

James D. Yeomans

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Those who knew him well did not consider him as especially anxious for political preferment, but he was nevertheless nominated and elected to the State senate, serving in the 14th General Assembly. Possessing a genial, social nature, enjoying the highest confidence as a business man, he was at once recognized as a leader in the senate. He was a charter member of the first Congregational church of Waterloo, with which he had been connected from the first.

JAMES D. YEOMANS was born in Bennington, Wyoming county, N. Y., April 21, 1845; he died in Washington, D. C., Oct. 31, 1906. He was educated in the public schools of New York. At the age of seventeen he was employed on the Erie railroad and for many years continued in the work of constructing railways. During the war the Government employed him in railroading in the South. In 1888 he removed to Onawa, Iowa, and engaged in stock-raising. He served as State senator in the 24th and 25th General Assemblies, but on April 2, 1894, before the expiration of his last term, President Cleveland appointed him a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission. He was re-appointed by President McKinley for a term of six years. While in Iowa Judge Yeomans was active commercially and organized the Sioux City Jobbers and Manufacturers' Association, the purpose of which was to prevent discrimination by railroads against Iowa cities in the making of rates.

JOHN DOWNEY was born in Belfast, Ireland, in 1834; he died in Charleston township, Lee county, Iowa, Oct. 29, 1906. He migrated to this country at the age of twenty, settling at first in the city of New York. After two years he went to Ohio, and soon after came to Iowa settling in Lee county in the spring of 1857, where he spent the remainder of his life. He held many local positions of honor and trust, but his principal public service was as State senator, to which position he was elected in 1893, serving in the 25th and 26th General Assemblies. He was for twenty years justice of the peace of his township. He was all his life a democrat and his party honored him with several local distinctions.

EGBERT C. SUDLOW was born in Litchfield county, Conn., Sept. 8, 1834; he died in Newton, Iowa, Nov. 30, 1906. When a child he moved with his parents to Ohio; in 1856 he came to Scott county, Iowa; in 1869 he settled on a farm near Newton, where he became one of the influential and well-known citizens of Jasper county. He served as State senator in the 19th and 20th General Assemblies.

THOMAS W. JOHNSTON was born in County Mayo, Ireland, in 1840; he died in Dubuque, Iowa, Nov. 30, 1906. In early youth he came to America with his parents settling in Indiana and a few years later locating on a farm in Dubuque county. He represented Dubuque county in the 15th and 16th General Assemblies. For many years he was superintendent of the county poor farm.

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