

William George Thompson

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NOTABLE DEATHS

WILLIAM GEORGE THOMPSON was born in Butler county, Pennsylvania, January 17, 1830; he died at Kenwood Park, Linn county, Iowa, April 2, 1911. He obtained his education in the rural schools of his native State, then became a teacher. At the age of nineteen he entered Witherspoon Institute where he remained two years; then began the study of law. He was admitted to the bar in 1853, when he removed to Marion, Linn county, Iowa. He was a delegate to the State convention at Iowa City in 1856, where the Republican party in this State was founded. He was elected to the Iowa State Senate in the same year, serving in the Sixth and Seventh General Assemblies. He was commissioned Major of the Twentieth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, holding that commission for a year. He was wounded at Prairie Grove, Arkansas, and captured at the siege of Vicksburg. He was present at the capture of Fort Arkansas Pass in Texas and was in command of a post there established. He was honorably discharged in 1864. In 1864 he was chosen as one of the presidential electors. In the same year he was elected district attorney for the district comprising the counties of Linn, Jones, Cedar, Johnson, Iowa, Benton and Tama. He was appointed chief justice of Idaho Territory in 1879 by President Rutherford B. Hayes, and in the same year he was elected to Congress from the Fifth Iowa District to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Rush Clark, and was re-elected for the next regular term. In 1885 he was elected to the House of Representatives in the Twenty-first General Assembly of Iowa, during which service he was a member of the committee on the part of the House which prosecuted the impeachment proceedings against State Auditor John L. Brown. He was appointed a judge of the district court for the Eighteenth Judicial District in September, 1894, and continued until his retirement from the bench at the close of the year 1906.

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TIMOTHY BROWN was born in Worcester, Otsego county, New York, December 27, 1827; he died in Denver, Colorado, April 18, 1911. He was of Mayflower descent, was educated in the common schools and for three years was a student in Unadilla Academy. He taught both district and select schools during a period of two or three years. At the age of twenty-two he began the study of law, and at twenty-four was admitted to the bar and removed to Toledo, Tama county, Iowa, establishing a partnership with Isaac L. Allen, who afterwards was Attorney General of Iowa. In 1857 he removed to Marshalltown, engaging in practice alone until 1862, when he formed a partnership with H. E. J. Boardman. He remained in active practice, his firm, however, changing from time to time. He was made the general attorney of the Central Railroad of Iowa, later called the Iowa Central. He was a candidate for nomination for Congress on the Democratic ticket in 1882, but was defeated by Benjamin T. Frederick. He was the author of a work on "Jurisdiction of Courts."

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