability as an orator, and a close and logical thinker were widely recognized. He was a man of fine literary tastes, a lover of books and learned in many directions. In Masonic circles he was especially esteemed and prominent, having served two years as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Iowa.

MRS. MINERVA C. DAY, wife of Judge James G. Day, died at her home in Des Moines March 20, 1898. Minerva C. Manly was born in Ohio April 3, 1836. In early life her parents removed to Allegheny City, and she received her education in Pittsburg. Later, she engaged in teaching in Steubenville, Ohio, and while there was united in marriage to James G. Day, December 1, 1857. The young people came immediately to Iowa and Copyright of Annals of Iowa is the property of State of Iowa, by & through the State Historical Society of Iowa and its content may not be copied or emailed to multiple sites or posted to a listserv without the copyright holder's express written permission. However, users may print, download, or email articles for individual use.