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GEORGE C. CALL was born in Kossuth County, Iowa, September 24, 1860, and died in Sioux City December 18, 1934. His parents were Asa C. and Sarah (Heckart) Call, noted Kossuth County pioneers. He obtained his education at Algona and early turned his attention to real estate business and became a large land owner. He was active in civic affairs and was for a time mayor of Algona. In 1902 he removed to Sioux City, disposed of his properties in and around Algona, and soon became an extensive real estate owner in Sioux City and devoted much time and energy to forwarding that city's business interests. In 1916 he helped organize the Call Bond and Mortgage Company and at his death was its president. He early became an active advocate of the improvement of the Missouri River for navigation and worked incessantly for it. He labored for more equitable freight rates for his city, and for the improvement of the highways leading to Sioux City. He served as president of the Sioux City Real Estate Board, and was president of the Greater Sioux City Committee. For twenty years he was a member of the Board of Trustees of Morningside College.

FERGUS L. ANDERSON was born near Ohio, Illinois, March 16, 1865, and died in Marion, Iowa, December 25, 1934. Burial was in Oak Shade Cemetery, Marion. His parents were Fenwick and Jeanette Peck Anderson. He acquired his education in rural public school. When seven-year old he began to learn telegraphy and afterward was stationed as an operator at several points on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, going to Marion in 1890 as a night operator. During leisure hours he took up the study of law and was graduated from the Ann Arbor Law School in 1894 and began practice in Marion. He served as city attorney of Marion for six years, and was mayor of the city. On September 1, 1921, Governor Kendall appointed him as one of the judges of the Eighteenth Judicial District in place of Milo P. Smith, resigned. By reason of elections he served for eight years, or until in 1929 when he resigned and returned to the practice of his profession.

GEORGE W. SPEER was born in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, November 19, 1855, and died in Indianola, Iowa, February 4, 1935. He was reared on a farm and received a common school education. In 1887 he removed to Indianola and engaged in abstract, real estate, loan and insurance business in which he continued until shortly before his death. He was a member of the Indianola City Council, was elected representative in 1910 and served in the Thirty-fourth General Assembly, was active in civic affairs of Indianola, was mayor of the city, and for several years was justice of the peace.

WILLIAM BIERKAMP was born in Hanover, Germany, September 18, 1849, and died in Durant, Cedar County, Iowa, December 13, 1934. Burial was in Durant Cemetery. He spent his boyhood in his native country, and migrated to the United States in 1868, settling at Davenport. There he attended a private school for a time and later entered

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