

John B. Truax

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in rural school, Osceola High School, Simpson College, and received a business course in Highland Park College. He followed the vocation of farming until a few years before his death, when he retired. He held positions in township government, was an active worker in the Farm Bureau organization, was president of the Iowa State Bank of Osceola, was elected representative in 1920, re-elected in 1922, and served in the Thirty-ninth and Fortieth general assemblies.

JOHN B. TRUAX was born in Jonesborough, Indiana, February 14, 1859, and died in Independence, Iowa, November 19, 1930. He was with his parents, Isaac and Anna Truax, in their removal to a farm in Buchanan County, Iowa, in 1864. He attended public school, engaged in farm work and other labor, clerked in a general store in Hazleton several years, and in 1892 was elected county recorder of Buchanan County, in which position he served twenty years. Following that he was engaged in the abstract business at Independence until 1923. In 1924 he was elected representative, and was re-elected in 1926 and 1928, serving in the Forty-first, Forty-second and Forty-third general assemblies.

HENRY LINN PIERCE was born at Belleville, Illinois, March 19, 1867, and died at Freeport, Illinois, May 1, 1930. Burial was at Stockton, Illinois. When a mere boy he removed with his father, his mother having died, to Clay County, Iowa. He attended public school, and Spencer High School, taught school several terms, and in 1891 entered the employ of C. L. Ward in the Bank of Linn Grove at Linn Grove, Buena Vista County. On Mr. Ward's death in 1918 Mr. Pierce continued the bank until 1926. For twenty-one years he was secretary of the Linn Grove School Board, was elected representative in 1906 and served in the Thirty-second General Assembly, and also served as a member of the Board of Supervisors of Buena Vista County in 1925 and 1926. His last few years were spent in Freeport, Illinois.

CHARLES C. HAMILTON was born in Macon City, Missouri, January 12, 1861, and died in Sioux City, Iowa, September 17, 1931. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hamilton, removed their family to Omaha, and finally to Sioux City, where they located in 1866. Charles C., after being graduated from public school in Sioux City, was graduated from the Law Department of the State University of Iowa in 1883. He at once took up the duties of a district court reporter and followed that vocation for thirty-seven years, or until 1920, serving under several different judges of his home district, the Fourth Judicial District. On August 6, 1920, Governor Harding appointed him judge to fill the unexpired term of Judge John W. Anderson, resigned. By reason of elections he was still serving at the time of his death.

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