

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative McKean, John Senator McKean, John  
Represented Jones County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 19 Jul 1835 Lawrence County, Pennsylvania

2. Marriage (s) date place

Nancy A. Cobb 16 Nov 1865 Jones County, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Admitted to the bar in 1861 in Jones County, Iowa; Trustee for Lord College Institute, a Presbyterian school at Hykinton, Adams County, Iowa

B. Civic responsibilities Mason; Odd Fellows

C. Profession Lawyer; circuit judge; teacher

4. Church membership Presbyterian

5. Sessions served 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies 1866, 1868 House of Representatives

6. Public Offices 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies 1870, 1872

A. Local Judge of the Circuit Court 1872 for several years

B. State Regent for Iowa Agricultural College Ames Iowa (went from State University of Iowa, Knoxville, Iowa for 6 years)

C. National

7. Death 3 Sept 1891 Enter Grove Jones County, Iowa; buried Scotch Grove Cemetery, Scotch Grove, Iowa

8. Children Jergus S.; Nancy J.; John L.; Selvia B.; Abbie C. G.; Samuel M.; Eugene E. (step son); Eleanor (died age 5)

9. Names of parents James and Nancy (Smith) McKean

## 10. Education

Went to school in the winters, attending  
 common schools until age 16; spent one year  
 at New Hagerstown Academy, Ohio

## 11. Degrees

Studied at New Richmond College, Jefferson  
 County, Ohio for 8 months, later entered Jefferson College,  
 Cannonsburg, Pennsylvania, graduating in August 1859.

## 12. Other applicable information

- Democrat, later Republican
- The family moved to Carroll County, Ohio when he was a  
 baby. As he grew up he worked on the family farm.
  - In October 1854 John and his brother, James, came to Jones  
 County, Iowa settling on land in Scotch Grove Township. The  
 remainder of the family came the following June.
  - He taught school one winter, having taught two years in Ohio.
  - In May 1856 he and his brother returned to Ohio for college.
  - After college he returned to Jones County, locating at Anamosa,  
 Iowa where he read law with Thomas S. Pierce.





You searched for **John Mckean** in **Iowa**

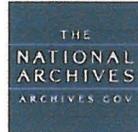
### 1880 United States Federal Census

Name: **John Mckean**  
 Home in 1880: **Anamosa, Jones, Iowa**  
 Age: **44**  
 Estimated Birth Year: **abt 1836**  
 Birthplace: **Pennsylvania**  
 Relation to Head of Household: **Self (Head)**  
 Spouse's Name: **Nancy A. Mckean**  
 Father's birthplace: **Pennsylvania**  
 Mother's birthplace: **Pennsylvania**  
 Neighbors: [View others on page](#)  
 Occupation: **Circuit Judge**  
 Marital Status: **Married**  
 Race: **White**  
 Gender: **Male**  
 Cannot read/write:  
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 Deaf and dumb:  
 Otherwise disabled:  
 Idiotic or insane:

Household Members:	Name	Age
	<a href="#">John Mckean</a>	44
	<a href="#">Nancy A. Mckean</a>	41
	<a href="#">Eugene E. Carr</a>	22
	<a href="#">Fergus S. Mckean</a>	13
	<a href="#">Nancy J. Mckean</a>	11
	<a href="#">John L. Mckean</a>	9
	<a href="#">Delia B. Mckean</a>	4
	<a href="#">Abbie B. G. Mckean</a>	2
	<a href="#">Samuel H. Mckean</a>	6m
	<a href="#">M. E. Stewart</a>	23

**Source Citation:** Year: 1880; Census Place: Anamosa, Jones, Iowa; Roll: 348; Family History Film: 1254348; Page: 449B; Enumeration District: 337; Image: 0482.

#### Source Information:



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You searched for **John Mckean** in **Iowa**

### Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925

Name:	<b>John Mckean</b>	
Birth Year:	abt 1835	
Birth Place:	Pennsylvania	
Gender:	Male	
Census Date:	1856	
Residence state:	Iowa	
Residence County:	Jones	
Locality:	Scotch Grove	
Roll:	IA_73	
Line:	23	
Family Number:	10	
Neighbors:	<a href="#">View others on page</a>	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	<a href="#">James Mckean</a>	60
	<a href="#">Nancy Mckean</a>	50
	<a href="#">Fergus S Mckean</a>	32
	<a href="#">Hugh Mckean</a>	25
	<a href="#">James W Mckean</a>	23
	<a href="#">John Mckean</a>	21
	<a href="#">Alexander Mckean</a>	18
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	<a href="#">Charles B Mckean</a>	11

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This database contains Iowa state censuses for the following years: 1856, 1885, 1895, 1905, 1915, and 1925. It also includes some head of household censuses and other special censuses from 1836-1897. Information available for an individual will vary according to the census year and the information requested on the census form. Some of the information contained in this database though includes: name, age, gender, race, birthplace, marital status, and place of enumeration. [Learn more...](#)

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occupation. He died while on a visit to his son at Marshall, in 1856. Delos Arnold is a native of Chenango county, N. Y., where he was born, July 21, 1830. When he was eleven years old he went with his parents to Chatauqua county, where he resided until his removal to Iowa in 1853. At the age of fourteen years he traveled, visiting the various cities in the country. After a year and a half he returned to his Chatauqua home, and began his studies for active life. He studied some two years in the Frederick Academy—teaching school during the winter—in 1851 he entered the Albany, N. Y., School, where he was admitted to practice in 1853. He removed immediately to Marshall, Iowa, where he began practice, was appointed prosecuting attorney the next day after his arrival, and served some four years, being twice elected to the same position. In the winter of 1853-4, he taught the first school in the county, using the court house at Marletta for the purpose. In 1857, he was elected to the legislature, and served during the last session held at Iowa City. After the organization of the Internal Revenue Department, he was made the first Assessor of the 8th District, embracing one-third of the area of the State. He was removed by Andrew Johnson in 1865, and T. H. Barton, Jr., was appointed in his stead. In the fall of 1869 he was elected as Representative in the 13th General Assembly, and served through the session of 1870.

In 1861 he abandoned the profession of the law, and at the close of his official term he engaged in real estate and money loaning, and in 1870, took charge of a furniture store, which he has since conducted. In the summer of 1872 he took an extended tour in company with several other Hawkeyes, through Colorado and the Rocky Mountains, returning in the fall much improved in health and spirits.

He began without means and has acquired a fair competency as a reward for his years of industrious toils.

He married in 1854, to Miss Hannah Mercer, a native of Ohio, and the daughter of a Buckeye farmer. They have a family of three children.

Politically he is a Republican—straight. He gave his first vote for General Scott and in 1856 voted for Fremont and has fought it out on that line ever since.

**JOHN MCKEAN,**

STATE SENATOR, ANAMOSA, IOWA.

John McKean is the son of Rev. James McKean and Nancy McKean. James McKean was the son of Hugh McKean and wife, who both came from Antrim county, Ireland, near the close of the Revolutionary war, and settled first near Washington, Pennsylvania, about 1795, where James McKean was born. In 1800 they moved to Mercer county, Pennsylvania, near Neshannock creek, seven miles above New Castle, in what is now Lawrence county. The father of Hugh McKean was a Scotchman, who settled in Antrim county, Ireland, at the close of the war of 1688-90. Nancy McKean, the mother, was a daughter of Fergus Smith and wife, whose maiden name was Giffin—Smith was a protestant Irishman, and his wife an American lady of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. Nancy McKean was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and she and her parents moved about in 1810 near to Cool Spring, Mercer county, Pennsylvania. John McKean, was born June 19th, 1835, in Lawrence county, Pennsylvania; had six brothers and one sister; she died 32 years ago. Three of his brothers live in Jones county, Iowa. His father was a soldier of the war of 1812, and served at Erie, Pennsylvania. John's youth was spent on a farm in Carroll county, Ohio. He attended the common schools during the winter and labored during the summer until 16 years of age. At this time had obtained in the common school a good knowledge of algebra, and all inferior mathematics, and had begun Latin. He then attended an academy in

New Hagerstown, Ohio, for one year, in 1851 and 1852. After this he went to New Richmond College about nine months until 1854, in the meantime had taught two terms in the common school. In 1854 he left Ohio in company with his brother James W. McKean, with a wagon and four horses. They drove the whole way from Carroll county, Ohio, to Jones county, Iowa, in less than a month, landing in Scotch Grove, November 29th, 1854. They built a camp on the right bank of the south fork of the Maquoketa river, and during that winter and the next spring fenced thirty-five acres of ground, which had been broken the previous summer, and built a house and put in a crop. In May, 1856, they went to Washington county, Pennsylvania, and entered the Freshman class, two-thirds advanced. In August, 1859, they both graduated from Jefferson College. John was Franklin Debater in the annual contest in March, 1859, and received the honor for the strongest argument. He studied law on his return to Iowa, in the office of S. T. Pierce, in Anamosa; was admitted to the bar in Jones county, Iowa; commenced practice July 15, 1862, in Anamosa; in October, 1865, was a candidate for and elected to a seat in the House of the Eleventh General Assembly, which convened January, 1866; was re-elected as a member of the Twelfth General Assembly in 1869; was elected to the Senate from Jones county, Iowa; was in the Thirteenth and Fourteenth General Assemblies. Was married November 16, 1865 to Nancy A. Carr. They have had three children—two boys and one girl. He was a Democrat, as was his father, until the commencement of the war. He was a war Democrat, however, and soon joined the great Republican party, and has ever since been faithful to his allegiance. In the fall of 1872 he was elected Circuit Judge of his District, and is as well qualified for that position as any member of the bar in his section of the State. He is a close student, honest, faithful and conscientious. Success attend him.

port an amendment to the Federal Constitution for the entire abolition of slavery. This was the first action taken by a State which resulted in such an amendment. In 1876 he was elected Attorney-General of the State on the Republican ticket, in which position he served two terms. He died many years ago.

**JOHN MCKEAN** is a native of the State of Pennsylvania, born in Lawrence County on the 19th of July, 1835. He was an infant when his father removed to Ohio and located on a farm where the boy received his early education. Later he attended New Richmond College. In 1854 John and a brother came to Iowa in an emigrant wagon, taking a claim at Scotch Grove in Jones County, where they opened a farm. He read law at Anamosa in Jones County, was admitted to the bar and there began to practice. In 1865 he was elected to the House of the Eleventh General Assembly serving two terms, after which he was promoted to the Senate where he served in the Thirteenth and Fourteenth General Assemblies. Mr. McKean was an able and influential legislator and did good service for the Agricultural College and the State University; for six years he was a regent of the latter. He secured the establishment of an additional penitentiary at Anamosa. In 1872 he was elected judge of the Circuit Court, where he remained for many years.

**HORACE G. McMILLAN** was born in Wayne County, Ohio, May 20, 1854. When but three years of age his parents removed to Washington County, Iowa, where he grew to manhood. His education was acquired in the district school and the academies of Grandview and Washington. Later he studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1880, immediately entering upon practice in Washington. He removed to Rock Rapids in Lyon County in 1882. In early days the bonds of that county had been fraudulently issued for \$170,000 and the school districts had been bonded for sums ranging from \$20,000 to \$250,000 each. When legitimate settlers came in litigation was instituted to defeat the payment of these fraudulent bonds, and Mr. McMillan was employed to conduct some of the suits on behalf of the county and school districts. He tried them in the State and United States Supreme Courts, winning two of them, and thus saved thousands of dollars to the taxpayers. He served three terms as county attorney and in 1892 was chosen a member of the Republican State Central Committee, serving many years. In 1895 he was elected chairman of the committee and as such had charge of three State campaigns, conducting them with marked ability. In 1898 he was appointed by President McKinley United States Attorney for the Northern District of Iowa. The same year he in company with Cyrenus Cole, late of the *State Register*, purchased the *Cedar Rapids Daily Republican*, of which they immediately assumed the management.

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dwellings, all over his county and beyond. Nearly every church from the Ohio river west in the Steubenville presbytery was privileged to hear his faithful exhortations and pungent logic. The disease of his throat so increased upon him that, at the age of sixty years, he was compelled to give up the pastorate in Ohio and remove to Iowa. Here for several years he preached one-half his time to the church of Wayne.

He died on the 1st of September, 1876, at Scotch Grove, Iowa, and was buried in the cemetery of the Presbyterian Church. A man of inflexible courage and great will power, he had naturally what is called an iron constitution, was of great activity and strength, and when in the army could throw any man in his company and regiment.

He had eight children, as follows: Jane McKean, who died and was buried at Bethlehem, Ohio; Rev. James W. McKean, president of Lenox Collegiate Institute and captain of company C, 44th Iowa Infantry Volunteers, who died at Memphis, Tennessee, in officers' hospital, on the 9th of July, 1864; Dr. Hugh C. McKean, the beloved physician of Scotch Grove, where his name and memory are still held sacred in the minds of many to whose health he had contributed,—he died in November, 1865; F. S. McKean, attorney-at-law, Anamosa, Iowa, for

many years auditor of Carroll county, Ohio, and county treasurer of Jones county, Iowa, who died on the 25th of December, 1867; Francis C. McKean, captain of company D, of the 9th regiment of Iowa Infantry Veteran Volunteers, and attorney and counselor-at-law, who died at Evans, Colorado, on the 5th of May, 1874; Dr. Alexander McKean, of Scotch Grove; C. B. McKean, of Scotch Grove, and John McKean, of Anamosa, judge of the circuit court, eighth judicial circuit.

Father McKean was a jovial, good natured, good humored man; had a great fund of Irish wit, which amused his friends and overcame his opponents, bright as the light and fresh as the dew of the morning. Still he had a great admiration for drill, and every son was a good scholar in Latin and mathematics, and several were proficient in Greek; two were graduates of Jefferson College, Pennsylvania (James W. and John). James W. was one of the "honor" men of his class of about sixty men, class of 1859. He was a great teacher; he taught his children, taught his churches, taught all within the reach of his influence, the true granite principles of government, logic, religion and morality. He died on the 1st of September, 1876. in the joyful expression and profession of an uncompromising faith.

## HON. JOHN MCKEAN,

ANAMOSA.

JOHN MCKEAN, judge of the eighth judicial circuit, is a native of Lawrence county, Pennsylvania, and was born on the 19th of July, 1835, his parents being James and Nancy (Smith) McKean. The McKean family are of Scotch-Irish pedigree, and came from the parish of Ballymena, Antrim county, Ireland, and settled in Lawrence county, Pennsylvania. Hugh McKean, the pioneer, and the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, came over at the close of the American revolution. James McKean was a soldier in the second war with England, and was stationed for some time at Erie, Pennsylvania. He studied at the Mercer Academy, became a Presbyterian minister, and preached for nearly forty years, dying in Scotch Grove, Jones county, Iowa, in September, 1876.

The wife of James McKean was also of Irish descent. She was a native of Westmoreland county,

Pennsylvania, and a very pious and worthy woman, the mother of eight children, of whom John was the fifth child.

James McKean moved with his family to Carroll county, Ohio, when John was an infant, and the father having a farm, the son, when arrived at a suitable age, spent his summers in agricultural and his winters in intellectual pursuits, attending a common school until sixteen, and then spending one year at the New Hagerstown Academy. A little later he studied at New Richmond College, Jefferson county, for eight months.

In October, 1854, John and an elder brother, James W. McKean, came to Jones county, Iowa, with a two-horse wagon, pitched their tent in Scotch Grove township; camped in the woods on section three in the winter and spring, and during that period fenced forty acres of prairie land and built a

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small frame house, nearly all of it with material of their own getting out. The remainder of the family reached Scotch Grove the ensuing June. The next winter John taught a select school, he having been similarly employed two seasons before leaving Ohio.

In May, 1856, James and John returned to the east, entered Jefferson College, Cannonsburg, Pennsylvania, and graduated in August, 1859. In March of that year John McKean was Franklin debater, and received the award of honor in a logical contest held that month, five learned men acting as judges.

On leaving college Mr. McKean returned to Jones county, Iowa, located at Anamosa, the county seat, where he read law with Thomas S. Pierce, and was admitted to practice in 1861, and has ever since been a member of the Jones county bar.

During the last ten or twelve years he has spent no inconsiderable part of his time in the service of the state. He was a member of the lower house of the general assembly in 1866 and 1868, and was in the senate in the regular sessions of 1870 and 1872. Being nominated for circuit judge in the summer of 1872, he resigned his seat in the senate and did not attend the adjourned session. While in the house he was chairman of the committee on constitutional amendments, a very important committee in that juncture of our national history, and in the senate was always on the committees of ways and means and the judiciary. While in the house he introduced the bill, which became a law, allowing townships, towns and cities to levy a five-per-cent tax to aid in constructing railroads.

As a legislator, he showed himself an ardent friend of the State University, the Agricultural College, and of educational matters generally. He served for six years as regent of the State University. He had great influence in the legislative body, and while in the senate he originated the measure and secured the passage of a bill for a second penitentiary, located at Anamosa, Jones county, and the whole state owe him a debt of gratitude for his services rendered in the legislature.

Judge McKean took his seat on the bench in January, 1873; was reelected at the end of four years, and his present term will expire in January, 1881. He is one of the best equity lawyers in the state; is noted for his honesty, and carries all the best traits of his character to the bench, being above bribery or corruption.

He was a democrat until the civil war burst upon the land, and shortly afterward from a war democrat became an out-and-out republican, to which party he owes his repeated political honors.

The judge is a Freemason, a member of the commandery, and an Odd-Fellow.

He is a member of the Presbyterian church, an elder in the same, and a man of the purest christian character. He was for some time a trustee of the Lenox Collegiate Institute, a Presbyterian school, located at Hopkinton, Delaware county, Iowa.

The wife of Judge McKean was Mrs. Nancy A. Carr, of Jones county. They were joined in wedlock on the 16th of November, 1865, and have six children.

## WILLIAM L. CULBERTSON,

CARROLL.

WILLIAM LINN CULBERTSON, son of David Culbertson, farmer, merchant and stockdealer, and Mary G. Linn, is a native of Perry county, Pennsylvania, and was born on the 3d of December, 1844. The Culbertsons, from which branch he descended, are an old Pennsylvania family. His maternal grandfather, William Linn, was in the second war with the mother country.

William L. spent his boyhood in Philadelphia, where his father was a merchant for several years, the son giving his time mainly to studies in the public schools. In 1860 he came to Iowa with his father, locating at Princeton, Scott county, on the

Mississippi river, here attending a private school and clerking. In 1862, while civil war was raging in the south, he enlisted as a private in company G, 20th Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and served three years; was in many engagements, but received no wounds, and was never off duty except while a prisoner four months in 1864, at Tyler, Texas.

In the winter of 1866-67 Mr. Culbertson attended Dun's Commercial College in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; returned to Princeton, where he had enlisted, and remained there until the summer of 1868, when he settled in Carroll county, where he has since resided. Opening a farm near Glidden, in the eastern

# State of Iowa

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE,

Des Moines, Nov. 8th, 1871.

Hon. \_\_\_\_\_

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..... *John McKean*  
P. O. Address..... *Anamosa Iowa*  
County..... *Jones*  
Occupation..... *Lawyer*  
Nativity..... *Pennsylvania*  
Married or Single..... *Married*  
Denominations Religion..... *Presbyterian*  
If in the Service; regiment and rank.....  
Years in Iowa..... *Seventeen years*  
Age..... *Thirty Six*  
Weight..... *130 lbs*

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.

*N.B. The above receipt of 130 lbs is much  
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Very truly yours  
 John McKean

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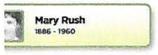
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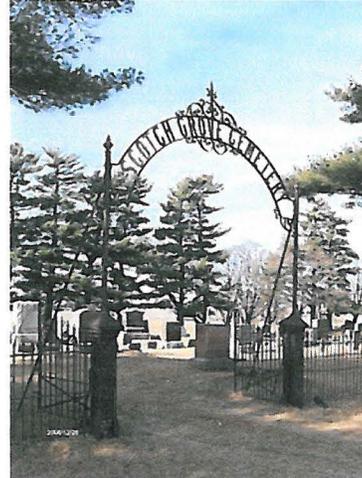
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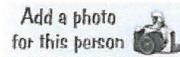
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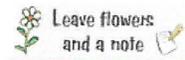
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