Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Miles, Joseph Decker Senator Miles, Joseph D.
Represented Washington County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 3 Sept 1826 Limerick, Maine

2. Marriage (s) date place
(1) Ruth Angelia Hatfield 26 Sept 1847
(3) Elizabeth Walker 10 Nov 1857 Washington County, Iowa
(2) Mary E. Russell 6 Sept 1865 Washington County, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business

B. Civic responsibilities GAR

C. Profession Physician and surgeon

4. Church membership

5. Sessions served 12th, 13th General Assemblies 1868, 1870 - House of Representatives

6. Public Offices 14th, 15th General Assemblies 1872, 1874 - Senate

A. Local

B. State

C. National

7. Death 4 July 1894 Schuyler, Nebraska; buried Schuyler Cemetery, Schuyler Nebraska

8. Children By 1st wife - Mark E.; by 2nd wife - Minnie (Mrs. Lewis); by 3rd wife - Melville, Corrine

9. Names of parents Oliver and Rachel (Decker) Miles

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Miles, Joseph D.

10. Education He attended Limerick Academy, Limerick, Maine

11. Degrees He attended Bowdoin College and the Medical School of Maine in Brunswick, Maine in 1852-1853.

12. Other applicable information

- Military service - Civil War - Company F, 11th Iowa Infantry, Regimental Surgeon, wounded severely, then appointed Assistant Surgeon in same company.
- After graduating from Medical School in Maine, he settled in Washington County, Iowa where he remained until the Civil War.
- After the war he resumed his duties as physician and surgeon in Washington County, Iowa, but soon was elected to the Iowa Legislature serving both in the House of Representatives and the Senate.
- In 1883 he moved to Schuyler, Nebraska where he established a large medical practice until his death.
- His first wife, Ruth Angella Gatbill, died not long after their son was born, 1851.

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Miles, Joseph Decker

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Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
- History of Washington County, Iowa 1887, p. 249			
- History of Washington County, Iowa Vol I, 1909, p. 515			
- In the Beginning There Was Land - A History of Washington County, Iowa 1978, p. 47			
- Washington County Marriages Records 1864-1869			
- Washington County Marriages Records 1845-1864			
- Portrait - The original photo is located in the archives of the State of Iowa Historical Library, 600 E. Locust, Des Moines, Iowa			
- ancestry.com (accessed 24 Aug 2011)			
- Findagrave.com (accessed 19 June 2012)			
- Obituary Record of the Graduates of Bowdoin College and the Medical School of Maine, 1 June 1900, p 153-154			

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State of Iowa

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE,

Des Moines, Nov. 8th, 1871.

Hon. .....

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Iowa.

DEAR SIR:

It has been the custom of each House, at the commencement of every session of the General Assembly, to cause to be prepared and published, a table, showing certain statistics in connection with the names of the members thereof. This is usually done in much haste, hence is frequently incorrect; especially in the orthography of names. In order to prevent errors of this kind, and to have the table in print at the commencement of the session, I transmit you this circular, with a request that you will fill up the blanks found below, and return to this office as soon as practical. You will please give the first name in full, and write plainly.

Name.....Joseph S. Miles

P. O. Address.....Crawfordsville

County.....Washington

Occupation.....Physician

Nativity.....Maine

Married or Single.....Married

Religion.....United Presbyterian

If in the Service; regiment and rank.....Surg. 11th Iowa Inf.

Years in Iowa.....19

Age.....44

Weight.....180

I send herewith a copy of the rules of last Session of the General Assembly, in which you will see the table above referred to.

Yours truly,

ED WRIGHT,

SECRETARY OF STATE.

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You searched for **Joseph D. Miles** in **Iowa**

U.S. Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles

Name:	**Joseph D Miles**
Residence:	Crawfordsville, Iowa
Age at enlistment:	35
Enlistment Date:	10 Aug 1861
Rank at enlistment:	1st Lieut
State Served:	Iowa
Survived the War?:	Yes
Service Record:	Commissioned an officer in Company F, Iowa 11th Infantry Regiment on 08 Oct 1861. Mustered out on 24 Sep 1862. Promoted to Full Asst Surgeon on 29 Jun 1863. Commissioned an officer in Company S, Iowa 11th Infantry Regiment on 29 Jun 1863. Mustered out on 15 Jul 1865 at Louisville, KY.
Birth Date:	abt 1826
Sources:	Roster & Record of Iowa Soldiers in the War of Rebellion

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U.S. Civil War Soldiers, 1861-1865

Name:	**Joseph D. Miles**
Side:	Union
Regiment State/Origin:	Iowa
Regiment Name:	11 Iowa Infantry
Regiment Name Expanded:	11th Regiment, Iowa Infantry
Company:	F
Rank In:	First Lieutenant
Rank In Expanded:	First Lieutenant
Rank Out:	Assistant Surgeon
Rank Out Expanded:	Assistant Surgeon
Film Number:	M541 roll 18

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1870 United States Federal Census

Name:	**Joseph D Miles**
Birth Year:	abt 1826
Age in 1870:	44
Birthplace:	Missouri
Home in 1870:	Crawfordsville, Washington, Iowa
Race:	White
Gender:	Male
Value of real estate:	View image

Household Members:

Name	Age
Joseph D Miles	44
Mary E Miles	25
Mary Miles	11
Nelail Miles	9/12

Source Citation: Year: *1870*; Census Place: *Crawfordsville, Washington, Iowa*; Roll: *M593_424*; Page: *55B*; Image: *114*; Family History Library Film: *545923*.

Source Information:

Ancestry.com. *1870 United States Federal Census* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2009. Images reproduced by FamilySearch.

Original data:

- 1870 U.S. census, population schedules. NARA microfilm publication M593, 1,761 rolls. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.
- Minnesota census schedules for 1870. NARA microfilm publication T132, 13 rolls. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.

Description:
This database is an index to individuals enumerated in the 1870 United States Federal Census, the Ninth Census of the United States. Census takers recorded many details including each person's name, age at last birthday, sex, color; birthplace, occupation, and more. No relationships were shown between members of a household. Additionally, the names of those listed on the population schedule are linked to actual images of the 1870 Federal Census. Learn more...

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Civil War Pension Index: General Index to Pension Files, 1861-1934

Name: **Joseph D. Miles**
State Filed: Iowa and Nebraska
Widow: Mary E. Miles

Source Information:
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This database is an index to and images of pension cards of Civil War veterans in the United States. Each record includes the veteran's name and state in which he, or his dependents, filed the application. The digitized image of the index card itself, contains additional information on the individual, such as unit of service, date of filing, and application and certificate numbers for the pension case file housed at the National Archives and Records Administration in Washington D.C. Learn more...

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AND THE

MEDICAL SCHOOL OF MAINE

FOR THE DECADE ENDING

1 JUNE 1909

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1911

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esteemed in the community and held various town offices for more than twenty-five years. He died at Rockport, 10 December, 1894.

Dr. Manning married, 30 May, 1857, Mary Jane Leighton. Of their two children only one survives, Dr. Charles B. Manning, of Peabody, Mass.

Medical Class of 1853.

JOSEPH DECKER MILES, son of Oliver and Rachael (Decker) Miles, was born at Limerick, Me., 3 September, 1826. He received his preparatory education at Limerick Academy and took the courses at the Medical School of Maine for the years 1852 and 1853. After graduation he settled in Washington County, Iowa, where he remained until the outbreak of the Rebellion, when he enlisted as first lieutenant, Co. F, Eleventh Iowa Infantry. He was severely wounded at the battle of Shiloh in April, 1862, and resigned his commission the following October. His loyalty, however, would not suffer him to be idle while he could be of service to the cause, and in August, 1863, he was appointed assistant surgeon in the same regiment and served till the end of the war. After his return to civil life Dr. Miles resumed the practice of medicine in Iowa, but soon found his services were desired by his townsmen, not only in a professional way, but as their representative in the state legislature. He was elected to the Iowa House of Representatives in 1868 and in 1870 was given a re-election. Two years later he was promoted to the higher branch of the legislature, and served as state senator for four years. In 1883 he removed from Iowa to Schuyler, Nebraska, where he established a large practice and lived until his death. This took place 4 July, 1894.

"Dr. Miles was always considered a man of distinguished merit in all departments of life, and as a physician he was looked upon as a man of marked ability. He left behind him a memory that will always be revered by all who knew him."

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Dr. Miles married 12 October, 1846, Ruth Ingalls Gubtill, who died shortly afterward, leaving one son, Frank E. Miles, now of Chester, S. C.; after her death he married Lizzie E. Walker, by whom he had one daughter, Mrs. Minnie Lewis, of California. His third marriage, 6 September, 1865, was to Mary E., daughter of Samuel A. and Mary A. (Crawford) Russell, who survives him with two children, Nelvil and Corinne.

JAMES RECORD, son of Thomas and Lydia (Chandler) Record, was born 31 October, 1823, at Minot, Me. He received his early education in his native town and at the Lewiston Falls Academy. After attending three courses of lectures at the Medical School of Maine he received his degree of M.D. in 1853. He began practice in Wilton, Me., but about 1859 removed to Portland, where he remained till 1862. During the Civil War he was an acting assistant surgeon and was stationed near Washington, having charge of the sick at Camp Stoneman. Dr. Record never married. The last years of his life were spent at the National Home for Disabled Veteran Soldiers at Hampton, Virginia, where he died 25 September, 1901, the immediate cause of his death being acute congestion of the lungs.

Medical Class of 1854.

AUGUSTUS DAVID MERROW, son of Joseph and Lucy (Davis) Merrow, was born 8 August, 1827, at Newfield, Me. He received an academic education at the Parsonsfield Seminary, studied medicine with Dr. Calvin Topliff, and after attending three courses of lectures at the Medical School of Maine, graduated in 1854. He settled in the practice of his profession at Acton, Me., where he remained thirteen years. He then removed to Freedom, N. H., where he continued his professional labors till his death. This occurred 16 October, 1900.

Dr. Merrow was influential and respected both as a physician and a citizen. He was a member of the New Hamp-

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PORTRAIT AND BIOGRAPHICAL ALBUM

—OF—

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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 IOWA, AND OF THE PRESIDENTS OF THE UNITED STATES.

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surveyed and platted the present village of Crawfordsville, which, in honor of the Doctor, was given his name, as he was the first practicing physician.

In 1845 Mrs. S. A. Russell, with her four children, came West to visit her parents, and with her eldest child, Craword, fell a victim to a malarial disease which prevailed, and their remains were interred before the husband and father could reach the new country. With a sad heart Mr. Russell returned to the desolated home in Ohio, taking with him the two elder of his surviving children, Henry Clay and Mary Elizabeth. The youngest, Martha Agnes, a babe of six months old, was left in custody of a hired nurse. In 1846, on his return to Ohio, our subject was elected a member of the State Legislature of that State, and was re-elected as a Whig candidate, at the expiration of his term of service. In consequence of failing eyesight, occasioned by a cataract, Mr. Russell was compelled to abandon the practice of his profession. Deciding to come West he arranged his business, and in 1850 became an active resident of this county. His location was made in Crawfordsville, and lands being open for entry he pre-empted numerous tracts. The land now occupied by the Burlington & Northwestern Depot was a part of his first possession.

Two years after his settlement in Iowa Mr. Russell went to Wheeling, Va., and submitted to an operation performed by Dr. Hullyon, which in a great measure restored his sight. In 1853 Mr. Russell was elected representative of this county, and served a term in the Legislature of this State, and in 1856 was elected one of the two Electors-at-Large of Iowa, at the head of the Fremont and Dayton ticket. His loyalty was as unquestioned as his political standing, and in 1862 he recruited Co. I, 25th Iowa Vol. Inf., of which he was elected Captain. His regiment was assigned to duty under Gen. Sherman, and was engaged in the first assault on Vicksburg, and later participated in other noted engagements. After a year spent in the service of his country Capt. Russell, on account of failing eyesight was obliged to resign his commission, and upon his return home in the autumn of that year was re-elected to the State Legislature, where he had already made an enviable record. In 1872 he was chosen Elector of the First District of Iowa, on the Grant-Wilson ticket, thus aiding for the second time the election and seating of a President and Vice President of the United States, and his reputation both at home and abroad has been such that when a candidate for official honor he has never known defeat. In 1872 he formed a law partnership with G. G. Bennett, who was later appointed Judge of Dakota Territory. After practicing ten years in Washington he returned to the village of Crawfordsville, where he now lives a retired life, although an active Justice of the Peace, of which he is now serving the second term.

Capt. Russell attended the first County and State Fair held in Ohio, also the first County and State Fair held in Iowa. He has enjoyed the largest honors in a political way of any man now living in the county, and has the fullest confidence of the public in the advocacy of any measure in which they are interested. Henry C. Russell, his only son, was graduated in law by the Iowa State University, and was twice elected Judge of Colfax County, Neb., to which State he emigrated in 1876. He wedded Amanda Cowden, who has borne him two daughters—Elizabeth and Mary A. Judge Russell is now actively engaged in legal business, and was during the late war a member of Co. H, 2d Iowa Vol. Inf. He is now Department Commander of the G. A. R. of the State of Nebraska. The only surviving daughter of Capt. Russell, Mary E., is the wife of Dr. J. D. Miles, of Schuyler, Neb., and the mother of two children—Melville and Corinne. Dr. Miles was Regimental Surgeon of the 11th Iowa during the war, and for a number of years after practiced in this county. Martha Agnes, who died in May, 1886, was the wife of Capt. J. W. Harper, who succeeded Capt. Russell in command of Co. I, 25th Iowa Vol. Inf. Mrs. Harper was the mother of four children, two of whom, Samuel Russell and Susan Cooper, aged respectively eighteen and fourteen years, survive her.

Hon. S. A. Russell is one of the oldest pioneers now residing in the county, and has certainly lived a most praiseworthy life. He has been for many years a Master Mason, and has passed the Chairs in that honored fraternity, and true to its precepts he has the esteem of those who love honor and truth

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From the First White Settlements to 1908

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IN THE BEGINNING THERE WAS LAND:

A History of Washington County, Iowa

By
Kathy Fisher

Sketches By
Edna Jones

The Washington County Historical Society
Washington, Iowa
1978

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"*Physicians and Surgeons* — J.D. Miles, H.C. Hull. We had not the pleasure of meeting Dr. Hull. He has a good practice. The former put us under obligations by kind services. Dr. Miles is a native of Maine, but fourteen years in C. have westernized him. He enjoys fully the confidence of the community, is skilled in his profession, but we imagine that his jolly, robust presence in a sick room would avail more with an invalid than any medicine.

"*Hotels* — Union House by Robert Allen; Jackson House, A. Jackson proprietor. Of the latter we have spoken. Friend Allen knows how to keep hotel. His boarders fare sumptuously every day, and his guests are loud in praise of his good cheer. The travelling public will regret his purpose to sell out ....*

City Drug Store, Crawfordsville

"Among the other institutions of the place is a Masonic Lodge, numbering about 50 members, established in 1853. Until 1864 there was a Lodge of Good Templars. When everybody is temperate, what's the use of a Templars' Lodge? A post of the G.A.R. has just been established there.

*The For Sale ad appeared in the same issue of the paper: "Union House — It contains 11 rooms besides kitchen and store room. is 17 x 39 feet in dimensions, a good brick structure whose thirteen inch walls have stood seven years. The cellar is No. 1. It stands on a large lot, has two wells, 19 bearing cherry trees, an equal number of apple trees, and lots of small fruit. There is a good stable on the premises." Allen wanted to go into farming with his sons.

"Postmaster Lee favored us with this statement: 46 different newspapers and periodicals, — Ohio, Chicago, New York and St. Louis publications, — are taken out at that office. They have but one regular mail a week, although they run at their own expense a 'daily accommodation train.'

"There are enrolled in the district 168 scholars between the ages of 5 and 21. The schools of the township are reported in good condition. Last summer Mr. and Mrs. Richie taught a small select school in the village.

"The township of Crawford is one of the very best in the county, and is purely agricultural. Originally six miles square, two sections of the north east corner were several years since generously ceded to Oregon, as she hadn't population enough to organize, &c. There is no swamp land and very little waste land in it. At least three fifths of the prairie of the township is improved, and the soil is very productive. Farmers have only to tickle the earth with a hoe and she laughs with a harvest. In the south, below Crooked creek, is considerable timber. The best farms in the county are in the south east part of this township. All the farmers seem well-to-do, have good fences and barns, and hedges and orchards coming on. Nearly every house-holder owns the acres in which he roots; he doesn't merely squat on them. There are very few tenants. Until last spring they were not burdened with a single pauper, and he was a waif from Tennessee. The people go in thus far for the substantial rather than ornamental. Aesthetic culture will come in due time. Real estate, improved, ranges from $25 to $50 an acre; unimproved, $10 to $20.

"We had the pleasure of meeting for the first time Samuel Russell, Esq., the notable of the place. He gave us some pleasant reminiscences of Edwin Stanton, Secretary of War, in whose law office Mr. R. studied. John W. Crawford is a type of the class who make good communities what they are. His efforts in getting the I.N.C.R.R. to run via Crawfordsville merits the praise of all her citizens. She will wake up some morning, when that road is built, and find herself the second town in the county. . . .

"Our chapter ends by advising those who seek a home in Washington county to canvass the claims of Crawford before they drive down stakes."

The Crawfordsville post office moved around quite a bit, as most small town offices did. Its first location was on Lot 7, Block 4, on Main Street; it was in at least five additional locations on Main, was once on Columbus, and is presently located at the corner of Fine and Chestnut. There have been 22 postmasters: Abraham Prather, December 13, 1845; John H. Nabb, October 24, 1849; William Newsome, January 7, 1853; James Speers, October 6, 1854; Robert Allen, February 28, 1855; Frederick Schwaebe, February 5, 1857 and again on January 25, 1858; Margaret M. Glenn, October 7, 1857; William H. Dungan, July 13, 1861; Daniel T. Lee, April 24, 1866; William R. Christy, October 26, 1874; Henderson Manners, April 17, 1876; John H.

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Birth: Sep. 3, 1826
Death: Jul. 4, 1894

GAR Joseph Decker Miles was born 9/3/1826 in Limerick Maine. He was a physician in the civil war, married three times.

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