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HORACE G. PARKER, a pioneer identified with the growth and history of Cerro Gordo county, died at Mason City, December 16, 1897. Mr. Parker was born in Oswego county, New York, July 20, 1829. In 1855 he came west and settled at Clear Lake, where he was elected one of the first justices of the peace. In 1859 he removed to Mason City to discharge the duties of county treasurer. In 1862-'67, including the critical period of the war, he was editor and proprietor of *The Cerro Gordo Republican*. He served as State senator in the 19th General Assembly.

MRS. ELIZABETH STAFFORD, for over sixty-three years a resident of Dubuque, died in that city February 26, 1898. She was born in Galena in 1833, and the same year her parents settled in the frontier mining camp of Dubuque. Here her mother kept the first boarding-house, called the "Farmers' Home." Mrs. Stafford's husband was also an early settler. In 1839 he ran the first ferry across the river from the Iowa side, and the next year was employed on Gen. Jones' horse-boat. Mrs. Stafford was well known and highly respected.

CHARLES BALDWIN, a resident of Van Buren county for 57 years, and one of the early and well known pioneers of Keosauqua, died January 28, 1898. Mr. Baldwin was born in Ohio, July 18, 1818. In 1841 he settled in Van Buren county, Iowa. He served as clerk of the court in 1854-'55. At one time he engaged in the practice of law in partnership with his brother-in-law, the late Judge George G. Wright, and later with Judge H. H. Trimble. During President Cleveland's first administration he served as postmaster at Keosauqua.

MRS. SUSANNA BOONE, a pioneer of Dallas county, died on her farm January 22, 1898, at the age of 87. She was born in Indiana in 1814. In 1847 she removed with her husband, a cousin of Daniel Boone, to Dallas county. It was for him that the town of Booneville was named. The old log hut, where they endured the hardships of pioneer days, still stands. By the practice of strict economy they acquired a fine farm of 2,000 acres, of which she had the entire management after her husband's death thirty-five years ago.

MRS. MAJ. GEN. BENJ. S. ROBERTS died at her home at Fort Hamilton, New York, on the 25th of March, 1898. She came with her husband to this State in 1835, at which time he was 2d Lieut. in the 1st U. S. dragoons commanded by Col. Henry Dodge. Lieutenant Roberts resigned in 1839 and was in civil life until 1846, when he entered the army as 1st Lieutenant of Mounted Rifles. He distinguished himself in the Mexican war and also in the War of the Rebellion, rising to the rank of Major-General of Volunteers.

DR. WARREN C. HOBBS was born in Kentucky, July 4, 1814, and died in New London, Iowa, March 3, 1898, aged 84 years. He was one of the pioneers of Des Moines county, having, with his young wife, settled there as early as 1839. In 1846 he removed to New London, where for most of the time since he has made his home. His oldest son, Hon. Wesley C. Hobbs, whose death occurred in 1884, was widely known in southeastern Iowa as an able lawyer and orator.

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