

Neal W. Rowell

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JAMES M. ANDERSON was born at Antrim, Guernsey County, Ohio, November 22, 1844, and died at Long Beach, California, February 17, 1919. Burial was at Indianola, Iowa. He came with his parents to Davenport, Iowa, in 1854. In 1856 they removed to Oskaloosa, and in 1857 to Warren County. He worked on the farm for his father in boyhood until sixteen years of age when he went to Des Moines and learned the saddlery and harness making trade. In 1872 he went to St. Charles and engaged in mercantile business, and afterwards bought and operated a farm near there, in Warren County. In 1886 he and his brother T. T., bought the *Indianola Herald*, which they owned and edited for twenty-five years. In 1911 he bought his brother's interest and until 1915 he owned and edited the paper alone. In 1899 he was elected representative and was re-elected two years later, serving in the Twenty-eighth and Twenty-ninth General Assemblies. He was the author of the Anderson road law, which marked a distinct progress in road legislation. He was an able and successful newspaper man. In 1908 he was president of the Southern Iowa Press Association. In 1915 because of poor health he sold his newspaper and thereafter spent his time between Ft. Collins, Colorado, and Long Beach, California.

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NEAL W. ROWELL was born in Athens county, Ohio, June 19, 1836; he died at Afton, Iowa, June 30, 1915. He was educated in the public schools and at Ohio University, graduating therefrom in 1856, completing the scientific course. He had removed with his father's family to Wapello county, Iowa, in 1847, and after his graduation in Ohio, returned to Iowa and began the study of law in the office of Harris and Galbraith in Centerville. In 1858 he was admitted to the bar and removed the same year to Afton, where he continued in the practice of law until his death. He was elected county judge of Union county in 1862. In 1868 he was elected representative in the Twelfth General Assembly and two years after re-elected for a second term. He served as member of the board of education from 1865 to 1880 and as mayor of Afton for two terms. He was a Republican in politics and deeply interested in all affairs pertaining to the welfare and uplift of his community.

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OLIVER P. ROWLES was born at Beth, New York, March 25, 1821, and died at his home at Albia, Iowa, August 10, 1913. When an infant he was brought by his parents to Covington, Indiana, where he grew to manhood. In 1844 he came to a farm two miles south of the present city of Albia, and lived there for sixty years. He was a member of the county board of supervisors for two or three terms and was representative in the Ninth and Ninth extra General Assemblies, being elected in 1861. Since 1900 he had lived a retired life in Albia.

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