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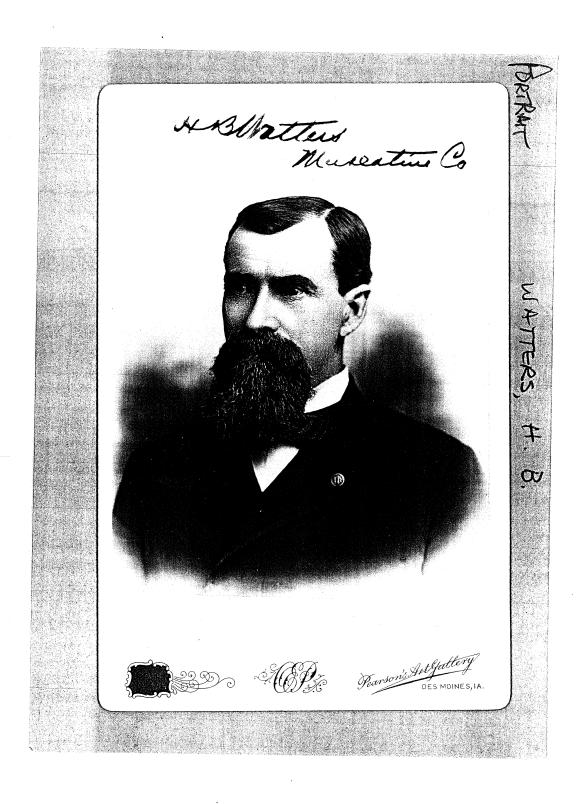
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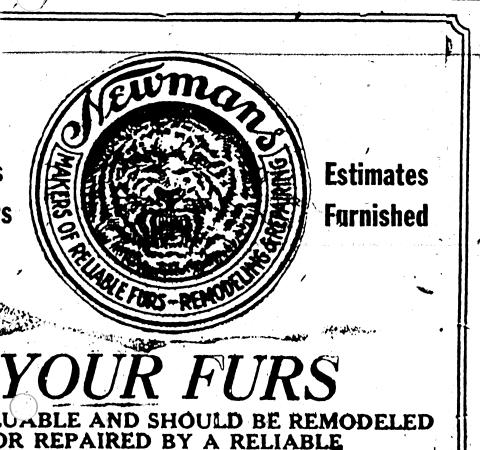
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In November, 1866, Mr. James was united in marriage to Miss Harriet Kile, who was the only child of her parents. Jerry and Mary (Brownell) Kile. Following the death of his first wife, Jerry Kile wedded Elizabeth Lee, by whom he had nine children, namely: Madison, who is deceased; Mary, the wife of J. Miesky; George; Sarah, the wife of Adolph Kiser, of Minnesota; Lydia, who has passed away; Leota, the wife of Charles Burkhart of West Liberty; Caroline, who is the wife of Henry Rang and resides in Iowa; Lewis; and Elmer, who died in infancy. Unto Mr. and Mrs. James were born ten children, as follows: George Elmer; William Curtis; May Frances, the wife of Vincent Birkett, of West Liberty; Edwin; Bertha Elizabeth, who gave her hand in marriage to Benjamin Bigsby, of Cedar county; Jess K.; Clayton S.; Leota Harriet, at home; Harry Phillip, who is deceased; and Warren Ward.

Politically Mr. James has ever been a stanch republican, supporting the men and measures of that party by his ballot. He has held the offices of supervisor and trustee, discharging his duties in these connections with notable promptness and fidelity. He was reared a Congregationalist but attends the services of the Methodist church, while fraternally he is a Knights Templar Mason. Fifty-eight years have come and gone since Gad James first came to Muscatine county, and its history is therefore largely familiar to him. He has never had occasion to regret his determination to emigrate to America, but on the contrary has always regarded it as a most fortunate step in his life history. Here he found the opportunities he sought and by the improvement of the chances which came to him has gradually progressed in the business world until he is now enabled to spend his declining years amid all of the comforts and many of the luxuries of life.

HANSON B. WATTERS.

Hanson B. Watters, one of the honored veterans of the Civil war, is deserving of prominent mention in this volume not only by reason of the loyal support which he gave to his country in her hour of need but also because of the creditable place to which he attained in agricultural and political circles. A native of Ohio, he was born in Belmont county on the 9th of December, 1840, a son of Dr. William W. and Teressa D. (Gregg) Watters, natives of Maryland and

Ohio respectively. Dr. William W. Watters came with his family to Muscatine county, Iowa, in April, 1851, and here purchased farm land in what is now known as Goshen township. He was a physician by profession and successfully practiced medicine in Ohio for a number of years before coming to this state but did not practice here except in a friendly way. He passed away in Muscatine county on the 20th of March, 1884, and his wife's demise occurred in June, 1886. Their family consisted of nine children, of whom seven are yet living: Mary E., a resident of Fort Dodge, Iowa; Hanson B., of this review; William G., of California; Louise, deceased; Henry G., of Muscatine county; Walter P., residing in Atalissa, Iowa; Emma I., the deceased wife of Dr. E. S. Lawrence, of Des Moines; Sarah, who makes her home in Fort Dodge, Iowa; and Clara, the widow of Theodore Noble, of Oakland, California.

Spending his early boyhood in his native state, Hanson B. Watters was a lad of ten years when he came with his parents to Muscatine county in 1851, and in the schools of Ohio and Iowa he was accorded excellent educational advantages. After completing the course of study offered in the public schools by graduation from the high school, he attended Western College at Western, Iowa. He had not yet attained his majority when civil war was inaugurated between the north and south, and was but twenty years of age when, prompted by a spirit of patriotism, he enlisted in the Union army, becoming in August, 1861, a member of Company G, Second Iowa Cavalry, with which he served for a term of two and a half years. At the expiration of that period he reenlisted in the same company, being identified therewith until the close of the war, serving most of the time with the rank of sergeant. With his regiment he participated in the charge on Farmington and took part in a number of important and hotly contested engagements, while at Coffeeville, Mississippi, he was wounded in the left side. He responded readily and fearlessly to every call of duty, and his courage and valor never faltered in the face of danger. He received honorable discharge in Alabama on the 19th of September, 1865, and after the close of hostilities returned home with a most excellent military record.

Returning to the pursuits of civil life, Mr. Watters took up farming on the old homestead in Muscatine county, in the operation of which he continued until his marriage, in 1868, to Miss Ruth H. Parker, who was born in Columbia county, Pennsylvania, and is the only surviving member of a family of nine children born unto Lot and Susanna (Lundy) Parker, the latter a sister of Captain William Lundy. Her parents came to Iowa in 1867 and here their remaining days were spent. After his marriage Mr. Watters removed with his bride to a farm of forty acres in Goshen township, which he had previously purchased, and it remained the scene of his busy activities for more than a decade. That his efforts during that period were effective elements in the acquirement of success is indicated by the fact that as the years passed by he was able to add extensively to his original holdings, becoming eventually the owner of four hundred acres of valuable land. Indeed the modern methods which he employed, combined with the spirit of energy and perseverance which characterized all of his labors, made it possible for him at the end of but eleven years to withdraw from active life and enjoy in well earned retirement those pleasures which a substantial competence could afford. In 1899 he left the farm and took up his abode in West Liberty, where he has since made his home. His present residence, erected by himself, is one of the finest and most attractive in the town and is the visible evidence of the success which crowned his efforts during his active connection with agricultural pursuits.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Watters have been born five sons, as follows: Allan P., postmaster of Dexter, New Mexico; William L., engaged in the drug business in West Liberty; George Stanley, who was drowned while attending the Iowa State College in 1899; Henry B., a civil engineer of Cleveland, Ohio; and Vernon G., who graduated from the Iowa State College and is also a civil engineer, making his home in Florida.

The parents hold membership in the Christian church and Mr. Watters belongs to Lodge No. 95, A. F. & A. M., of West Liberty, while as a member of Silas Jackson Post, No. 255, G. A. R., at West Liberty, he keeps in touch with his old army comrades. In politics he has been a stalwart republican since age conferred upon him the right of franchise and he has ever had the interests of the party at heart, doing all in his power to extend its influence in the communities in which he has resided although never a politician in the usually accepted sense of office seeking. His fellowmen, however, recognizing and demonstrating their appreciation of the disinterestedness of his service and his high personal worth and ability, chose him to represent his district in the state legislature, which honor was conferred upon him in 1893, and in 1895 he was reelected to the office, serving for two terms. It was during the session of 1896 and the special session of 1897, while he was a member, that the code was revised, and he was actively and helpfully interested in other important legislative measures during the period of his incumbency. As a private citizen he has ever remained a close student of the questions and issues of the day and although he has now passed the Psalmist's allotted span of three score years and ten he yet takes a deep interest in current event of the day relating to community, state and national politics. His life has indeed been a useful and helpful one, actuated at all times by high purposes, and the enviable position which he has won for himself in the respect and confidence of his fellow citizens speaks in higher terms of a successful career than does the substantial material gain which crowned his life's labors.

WARREN W. JAMES.

Among the young men who have made a fair start as agriculturists in Muscatine county and give promise of increasing usefulness as the years pass in a business that calls for energy, judgment and the close attention of an intelligent mind is Warren W. James. He is now in his twenty-second year and, having been reared under the most favorable conditions for obtaining a thorough knowledge of farming, he was well prepared upon arriving at manhood to assume responsibilities generally undertaken by those much older than himself. He was born in Wapsinonoc township, June 30, 1889, and comes of a family well known in Muscatine county, being a son of Gad and Harriet (Kile) James, a record of whom appears elsewhere in this work.

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MEMORIALS

HON. HANSON B. WATTERS

MR. SPEAKER—Your committee appointed to prepare resolutions commemorating the life and services of the Honorable Hanson B. Watters, late of Muscatine county, Iowa, beg leave to report the following memorial:

Honorable Hanson B. Watters, who represented Muscatine county in the Twenty-fifth and Twenty-sixth and Twenty-sixth Extra, General Assemblies, was born in Belmont county, Ohio, December 9th, 1840. He was the son of Dr. and Mrs. William W. Watters and early in the year 1851, when a boy of but eleven years of age, he came with his parents to Iowa and settled in Goshen township, Muscatine county. He grew to manhood's estate and received his education in the public schools of that vicinity. Later he attended the Western college at Western, Iowa, taking a collegiate course in that institution.

At the breaking out of the civil war, like so many patriotic sons of America, promptly enlisted in Company B., Second Iowa Cavalry. This was in August of 1861 and for three years, the period of his enlistment, he served faithfully and well in the defense of his country. At the expiration of his period of three years enlistment he again enlisted in the same company and served in it until after the war was over, being mustered out of service in September, 1865, thus giving to his country four years out of the best years of his young manhood.

He fought in many engagements of the war and at the battle of Coffeeville, Mississippi, he was severely wounded but after recovering from this wound rejoined his regiment. Upon being mustered out of service in September he immediately returned to his home in Muscatine county and took up the duties of civil life engaging in the occupation of farming.

December, 1868, he was united in marriage to Miss Ruth H. Rer. To this union were born five sons, Allen P. Watters of Oakland, California; William L. Watters of West Liberty, Iowa; George Stanley Watters who lost his life by drowning at Ames, Iowa, in 1899; Henry Bertram Watters of Springfield, Ohio, and Vernon G. Watters

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Mr. and Mrs. Watters continued to reside on the farm until 1899 when they moved to West Liberty, Iowa, and made that place their home. Mr. Watters was a true American citizen and as such he took an active interest in public affairs and was affiliated with the Republican party and advocated the principles of that party giving conscientious support to these principles through the trying days of reconstruction and the placing of the nation on a sound financial basis that led to the marvelous prosperity of the years that followed.

In 1892 he was elected to the House of Representatives and served in this and the succeeding two General Assemblies. He represented his district with a large degree of fidelity giving to his duties that conscientious consideration that characterized his public services throughout life.

He was an active member of Silas Jackson Post, G. A. R. of West Liberty and a member of Mt. Calvary Lodge, A. F. & A. M. He passed from this life on June 15th, 1920, at the age of 79 years, 6 months and 6 days.

Therefore Be It Resolved, That the House of Representatives take this occasion to present this tribute to the memory of a faihful public servant and to express appreciation of his character and public service and to extend to his family and relatives most sincere sympathy.

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be printed in the journal of the House and that the Chief Clerk be directed to forward to the family of the deceased an engrossed copy.

J. H. VAN CAMP. J. H. MAYNE. JOHN BRADLEY.

Committee.

Adopted March 23, 1921.

HON. MONIAS E. BITTERMAN

MR. SPEAKER—Your committee appointed to prepare resolutions commemorating the life and work of the Hon. Monias E. Bitterman, late of Cerro Gordo county, Iowa, beg leave to report the following memorial:

Hon. Monias E. Bitterman who represented Cerro Gordo county in the Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth General Assemblies, was born in Canton, Ohio, August 16th, 1843, and died at Nora Springs, Iowa, December 23, 1919, aged seventy six years. He was left fatherless when quite young. After some years his mother married Samuel Spotts and when he was sixteen years of age the family moved to the vicinity of Joliet, Illinois. Here he worked on the farm until he became of age and here he was married January 14, 1866, to Sarah Heintzleman

with whom he lived almost fifty-four years.

To them were born six children; J. C. of Madison, Wisconsin; E. L. and Mrs. Jennie Allen of Nora Springs; Mrs. Truly Schulte of New

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