

Elbert Wright Weeks

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ELBERT WRIGHT WEEKS was born near Painesville, Lake County, Ohio, October 7, 1850, and died at the Masonic Sanitarium at Bettendorf, Iowa, December 17, 1932. Interment was in Union Cemetery, Guthrie Center, Iowa. His parents were Henry and Sarah (Wright) Weeks. The family removed to Green Township, Iowa County, Iowa, in 1855, where they established a pioneer country home. Elbert attended public school during winters and in 1870 and 1871 attended McClain's Academy at Iowa City a few terms, then taught a winter term of country school, worked in summer as a farm hand, then entered the Law Department of the State University and was graduated in June, 1873. The next winter he spent in the law office of Yocum, Anderson & Robb at Albia. After spending a brief time at David City, Nebraska, where he opened a law office, and teaching another winter term of school near his parents' home, he located at Guthrie Center and entered the practice of law in May, 1876. This he continued for fifty-four years, acquiring a large practice. He was a delegate to the Republican National Convention of 1884, was an alternate to the convention of 1888, was secretary of the National Republican League from 1900 to 1906, for years was in demand as a public speaker for the Republican party and was a party leader in his portion of the state. He was first elected representative in 1903 and served in the Thirtieth, Thirty-first and Thirty-second general assemblies, being chairman of the Judiciary Committee of the House in the Thirty-second. He was grand chancellor of the Knights of Pythias, Domain of Iowa, in 1891-92. He was a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal church all his life, and was for many years a teacher in Sunday School. His social instincts and his abilities caused him to be active in whatever appeared to be a benefit to his community. In his later years he wrote considerably for the local press, sometimes philosophically, mostly reminiscently, and always interestingly. At the time of his death he was reading the proof of a book he had written, which is biographical and historical, relating principally to pioneer times in Guthrie County.

CONSTANT ROBERT MARKS was born in Durham, Greene County, New York, April 11, 1841, and died in Sioux City, Iowa, December 17, 1932. His parents were Almeron and Mary Phelps Marks. He attended the Connecticut Literary Institute at Suffield, Connecticut, until the breaking out of the Civil War when he enlisted in Company K, Eighth Massachusetts Infantry. While he was stationed at Fort McHenry he was taken so seriously ill that he was sent home. He later resumed his studies in Hudson River Institute at Caverack, New York, and in 1863 entered Yale College, but ill health prevented him from completing his course. In 1866 he commenced reading law with E. M. Wood at Pittsfield, Massachusetts, and was graduated from the Albany Law School, Albany, New York, in 1868. In April of 1868 he removed to Sioux City, Iowa, and began practice there in partnership with W. L. Joy, as Marks & Joy. He continued in active practice for sixty-four years, or

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