

## Richard B. Wyckoff

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politeness marked his intercourse with all. He was an intelligent, lovable old man, a most beautiful character. He frequently called at the State Historical rooms and the state library where it was his especial delight to pore over works of genealogy. He had interested himself in tracing out the genealogy of the great Newman family, and the discoveries he had made in regard to his own ancestry were many and most interesting. Dr. Newman was a man of every pleasing quality; a man whom it was ever a delight and pleasure to honor—one who loved those about him as he was beloved by them and whose every word and act were characterized by kindness.

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DR. FREEMAN MCCLELLAND, a member of the present Legislature from Linn County, died at his home in Cedar Rapids on the 13th of February. He was born November 28, 1830, in Westmoreland county Pennsylvania. He graduated from a medical college in Philadelphia in 1855. In 1862 he came to Iowa, settling at Cedar Rapids. In 1864 he was appointed assistant surgeon of the Sixteenth Iowa Infantry, and served until the close of the war. He soon after became the editor of *The Times* at Cedar Rapids, finally purchased an interest in the establishment and made journalism his chief occupation for the remainder of his life. In 1895 he was elected on the Republican ticket to a seat in the House of the Twenty-sixth General Assembly. His health was not good at the opening of the session, and on the 9th of February he went home to die. The end came very soon, and our State lost one of its most useful and honored citizens.

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CHRISTIAN CONRAD, of Delaware county, died at his home in Coffin's Grove, on the 5th of March at the great age of one hundred and sixteen years. "He was the oldest man in the United States. He was born in Pennsylvania in September, 1780, and was thirty-two years old and living on a homestead when the war of 1812 broke out. He enlisted in the war and saw Colonel Miller's charge on Queenstown Heights. He was in the battle of Fort Erie and saw Commodore Perry's victory on the lake. After the war he operated boats on the Erie canal till 1845, when he removed to McHenry county, Illinois. In 1860 he removed to his present farm, where he has lived in a two-room log house ever since. His wife aged eighty, is left after sixty years of married life. She had eleven children."

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COL. RICHARD B. WYCKOFF, a member from Jackson county of the first Constitutional Convention, which assembled at Iowa City, Oct. 7, 1844, more than fifty-two years ago, died in Lyons, on the 25th of January. He was an influential member of the Convention, serving on the Committee on county organization. He was born in Delaware county, New York, in 1816. He removed to Michigan in 1836, and when Iowa Territory was organized in 1838, he came further west, settling in Jackson county. After his service in the Constitutional Convention of 1844, he was elected a member of the Third General Assembly—1850-51. He held various county offices, during his residence in Jackson county, among which were recorder, treasurer and probate judge. In 1872 he removed to Lyons which was his home up to the time of his death.

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MARTHA ANN KELLEY, of Sioux City, died at her home on the 28th of February. She was the oldest daughter of Colonel S. G. Hill of Muscatine, who was killed while gallantly leading a brigade at the battle of Nashville, December 15, 1864. Martha A. Hill was for several

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