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One of the representatives from Wapello county, is a native of Ohio, born and reared on a farm. He received a common school and college education, taught school for a period of ten years, then took up the study of law. In 1881, he was admitted to the bar at Columbus, Ohio. In March of 1884, he married Louise M. Roberts of Indiana, and immediately moved to Ottumwa, Iowa, where he engaged in the practice of law. Was a member of the school board, city solicitor, mayor of the city, county attorney, three terms on the state republican central committee and committeeman of his district and county. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, York Rites Mason and Shriners, Elks, Knights of Pythias and M. W. A. Elected in 1916 and re-elected in 1918. A republican in politics.



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One of the representatives from Wapello county, was born on a farm in Ohio, September 1, 1854. He received his education in common schools and college, taught school for ten years and later took up the study of law, was first admitted to the bar by the supreme court of Ohio in December, 1881. In youth he was accustomed to all kinds of labor incident to farm life. In March, 1884, he married Miss Louie M. Roberts, near Indianapolis, Indiana, and immediately moved to Ottumwa, Iowa, they have three living children, J. Earl, Jessie Belle and A. Windsor, all of whom are graduates of the Ottumwa high school. On coming to Ottumwa he opened a law office where he has been engaged in the practice of law ever since; during said time he served the city of Ottumwa as city attorney and mayor twelve years, and as a member of the school board, was also county attorney of Wapello county. He served five years in Co. G. Second regiment, I. N. G., and was a member of the expert rifle team of said company.

He has always taken an active part in politics, having served three terms on the republican state central committee, and as chairman and secretary of the republican county central committee.

He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and has been very active in lodge circles, being a member of the Shrine, all degrees of York Rites Masonry, Elks, Knights of Pythias and M. W. A. A republican in politics.