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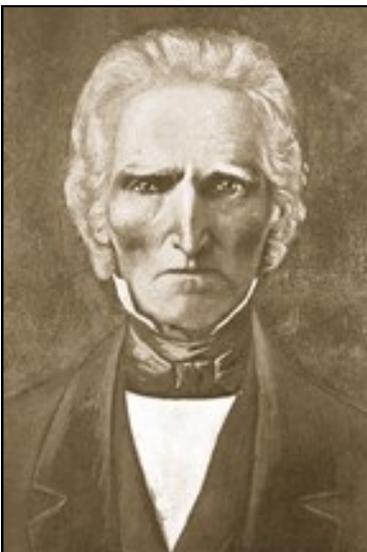
**THIS WEEK: Reviewing the Public Service
of Iowa's Governors**

BACKGROUND:

This is the first in a series of nine articles reviewing the public service of Iowa's governors.

Reviewing the Public Service of Iowa's Governors

Territorial Governors



Governor Robert Lucas

The President of the United States appointed Iowa's first three governors to oversee the Territory of Iowa.

President Martin Van Buren asked Robert Lucas to preside as the first Governor of the Territory of Iowa. Lucas served from 1838-1841.

Lucas previously held seats in the Ohio Legislature, first as a Representative and later in the Ohio Senate. Voters had elected him as Ohio's governor before his appointment to the Iowa Territory.

Lucas was born in Virginia in 1781 and died in 1853. He is buried in Iowa City.

Iowa's second Territorial Governor, John Chambers, served from 1841-1845.

Before being appointed as the second Governor of the Territory of Iowa by



President William Henry Harrison, Chambers served as a member of the Kentucky House of Representatives and the House of Representatives in Washington, D.C.

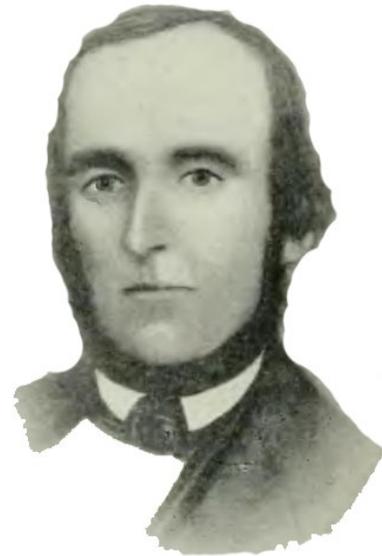
Chambers was born in New Jersey in 1780 and died in 1852. He is buried in Kentucky.

Governor John Chambers

President James Polk appointed Iowa's third and final Territorial Governor, James Clarke.

Clarke served from 1845-1846.

Clarke had no state legislative history. He had been secretary for the Iowa Territory, librarian for the Iowa Territory, and the mayor of Burlington.



Governor James Clarke

Clarke was born in Pennsylvania in 1812 and died in 1850. He is buried in Burlington, Iowa.

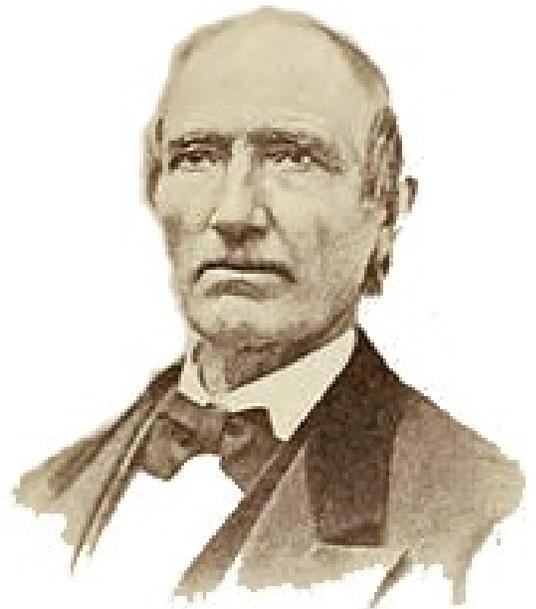
State Governors

Ansel Briggs was inaugurated as Iowa's first state Governor December 3, 1846, 25 days before statehood was achieved on December 28.

Briggs served one term from 1846-1850.

Briggs had sat in the Iowa Territorial Legislature in 1842. He had also served as deputy treasurer and sheriff of Jackson County.

Briggs was born in Vermont in 1806 and died in Nebraska in 1881. He is buried in Andrew, Iowa.



Governor Ansel Briggs



Governor Stephen Hempstead

Voters elected Stephen Hempstead as Iowa's second Governor from 1850-1854. Hempstead had been a member of the first Iowa Territorial Legislature in 1838 and served in subsequent Territorial Legislatures.

When Iowa became a state in 1846, Hempstead had been one of three chosen to revise Iowa's laws. The Code of 1851 reflected those revisions. He had been a member of the Legislative Council, which is comparable to our Senate today.

Hempstead had represented Dubuque County at the Constitutional Convention in 1846.

After serving as Iowa's Governor, he served 12 years as a Dubuque County judge.

Hempstead was born in Connecticut in 1812 and died in 1883. He is buried in Dubuque, Iowa.

For further information on the Governor's of Iowa who had also served in the Iowa Legislature, please see here:

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