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in Huntington, Pennsylvania, July 8, 1820, and first came to Iowa in November, 1839. But he did not make a permanent settlement in this State until April, 1856, when he located at Vinton. He bought an interest in the Vinton *Eagle*, which he edited with ability for two years. He was elected on the Republican ticket to the State Senate, to represent Benton and Tama counties, in 1861, filling a vacancy for one session. In 1869 he was elected to the Senate for a full term from Tama and Poweshiek counties. In 1873 he was elected Lieutenant Governor. He was a warm friend of the Agricultural College, and in his official capacity as President of the Senate, rendered it valuable service when a vindictive warfare was waged against it before the Legislature. In 1884 he was chosen one of the trustees of that institution for the term of four years. The town of Dysart, in Tama county, was named in honor of Lieut. Governor Dysart, and was for many years his home, during the latter part of his life. Throughout his long life in Iowa he rendered valuable public service to his town, county and State, and was honored and esteemed by all who knew him.

JUDGE W. H. McHENRY, of Des Moines, died at his home September 9, 1893. He was one of the earliest settlers at old Fort Des Moines, coming there in 1848. He was the first Mayor of the Capital city. In 1878 he was elected Judge of the Fifth Judicial District and was re-elected in 1882, serving until 1887. He was a native of Ohio and was 77 years of age at the time of his death. He was a fine specimen of the sturdy, self-reliant, western pioneer.

SENATOR R. S. SMITH of the Thirty-ninth District, composed of the counties of Butler and Bremer, died at his home at Parkersburg, on the 27th of August, after a very short illness. Mr. Smith was born in Pennsylvania and came to Iowa in 1858, settling on a farm. He was elected to the State Senate in the fall of 1891, on the Democratic ticket. He was highly esteemed by his colleagues in the last General Assembly, as

well as by his constituents of all parties at home. He was a man of sound judgment, excellent business ability, and became an influential member of the Legislature. His sudden death in the prime of life is deeply regretted by all who knew him.

WILLIAM W. WALKER, one of the pioneer railroad builders of Iowa, died in Chicago, September 22. He was born in Cooperstown, New York, in 1834, and was educated for a civil engineer. He came to Iowa in 1855, and was soon after chosen chief engineer of the Chicago, Iowa & Nebraska R. R., then being located and constructed from Chicago via Clinton, Iowa, to Council Bluffs. After the completion of that road he became chief engineer and one of the leading spirits in building the Sioux City & Pacific and Elkhorn Valley railroads. He was an active promoter of the B., C. R. & N. R. R., and for many years its superintendent. He afterwards built a road south from Hannibal, Missouri, and in later years built an important line in Arizona. He was the first president of the First National Bank of Cedar Rapids, and was also for many years one of the owners and editors of the Cedar Rapids *Republican*. He was widely acquainted with the leading men of Iowa for more than thirty years, and was highly esteemed by all who knew him. His whole life was one of great usefulness, and his name will long be remembered as one of the pioneer railroad builders of Iowa, commencing, as he did, when the great system that now traverses every county in our State was in its infancy.

HON. J. WILSON WILLIAMS of Des Moines county, died at his home near Burlington on the 29th of August, at the age of 77. He was born in 1816, at Charlotte, Vermont, and was educated for a civil engineer. In 1836 he came west to Chicago, and settled in Hancock county, Illinois, where for twelve years he was county surveyor. He was engaged in making the survey of the boundary line between Iowa and Missouri. In 1850 he settled at Huron, Iowa, where he continued to live up to the time of his death. In 1852 he was first elected to

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