

Willis Hall Thorniley

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school in winters and worked on the farm in summers. He later attended the Marengo High School from which he was graduated, and taught rural schools two years. He became a telegraph operator and followed that vocation some time. In 1876 he was appointed deputy county treasurer of Iowa County and continued in that position eight years, regardless of political changes. After being deputy county auditor one year he was elected clerk of the District Court in 1884 and again in 1886, and served four years. In 1889 he organized the North English Savings Bank and was its cashier or its president until it ceased to exist in May 1928. He was the first mayor of North English, was for many years a member of the school board, and 1906 was elected representative and served in the Thirty-second General Assembly. His political affiliation was with the Democratic party.

WILLIS HALL THORNILEY was born near Marietta, Ohio, in 1841, and died in the same neighborhood in 1928. He was attending school in Marietta when, on November 5, 1861, he entered service in the Union Army as a member of Company B, Seventy-seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was mustered out December 10, 1864, having attained the rank of corporal. After the war he returned home and engaged in farming, but in the early 1880's removed to Van Buren County, Iowa, where he pursued farming and stock raising. Politically he was a Republican and was elected representative in 1887 and served in the Twenty-second General Assembly. Some ten years later he returned to the vicinity of his birth in Ohio where he remained the rest of his life. There he organized the Washington County Mutual Insurance Company and was an officer in it at the time of his death, also helped to organize the Ohio Valley Farmers' Club, and for many years was a trustee of the Washington County Children's Home.

DALLAS D. RORICK was born in Franklin County, Ohio, June 18, 1846, and died in Monticello, Iowa, July 29, 1932. He was with his parents, C. H. and Julia F. (Kimball) Rorick, in their removal to a farm near Oxford Junction, Jones County, Iowa, in 1859. In 1864 he entered the employ of his brother, G. H. Rorick, then a merchant at Lowden, Cedar County. In 1867 he removed to Toronto, Clinton County, where he was by turns carpenter, railroad bridge builder, and grain buyer. He was also justice of the peace, began the study of law and was admitted to the bar in 1874. In 1878 he located at Wheatland, Clinton County, in the practice of law, was elected representative in 1881 and served in the Nineteenth General Assembly, the last assembly that met in the old Capitol. Later he practiced his profession at Miller, South Dakota, seven years. He then returned to Oxford Junction and practiced until 1915 when he removed to Monticello, where he continued his practice until shortly before his death.

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