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school and Wilton Normal School. He followed farming in Cedar County for many years. He became prominent in business activities. Among other enterprises he helped organize two banks in Wilton, one at Atalissa, and one at Downey, being president of the one at Downey. For six years he was a member of the Cedar County Board of Supervisors, the most of the time being its chairman. In 1895 he was elected representative, and served in the Twenty-sixth General Assembly, and also in the Twenty-sixth Extra. In 1909 he removed to West Liberty.

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JAMES WALLACE BAILEY was born at Camp Point, Adams County, Illinois, May 21, 1871, and died in Harlan, Iowa, February 13, 1934. His parents, Cyrus and Elinor Bailey, removed to Des Moines, Iowa, in 1872. James W. grew up in that city and in 1892 removed to Harlan. During most of his early manhood he was employed in some capacity or other by Shelby County. In 1914 he was elected representative and was re-elected in 1916, and served in the Thirty-sixth and Thirty-seventh general assemblies. At the time of his death he was city clerk of Harlan, and had been for several years. He had the reputation of being an efficient and popular official. He was a Democrat in politics.

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FRED B. WITT was born in Grand Forks, North Dakota, July 24, 1884, and died in an automobile accident near Hubbard, Iowa, February 28, 1934. Burial was at Shell Rock, Iowa. His parents were Frank L. and Vashti (Griggs) Witt. He was with his parents when they removed to Shell Rock in 1900. For several years he was in newspaper work, and later engaged in lumber, coal and grain business in Shell Rock. For several years he was a member of the Butler County Republican Central Committee, and was its chairman in 1928. In 1930 he was elected representative and served in the Forty-fourth General Assembly.

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JOHN SHERMAN PRITCHARD was born at Pittsfield, Washtenaw County, Michigan, May 6, 1847, and died in Los Angeles, California, October 29, 1933. Burial was at Belmond, Iowa. He was a son of Philo A. and Eliza (Woodard) Pritchard. His father having died, John Sherman when a mere boy had to earn his own living, working at whatever he could find. The family removed to Wright County, Iowa, in 1856. On January 4, 1864, he enlisted in Company F, Second Iowa Cavalry, and was with that regiment until he was mustered out September 19, 1865. Returning to Wright County he followed farming, first as a renter, later as a land owner, varying farming with buying and selling livestock. His residence was near Alden for a time, but later at Belmond. He was a member of the county Board of Supervisors from 1892 for six years. In 1901 he was elected representative, was re-elected and served in the Twenty-ninth, Thirtieth, and Thirty-first general assemblies. He was influential in the enactment of the drainage legislation of those sessions. During his later years he resided in Los Angeles.

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