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Carl E. Friend

This is a photograph showing Carl E. Friend, who was born in St. Joseph, Missouri, in 1869. After graduating from Kansas State College in 1888, he worked as a civil engineer for the Union Pacific Railroad. In 1889, Friend entered the lumber business in Jackson County, Kansas. He was appointed to the State Board of Regents in 1902, and in 1909, he moved to Lawrence, started a lumber business, and owned a farm. Friend was a member of the Advisory Council of Alumni Association of Kansas State College and Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees to the Kansas University Endowment Association. He began his political career in 1933, serving as a state senator from 1933 to 1937. In 1939, Friend was elected Lieutenant Governor and served with Governor Payne Ratner until 1943.

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