

## Tollef Christianson Rone

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CHARLES LEPLEY HAYS was born in Iowa City, Iowa, February 16, 1858, and died in Aberdeen, South Dakota, December 20, 1934. Burial was at Eldora, Iowa. His parents were Silas and Christina Lepley Hays. The family removed to a farm near Eldora where Charles grew to manhood, receiving his early education in country public school. He later attended Oskaloosa College, and Drake University, being graduated in liberal arts from the latter in 1884, and from the Law School of Drake in 1885. He taught school for several years, country school in Hardin County, and city school in East Des Moines. He followed that by the practice of law at Eldora, which he pursued for forty years. He was an active lay member of the Christian church, and served his community in many ways. He was city attorney of Eldora for some time, was a member of the Eldora City Council, of the library board, and of the park committee. He assisted materially in securing Pine Creek State Park at Eldora. On December 1, 1929, he was appointed by Governor John Hammill as judge of the Superior Court at Iowa Falls. He was elected to that position March 29, 1931, and continued to act until September 8, 1931, when he resigned on account of ill health. He was a man of fine character and mental attainments. The last portion of his life was spent at Aberdeen, South Dakota, the residence of his son, Wendell J. Hays.

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PETER ALFRED BENDIXEN was born in Davenport, Iowa, October 8, 1882, and died while temporarily absent at Beardstown, Illinois, December 30, 1934. Burial was in Oakdale Cemetery, Davenport. His parents were Peter and Katherine Bendixen. He was graduated from Glenbrook High School in 1899, attended Coe College, Iowa State Normal School, was graduated from University of Chicago with the degree of B. S. in 1902, received his M. D. degree from Rush Medical College in 1905, and began practice in Davenport soon thereafter. At various times he took postgraduate work, studying at the University of Vienna, the University of Berlin, and the University of Budapest. In 1914 he received the degree of F. A. C. S. from the American College of Surgery. He became known as an authority on bone fractures and breaks. He was employed by several railroads and other corporations and had a very extensive practice. He received distinguished honors from the leading medical associations, a recent one being his election in 1934 as president of the Central States Society of Industrial Medicine and Surgery at its convention at Springfield, Illinois. His charity was extensive and his activities in many lines were such as to draw too heavily on his vigorous constitution, bringing his early death.

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TOLLEF CHRISTIANSON RONE was born in Romsdahl, Norway, April 27, 1854, and died in Northwood, Iowa, January 7, 1935. Burial was in Shell Rock Cemetery three miles northwest of Northwood. He was with his parents, Christen and Ingeborg Rone, when they immigrated to America, settling in Dane County, Wisconsin, in 1870. He obtained a

common school education while in his native country, and in 1874 entered as a student Augsburg Seminary, Minneapolis, Minnesota, where he remained four years, then taught school, first parochial, and later public school in Worth County, Iowa, for a few years. He then located on a farm about three miles south of Northwood, remaining there until 1914 when he retired from farming and became a resident of Northwood. He held different township offices and in 1887 became secretary of Worth County Farmers Mutual Insurance Association which he retained for forty years. In 1912 he was elected representative and was re-elected in 1914, serving in the Thirty-fifth and Thirty-sixth general assemblies. He was an educated and cultured man, was on the local library board, had a large private library, and had traveled extensively on this continent and in Europe.

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ROBERT M. FINLAYSON was born in Salem Township, Carroll County, Illinois, October 7, 1844, and died in Mount Carroll, Illinois, February 10, 1935. Burial was in the Grundy Center Cemetery, Grundy Center, Iowa. He grew to manhood at the farm home of his parents, William and Jessie (Mackay) Finlayson, attended common school in the country, and was graduated from the Mount Carroll High School. For a few years he aided his father on the farm in summers and taught country schools in winter. In 1866 he removed to Tama County, Iowa, and followed farming in summers and school-teaching in winters. In 1868 he bought 240 acres of wild land in Beaver Township, Grundy County, and for the next seventeen years followed the life of a pioneer farmer, broke prairie, farmed, ran threshing machines, and took part in public matters, held some township offices, and was a member of the County Board of Supervisors. In January, 1885, he was appointed county auditor to fill a vacancy, and by reason of subsequent elections he held that office until January, 1895. In 1893 he became cashier of the First National Bank of Grundy Center, in 1896 became president, and continued in that position until 1920 when he retired. In 1908 he was elected representative and was re-elected in 1910, and served in the Thirty-third and Thirty-fourth general assemblies. He was a man of unusual ability and fine spirit and served his county, town and community in many ways.

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AUGUST A. BALLUFF was born in Davenport, Iowa, January 12, 1859, and died in that city November 18, 1934. Burial was in St. Marguerite's Cemetery, Davenport. His parents were John C. and Matilda Hesse Balluff. He attended St. Marguerite's School, and when fifteen was apprenticed to learn the drug business. He remained in that business until 1884, following that by being deputy clerk of the District Court five years, clerk in the law office of Cook & Dodge four years, secretary and treasurer of the Iowa Telephone Company two years, cashier of the Citizens National Bank of Davenport seven years and vice president of the German Savings Bank of Davenport for two years. He was

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