

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Mr. Makers, Joseph Jordan Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Represented Des Moines County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 25. Mar 1817 Hamilton County, Ohio

2. Marriage (s) date place \_\_\_\_\_

Parthena M. Green 21 Oct 1841 Des Moines County, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business \_\_\_\_\_

B. Civic responsibilities Imparance Reform Club

C. Profession Farmer, teacher

4. Church membership Presbyterian

5. Sessions served 10<sup>th</sup> General Assembly 1864

6. Public Offices

A. Local Des Moines County Board of Supervisors member; township clerk

B. State \_\_\_\_\_

C. National \_\_\_\_\_

7. Death 29 Dec 1894 Middletown, Iowa; buried Middletown Cemetery, Des Moines County, Iowa

8. Children Leonard J. (predeceased his father in death); Arminada E.; John W. (predeceased his father in death)

9. Names of parents John and Sarah (Lowry) Makers

10. Education

11. Degrees

12. Other applicable information

Free Soil Party, later Republican

- Joseph was raised on a farm in Linn County, Ohio. He came with his parents and siblings to Des Moines County, Iowa in 1839, settling in Stout River Township.
- When he came to Iowa he had engaged in teaching school in Ohio for a short period.
- He purchased land in Stout River Township of Des Moines County.
- The family left the farm in 1861 and moved into Middletown still in Des Moines County, Iowa.
- He was a strong anti-slavery partisan from his youth and became a member of the Free Soil Party. He was a candidate for their treasurer in 1854.
- In 1863 he joined the Republican Party and was elected to the legislature.



he round  
January 2,  
ed at his  
Monday.  
mittens  
rks, cor-  
sets, for  
will move  
a Hedge  
street.  
ars with-  
secured  
re or at  
office of  
OMING.  
y Chas.  
new law  
et, over  
store.  
at the  
his office  
day and  
a call on  
enz Tea  
No. 117  
No. 130  
hair, and  
his office  
y.  
e oldest  
ute, died  
22 High  
r years.  
n thirty-  
acity or  
ed. He  
daugh-  
friends,  
funeral  
rning at  
D.  
Against  
ages.  
10 was  
City in  
d of the  
earrings  
a hear-  
but on  
is was  
There,  
ample  
ise the  
being, in  
a whom  
a of evi-  
a sus-  
s guilty  
s. Will-  
moved  
nst the  
he had

## JOS. J. McMAKEN.

Died Yesterday at His Home in  
Middletown.

Almost Fifty-six Years a Resident of  
the County—His Public Honors  
and Private Worth—  
Sketch of His Life.

After an illness covering several weeks Hon. Jos. J. McMaken died yesterday at his home in Middletown, Flint River township, this county. Mr. McMaken located his claims to land in that township in April, 1839, in which year he came from his birthplace, Hamilton county, Ohio, so that for nearly fifty-six years he had been a citizen of a state that had been reclaimed from the red men for only sixty-two years.

Mr. McMaken was born March 25, 1817. Reared upon a farm he naturally turned to the tillage of the soil when he determined to become a pioneer in the territory of Iowa. The lands upon which he made settlement in 1839 remained his, with considerable accession of acres, till his death. Two years after his settlement in the county he married, October 21, 1841, Miss Parthena M. Green, whose parents, also from Hamilton county, Ohio, had settled in Lee county in 1839. Three children were born of this union, Leander, Armilda, and John. Mr. and Mrs. McMaken resided upon their extensive farm till 1881, when a desire to lighten the cares of life led them to retire to Middleton, leasing their farm.

In his political principles Mr. McMaken stood resolutely for the abolition of slavery, for temperance and for republicanism. He became a member of the free soil party and was its candidate, in 1854, for state treasurer. At the organization of the republican party Mr. McMaken cast in his lot with it, became one of its most earnest advocates and in 1863 was elected on its ticket to a seat in the lower house of the tenth general assembly from this county. Upon the completion of his term he was elected to the Board of Supervisors, serving three years with credit to himself and advantage to the county. With the expiration of his term he retired to the quiet of his home and farm taking always, however, a keen and earnest interest in public affairs and advocating at all times the cause of temperance. He was president of the Temperance Reform club of Middletown and never ceased to teach temperance to the young.

The deceased is survived by his aged wife and one daughter, of his immediate family, and by two brothers and two sisters.

The funeral will be held at 11 o'clock Monday morning at the Presbyterian church of Middletown.

He Was  
"I study many  
other languages  
may keep myself  
was made by a  
Louis in a letter  
now in business  
'green' in the  
but that I may  
of investigating  
every day."

This gentleman  
ment evinced to  
him one of the  
"Mound City."  
judgment to re-  
rather than  
perience and  
success justify  
most everything  
When we seek  
ing to confirm  
ing as an un-  
dent, custom  
the realm of th  
path of the pra  
accepts self-evi  
no longer pay 2  
for flour simpl  
brand of a not  
famous brands  
grown in the sa  
ured by the s  
therefore, a  
patent fact, th  
the same, excep

### TURKEYS!

New York  
The Cascade  
First Annual T  
pect Hill Ball p  
ing rifle and raf  
the day. Ampl  
made in case c  
Everybody invit

### Dr. Bro

THE HAWK-E  
extra copies co  
sermon on the  
Several orders h  
three of which  
land and Scotla  
ing manifested  
only in Burling  
tions of the coun  
tined to have a  
convenience of  
copies of the en  
and wherever th  
will serve a good  
ing the tendency  
run after new fa  
cial mailing list  
the papers will  
address for 5 ce  
for the entire se  
was delivered la  
second will be  
ing.

SKATES! S  
Ebner & Sons

PORTRAIT AND

BIOGRAPHICAL

ALBUM

—OF—

DES MOINES COUNTY, IOWA,

CONTAINING

Full Page Portraits and Biographical Sketches of Prominent  
and Representative Citizens of the County,

TOGETHER WITH

PORTRAITS AND BIOGRAPHIES OF ALL THE GOVERNORS OF THE STATE, AND  
OF THE PRESIDENTS OF THE UNITED STATES.

CHICAGO:

ACME PUBLISHING COMPANY.

1888.

WITHDRAWN  
IOWA STATE TRAVELING LIBRARY  
DES MOINES, IOWA

Dr. Brewster, who practiced his profession in Beckett, Mass.; Minerva was the other, but no authentic history of her can be given. By reference to notes taken from the Windham (Ohio) *Herald*, we learn that the original Capt. John Higley came from London, England, in 1666, and settled in Windsor, Conn. At the age of twenty-two he married a daughter of Deacon Drake of that village, and they had three children. After the death of his first wife, the Captain married Sarah Bissel, and seven children graced this union.

Joseph Higley, his grandson, was the grandfather of our subject, and was the first of the family to leave Connecticut, he settling in Beckett, Mass., in 1774. In early times he was a teacher, and afterward acted as Surveyor. He married Sibyl Dewey, and several children were born in Beckett prior to their removal to Portage County, Ohio, Oct. 19, 1815. We mention these children: Sibyl R., Joseph N., Sarah M. and Eliza D. In Ohio, Henry A., John L. and Oliver B. were born. Becoming a pioneer of Portage County, Joseph Higley settled on lands, which he improved, and in Windham Township, after residing there for many years, he and his wife died.

Ezra C. Higley, our subject, was a lad sixteen years of age when his father died. His mother reached a ripe age, dying in her ninetieth year. She was an exemplary wife and mother, and in early life spun and wove cloth for many of the neighbors, besides caring for her large family of children. Many of the Higleys were men of note in political, professional and military life. The children of this family have, however, been mainly agriculturists, and Ezra C. has for half a century been a farmer in Danville Township, and upon the section where he now resides. He was married Oct. 28, 1835, to Amanda A. Messenger, in Portage County, Ohio, and in the spring of 1839 he came from that State, driving some short-horn cattle and bringing in his wagon some Berkshire pigs. Mr. Higley deserves credit for being one of the first, if not the first, to import a high grade of stock into the new Territory.

There were several families who came to Iowa at the same time, chartering a boat via the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers, and landing at Burlington. Among these were the families of our subject and of

his father-in-law, Mr. Messenger. Claims were secured, covering a half section, part of which Mr. Higley transferred to his brother-in-law. The first cabin was built on section 15 in 1840, in which the family resided until after the war, when his present farm house was erected. Every improvement made upon this land stands as a monument to his memory, and in this township many hard days have been experienced.

The two eldest children of Mr. Higley were born in Ohio: Sibyl, the wife of W. H. Stewart, and Harriet, deceased wife of Judson Seovel. Henry H., who wedded Mary E. Minson; Emily M., who is unmarried; and Mary P., now deceased, were born in Iowa. Henry H., the only son, enlisted early in the war, before he was of age, becoming a member of Company E, 15th Iowa Infantry, serving in most of the engagements participated in by his regiment. He was with Sherman on his March to the Sea, and served in a number of hard-fought battles. He was married after his return from the army, and is now a farmer, residing upon a part of his father's original entry.

The wife of E. C. Higley died in 1886. She was a lady of great force of character and one of the best of mothers. We welcome this family to a place in this history, the father especially, who has spent the best years of his life in the development of this county.

**ON JOSEPH J. McMACKEN.** For almost half a century the name mentioned has been one of the most familiar in Des Moines County. In 1839 John McMaken, father of our subject emigrated from Hamilton County, Ohio, to Des Moines County, Iowa, locating in Flint River Township, purchasing the claim which he afterward entered, buying it at a public land sale held in Burlington. John McMaken was born in Hamilton County, Ohio, where his father, Joseph McMaken, Sr., had located in 1790, being at that time one of the first pioneers, and making a home in that undeveloped country. Joseph McMaken, Sr., was born in Cumberland County, Pa., his father

being a native of Ireland. He married Elizabeth Campbell in Pennsylvania, and their eldest son, Joseph H., Jr., was born prior to their removal to Ohio. Her father's name was Andrew Campbell, and her mother's maiden name was Jane Gettys, whose brother William was the original founder of Gettysburg, Pa., and his remains are interred in the cemetery near that city, a handsome marble column marking the spot.

Leaving now the early history of the family, which is meager, we turn our attention to Joseph, the grandfather of our subject, who after his marriage emigrated to Kentucky in 1789, settling at Boone's Station, but remained there only about one year, leaving on account of the prevalence of slavery, to which he was very much opposed. Some of his brothers-in-law were with their families residents of the same neighborhood, among whom were Messrs. Harvey, Campbell, and Wakefield, all of whom later became residents of the new territory mentioned, in Ohio. The grant secured by John Cleves Sims was destined to become one of the most favored regions, and inducements made by him, the gift of certain quarter sections to actual settlers, was perhaps the reason of the McMakens going to Ohio. Mr. Sims had erected a block-house at North Bend, known as Sims' Station, where settlers took refuge to protect themselves from Indian attacks, the savages at that time being very troublesome. While the Wayne treaty with the Indians was in progress, Joseph, in company with several other men, erected a half dozen log houses in what is now Union Township, Butler County, the cabins being near Mill Creek. Into these the families were moved Dec. 17, 1795. While residents of the block-house, John, the father of our subject, and the second son of Joseph McMaken, was born, the date being May 11, 1791. The grandparents opened up a farm, living upon it for many years, and reared a family of several children, and we note them as being pioneers in the fullest sense. Mark C. McMaken, the only surviving member of the family, was born Jan. 1, 1800, and is still living in Hamilton, Butler Co., Ohio, in his eighty-ninth year.

John McMaken, the father of our subject, wedded Sarah Lowry and came with his family to this

county in 1839. Seven children, all that were living, came with him, and of them we speak individually. They were all married in this State. John wedded Eliza Cummins, and after her death, Elizabeth Wertz, and they reside in Middletown, living a retired life; Joseph J., our subject; Mary H., who wedded Mr. William C. Anderson, formerly a merchant of Washington, Iowa, and both are now deceased; William T., who married Phœbe Green, is part owner of the McMaken homestead in Flint River Township; Jane became the wife of Robert Steele, a man well known in this neighborhood as a carpenter and builder, and both are now deceased; Emeline wedded William Ramsey, and they have been residents of Solomon City, Dickinson Co., Kan., for the past eighteen years; Eliza became the wife of J. C. Smith, a merchant of Washington, Iowa. The parents of these children lived for many years in this county and reared a family noted for progressiveness and honor. The death of the mother occurred in 1864, at the age of sixty-eight years. William T., was at that time absent, being a member of Company K, 14th Iowa Infantry, and at Shiloh he was taken prisoner and was paroled at Macon, Ga. John McMaken was the owner in this county of perhaps 600 acres of land, which he disposed of at different dates. He died at Washington, Iowa, June 20, 1882, and his remains were brought back to Flint River Township for interment. He had passed his ninety-first birthday, and was, when living, thought to be the oldest person born in Hamilton County, Ohio. He was a soldier during the War of 1812, and from his twentieth year was a professed Christian, belonging to the United Presbyterian Church at the time of his death.

Our subject, Hon. Joseph J. McMaken, was born March 25, 1817, was reared upon a farm in Ohio, and learned to love agriculture as only those can who have become familiar with its pleasures and profits. He was of age when coming to this county, and had been engaged in teaching public schools for a short time in Ohio. He purchased a claim in Flint River Township in 1839, and later entered the same, and the lands are yet in his possession, and to this he added other valuable real estate. These claims had but meager improvements, not even a

log hut ornamenting them, and the first cabin stood upon the site now occupied by the present farm residence. Mr. McMaken's next thought, after his house was erected, was to furnish a mistress for the home, and Miss Parthena M. Green, accepting his offer, became his wife Oct. 21, 1841. Her parents, John and Thankful (Comstock) Green, who came from Hamilton County, Ohio, and located in Lee County, Iowa in 1839, died in 1846. John Green was born in Falmouth, Mass., and his wife in Connecticut. They were married in Ohio, and became the parents of eight children: Latham D., Parthena M., Louisa M., Clarinda, Joseph, Jacob C., Phæbe and Sarah. Of these four are living: Clarinda is the widow of Joseph K. Scott of Flint River Township, Des Moines County; Joseph wedded Caroline Long, and after her death Susan Hare also now deceased, and he resides at Middletown on a farm; Phæbe wedded William T. McMaken, who resides upon a part of the old McMaken homestead; and the wife of our subject completes the number.

Upon the farm improved by Joseph McMaken, Jr., in Flint River Township, their children were born, of whom the eldest and youngest are deceased: Leander G., Armilda E. and John G. The daughter graduated at Denmark Academy in 1871, and has done whole duty of a daughter by remaining with her parents and acting as house-keeper for her good mother, who for several years has been deprived of her eyesight. The family removed from the farm and became residents of Middletown in 1881, Mr. McMaken renting his farm and living a retired life. He was clerk of the election at the time of the township organization, and was elected one of the Board of Inspectors to district the township for school purposes. A strong anti-slavery partisan from his boyhood, he became a member of the Free Soil party, and was their candidate in 1854 for State Treasurer. Espousing the Republican platform at the organization of that party, Mr. McMaken became its earnest advocate, and in the autumn of 1863 was elected as a Republican Representative from Des Moines County to a seat in the Tenth General Assembly. After his time had expired, he was elected a member of the Board of County Supervisors, serving a term of three years. Retiring then to private life, with a

record most enviable as an official, Mr. McMaken has lived at his ease to this date, and we are pleased to give him a deserved place among those who for almost a half-century have developed the resources of the county and have managed its affairs in a manner both systematic and commendable.



**CAPT. EDWARD BURKE**, one of the first to enlist at the call of Abraham Lincoln for troops to put down the Rebellion, was born in Tipperary County, Ireland, Aug. 1, 1830, and is a son of Thomas F. and Catherine (Donnelly) Burke. In 1848 the father, being driven from his native land, came to America and settled at Lebanon Spring, Columbia County, N. Y., and in 1855 his family, which had remained in their native land, crossed the Atlantic and joined the husband and father in New York. In 1866 Mr. Burke, with his family, removed to Milwaukee, and there both of the parents died. Four children graced their union—Thomas, Edward D., Richard and Maggie.

The subject of our sketch grew to manhood in his native country, and when but thirteen years of age was apprenticed for seven years to learn the trade of stone-mason, though only serving a term of five, his father paying \$50 for the two years not served. Coming to America with the family in 1855, his first work done in this country was on the Harlem Railroad and the Croton Water-works.

On the 27th of November, 1853, Capt. Burke was united in marriage, at Lebanon Springs, N. Y., with Miss Mary Ann O'Connor, who was born in the city of Limerick, Ireland, Aug. 17, 1834. They were the parents of eleven children: Edward, Martin, Richard, John, Thomas; Katie, wife of John L. Crouch, yardmaster of the C., B. & Q. at Galesburg, Ill.; Mary, wife of Frank Brown, foreman of the boiler works at Ottumwa, Iowa; Maggie, wife of William Moore, foreman of the brush and broom works of Denver, Colo.; James, Michael and Rosa are deceased. Soon after marriage, with his young bride he went to Milwaukee and superintended the erection of St. Mary's Convent, remaining in that city several years, becoming acquainted with many of the old and prominent citizens. At the break-

ing out of the F  
boys, he enlisted  
and was commis  
participated in  
the war, among  
of Bull Run, A  
ter, (where he s  
his twenty-mile  
tested battle of  
battles and skir  
to express the  
boys who so g  
to offer up their  
the bravest, tru  
After the clo  
to his home in  
moved to Bur  
foreman on tl  
city and Ottur  
man, but by ir  
lated a comfort  
the G. A. R. F  
Order of Hibe

**THOMAS**  
20, Bur  
Iowa, v  
County, W. V  
(Yoho) Wyke  
the latter of V  
Des Moines C  
Landing, goi  
then up to Bu  
eighty acres o  
tion 20, Burl  
two years. s  
to Louisa C  
until his deat  
The early  
farm, he rece  
schools of O  
father, when  
with his bro  
County, rem  
of age. He

# IGI Individual Record

FamilySearch™ International Genealogical Index v5.0

North America

**Joseph J. McMaken**

Male

[Pedigree](#)[Family](#)

---

**Event(s):****Birth:** 25 MAR 1817 Butler Cty, , , Ohio**Christening:****Death:** After 1888 Middletown, Des Moines, Iowa**Burial:**

---

**Marriages:****Spouse:** [Parthena M. Green](#)[Family](#)**Marriage:** 21 OCT 1841 , , Iowa

---

**Messages:**

Record submitted after 1991 by a member of the LDS Church. No additional information is available. Ancestral File may list the same family and the submitter.

---

**Source Information:**

No source information is available.

---

An official Web site of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints  
© 2008 Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved.

FIND A GRAVE



Actions

- [Begin New Search](#)
- [Refine Last Search](#)
- [Cemetery Lookup](#)
- [Add Burial Records](#)
- [Help with Find A Grave](#)

- [Top Contributors](#)
- [Success Stories](#)
- [Discussion Forums](#)
- [Find A Grave Store](#)
- [Support Find A Grave](#)

[Log In](#)

Advertisement


**GET OUR LOWEST RATES HERE**


# Joseph Jordon McMaken

[Memorial](#)  
 [Photos](#)  
 [Flowers](#)  
 [Edit](#)

[Learn about removing the ads from this memorial...](#)

[\[Add A Photo\]](#)



Added by: [No Reins](#)  
12/07/2009

[Accuracy and Copyright Disclaimer](#)