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and served as deputy auditor of state from 1881 to 1883. He organized the American Savings Bank in East Des Moines, was a member of East Des Moines School Board at one time, and was active in civic affairs. He was commander of Kinsman Post, G. A. R., in 1884, was department commander of the Department of Iowa, G. A. R., for the year 1920-21, and was active in securing and in entertaining the National Encampment at Des Moines in 1922, and again in 1926. He served as document librarian in the office of secretary of state from 1913 to 1924, and as clerk in the shipping department of the State Printing Board from 1925 to 1928.

JOHN PIPHER was born in Wittenberg, Germany, November 16, 1848, and died at Nampa, Idaho, February 4, 1926. He was brought by his widowed mother to America in 1853. Part of his boyhood was spent in Monroe, Iowa, removing to Des Moines in 1861. He was graduated from the Eclectic Medical College, Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1874, and began practice at Norwalk, Iowa. He afterward removed to Greenfield, and in 1876 to Marne. In 1879 he located at Griswold where he became postmaster and was proprietor of a drug store. In 1901 he was elected representative and served in the Twenty-ninth General Assembly. He removed to Nampa, Idaho, in 1905.

WILLIAM S. AYRES was born in Knoxville, Iowa, June 3, 1871, and died in Des Moines March 2, 1928. Burial was in Glendale Cemetery, Des Moines. His parents were Orlando B. Ayres and Anna (Stone) Ayers, a sister of Governor William M. Stone. He was graduated from the law school of Drake University in 1894 and became a member of the firm of Woodin, Nichols & Ayres. He became assistant county attorney of Polk County in 1910 and August 29, 1913, was appointed by Governor Clarke a judge of the Ninth Judicial District to succeed Charles S. Bradshaw. He was elected to that position in 1914, but resigned August 22, 1916, and re-entered practice as a member of the firm of Ayres, Strauss & Shaw. In March, 1918, he became assistant general counsel of the Bankers Life Insurance Company, and later in the same year was advanced to general counsel. In January, 1926, he was elected vice president and general counsel of the company.

EDWARD BOLAND was born near Belfast, Ireland, July 14, 1841, and died at Webster, Iowa, February 16, 1928. Burial was at Williamsburg. His parents were Edward Boland, Sr., and Ellen (Cargo) Boland. The parents removed with their family to Ontario, Canada, in 1856. The next several years the son spent partly in Canada and partly near Monmouth, Illinois. In 1868 he removed to Iowa County, Iowa, where he engaged in farming, in which business he was successful. He became a naturalized citizen in 1874, held several township offices, among them being assessor, trustee, and justice of the peace, and in 1903 he was 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.