

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Mills, William Senator _____

Represented Dubuque County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 1808 County Antrim, Ireland

2. Marriage (s) date place

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He was admitted to the bar and Pennsylvania and was admitted to the Iowa bar on 29 Nov 1855 at Dubuque, Iowa.

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Lawyer, mercantile business, store clerk, built boats

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 13th General Assembly 1870

6. Public Offices

A. Local _____

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 16 May 1879 Dubuque, Iowa; buried Linwood Cemetery, Dubuque, Iowa

8. Children Mrs. Cyrus E. Hetherington; Charles M.; William (died predeceased his father and died in 1867)

9. Names of parents _____

Mills, William

10. Education

11. Degrees

12. Other applicable information

Democrat

- He came to America with his parents when he was age 11 living a few years in Toronto, Canada.
- While young he went to Washington, Pennsylvania where he stayed until he moved to Dubuque, Iowa in Nov 1855 working as a store clerk.
- In his early law practice he was with J. E. Blossell and later O. P. Shires joined the firm; in 1867 he practiced solely with son William.
- His wife died in 1872. He soon became ill and spent some years of helplessness and suffering cared for by his daughter and then later by his son, Charles M. Mills.
- Besides having his own mercantile business, he also did some building of boats, but being dissatisfied with these businesses he began studying law.
- After the death of his son, William, he practiced law beginning in 1871 with his son, Charles M. Mills until William's death in 1879.

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There is no medicine in the world that will cure one-half the cases that Dr. King's New Discovery will cure. For sale by Chas. J. Brayton, City Drug Store, corner Main and Ninth streets. W. H. Torbert, wholesale agents. 1w

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of white flowering and white leaved plants, for cemetery planting, at Harkett's. 2t

DIED.

MILLS—Friday morning at 11:30, the 16th inst., Wm. Mills, Esq., aged 65 years.
Funeral Sunday afternoon, from the residence of his son, C. M. Mills, 573 Iowa street, at 3 o'clock, and to the Methodist church and thence to Linwood. Friends desiring to view the remains will have an opportunity Sunday, from 10 o'clock a. m. to 2½ p. m., at the house. The coffin will not be opened at the church.

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DAVENPORT GAME.

Dubuques had their "off" day in sport Thursday, for which the Davenports can thank their stars, as it saved them from getting as severe a thrashing as they would have received had the men in good trim. The Dubuques committed 11 errors all of which were fatal and secured the runs for the Davenports. The umpire was not as good as he has been, and some of his decisions which he made were frightful, but was for the Davenports. The game ended at 3:45 o'clock, and the number of runs can be put down at 500. The Davenports went to bat and scored one in the first inning, two in the second, eight in the fourth, and one in the sixth. The Davenports succeeded in scoring five runs by the errors of the Dubuques. The game throughout was a triumph of errors for the Dubuquers, while the Davenports played admirably. A similar game will again occur in the near future, the pitcher having been requested to hand in his resignation. The Davenports

ANOTHER.

Death of the Hon. William Mills Yesterday.

His Prominence in the Affairs of Dubuque and State of Iowa.

One by one the early settlers of Dubuque are falling beneath the sickle of the Reaper Death, and the places they have filled in the community with usefulness, honor and credit are left vacant to be filled with the on-rushing current of fresher and more active life. But they have erected to themselves monuments of memory as unfading and enduring as the granite shafts that mark the places of the honored dead. These tablets are inscribed with the record of good deeds performed, of faithfulness, industry, integrity and generosity in the promotion of our common interests through times and changes of the past; inscribed as indelibly as the sculptured lines upon the imperishable slab of marble. When Dubuque was in a struggling infancy these were the men who infused the spirit of life, strength and vital energy into her enterprises and laid the corner stone of her future growth and proud successes. Their days of active usefulness have been brought to a close by the hand of death or the weight of years, and only the memory of what they have done to promote the interest and advancement of Dubuque, and the large place they have occupied in the heart of the community through the long association of years remains to fill the vacant places they have left. Prominent among these old, well known and honored residents who have passed from our midst is Hon. William Mills, whose death occurred at 11:30 o'clock yesterday morning after a long and painful illness. For some years Mr. Mills has been an invalid and for

vehicle broke, which caused men to fall forward upon it and the general received a severe laceration of the head, which bled profusely. It was a close escape for both. We do not know the story that our democratic friends would caution the General never to accept a ride with a man who has a weak king bolt in

Cast-Iron Fellow

Men of endurance have strong nerves and liver. No aches or pains, no piles or spinal pains. For these distresses is undonney-Wort, a vegetable preparation which harmonizes all the internal body.

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John Arends Arrested for I at Ackley.

Some three months ago an account in full of the huge corn-crib at Parkersburg to Mr. Manley. Upon the it will be remembered, was bearing the words, "Th burned to prevent its man whisky." It now turns out from the Parkersburg Ec saloon-keeper, by name John been arrested for the crime. stances point strongly to him

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DAVENPORT NOTES.

Pham, while striking, was knocked out by a wild ball of the pitcher. The Dubuque delegation had a pleasant time. The hours were spent in visiting the Government buildings at Rock Island.

The boys all came home in a Pullman sleeper, singing, laughing, talking and sleeping and having a good time generally.

The Davenport ball grounds are excellent but not arranged as conveniently as the Dubuque grounds.

The game should have stood 14 to 0. All the Dubuquers and base ball boys were entertained at the Burtis House and were returned in excellent style. Clerk is a Prince of a fellow.

GAMES ELSEWHERE.

BUFFALO, May 16.—Troy 1, Buffalo 0.

CLEVELAND, May 16.—Syracuse 9, Cleveland 0. The Clevelanders being compelled failed to appear and the umpire decided the game against them according to the rules.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa, May 16.—Rock Island 11, Council Bluffs 4.

TURN ON THE LIGHT.

Much Billing and Cooling on the Public Thoroughfares.

The residents of upper Bluff and Lo streets will keep their eyes peeled to notice the nightly proceedings up in the vicinity, particularly near 14th street, they will begin to think about another lamp somewhere thereabouts. There is one at the corner of 14th and 5th streets but with the dense foliage, the sudden bend in the street a short distance above, cutting off any reflection on the upper lamps, the block on the street is almost in total darkness. It affords a very nice trysting place

who have passed from our midst is Hon. William Mills, whose death occurred at 11:30 o'clock yesterday morning after a long and painful illness. For some years Mr. Mills has been an invalid and for many months his death has been anticipated. He would be prostrated with disease so low that his family and attending physician would think the final hour had arrived and all hope of returning strength would seem to disappear. But a naturally vigorous constitution and wonderful vital energy would prevail and family and friends would look hopefully forward to a speedy and perhaps permanent recovery. It, however, became apparent some months ago that the end was not far distant; the deceased himself expressing this belief and his perfect willingness to lay down the burden of life and enter into the land of peace and rest eternal. Through all his severe and almost constant sufferings, Mr. Mills maintained a christian patience and fortitude that are only born of a perfect faith in and a resignation to the omnipotent will of the Father, who doeth all things well, and when the final summons came it found him ready and willing to follow the messenger into the Master's presence, and receive the reward of a well spent life. Mr. Mills has been known for many years in the legal and political circles of Iowa, having attained an enviable distinction at the bar and occupied many official positions of responsibility and honor. He was a man of scholarly attainments and uprightness of character, warm-hearted and generous in nature, genial and social in temperament, he had honestly earned the high position he held during the many years of his residence in Dubuque before disabled by disease, in social, political and professional life.

William Mills was born in Ireland and at the time of his death was 65 years of age. He came to this country with his parents when a child, living a few years in Toronto, going next, while very young, to Washington, Penn., where he remained until his residence in Dubuque in November, 1855. He was at once

midnight and some one was out about three hours later about daylight; that he would "make it hot morning," &c. On the next arrest he fled from Parker and arrested at Ackley. It is evidence was given to the jury and that that body refused dictment against him, whereafter he was rearrested and placed under time set for a preliminary before Esq. Downey at Parkterday."

"I Don't Want To" is what a lady of Boston said when he brought her to the clinic to cure her of sick neuralgia, which had troubled her for fourteen years. Thereafter it was prescribed for her with such good results that she continued its use until cured so enthusiastic in its production that she produced twenty-two of them in her circle to adopt it as family medicine. That is Bitters.

Hotel Arrivals

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Rates \$2.00 to \$2.50

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every locality afflicted with weak stom-
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people with iron-clad internal improve-
ments would find some more distant and
sequestered place for their nauseating
exhibitions. The following evening in the
same locality a couple of young girls
were seen promenading up and down the
darkened sidewalk in so suspicious a
manner as to excite curiosity, which is
epidemic in every locality, and they
were watched by curious eyes. Soon a
ge man with a tony rig whirled
ar and the corner and drove up to the
girls. He alighted, gave each one a
good square hug, and was probably
about to assist them into the buggy
when the shutters of a window close at
hand were banged together with a clatter.

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hour of life, but at 11 o'clock on Thurs-
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position over his breast, and from that
moment uttered no word or gave any
sign of life, except in the faint and fast-
failing breath that came and went like
the flickering light of an exhausted lamp
and so slower and fainter the respiration
continued through the intervening hours
until they gently ceased and without a
struggle or a pang the long-suffering
spirit was at rest. The funeral will take
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Recollections and Sketches of Notable Lawyers and Public Men of Early Iowa

Belonging to the First and Second
Generations, with Anecdotes and
Incidents Illustrative of the Times

By

EDWARD H. STILES

For many years a member of the Iowa Bar; member of its House of Representatives, 1863-1864; member of its Senate, 1865-1866; Reporter of its Supreme Court, 1867-1875; author of Complete Digest of its Decisions from the earliest Territorial period to the 56th Iowa Reports.

"In old age alone we are masters of a treasure of which we cannot be deprived, the only treasure we can call our own. The pleasures of memory and the retrospect of the varied images which in an active life have floated before the mind, compensate, and more than compensate, for the alternate pleasures and cares of active life."—SIR ARCHIBALD ALLISON.

"Personal anecdotes, when characteristic, greatly enliven the pages of a biography."—SAMUEL SMILES.

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Graham, D. D., was for fourteen years a Missionary of the Presbyterian Church in South Africa, and at this writing, a minister of that church in California; William Graham, Jr., is a shoe merchant of St. Louis; Henry L., a real estate dealer of South Dakota, and Helen, the wife of G. G. Davis, of the same State.

Mr. Graham, in his eighty-fifth year, made a tour of California and the Pacific Coast, appearing on several public occasions. At this writing he is still living and in active practice in his eighty-sixth year—the acknowledged nestor of the Iowa Bar. He is probably the most remarkable man of his age now living in the State.

William Mills was one of the leading lawyers of northeastern Iowa. He was born in County Antrim, Ireland, in 1808, and died in Dubuque, Iowa, in 1879. At the age of eleven years, he was brought to America by his parents who settled at Toronto, Canada. When he was sixteen years old he became a clerk in a store at Washington, Pennsylvania, and after reaching manhood engaged in mercantile business on his own account, and also to some extent in boat building, but becoming dissatisfied with his occupation, sold his interest and began the study of law. He was admitted to the Bar of that State, and was for some years a successful practitioner. In 1855 he removed to Dubuque, and on November 29th of that year, was admitted to the Bar of Iowa. He soon formed a partnership with Frederick E. Bissell, afterward Attorney-General of Iowa, and the next year O. P. Shiras, afterwards Judge of the Federal District Court, became a partner of the firm of Bissell, Mills & Shiras, which obtained a large and lucrative practice. On the dissolution of that firm he entered into partnership with his son, William Wirt Mills, who died in 1867. In the fall of that year Mr. Mills and William Graham formed a partnership which continued until 1871, under the firm name of Mills & Graham. The same year, 1871, his son, Charles M. Mills, having been admitted to the bar, the firm of Mills & Son was formed, which continued until the death of the father in 1879.

William Mills was active in the councils of the Democratic party, and being a ready and effective speaker, stumped the State for Buchanan, in 1856, and for Douglas in 1860. He was a War Democrat during the contest for the Union, and a member of the Second Democratic State Convention in 1861, and a candidate on the Union ticket that year. In 1869 he was elected to the Legislature as a Democrat, and did effective and valuable service as a representative. In 1868 he was a candidate for Congress against the late United States Senator, William B. Allison, and ran largely ahead of his ticket.

In the early seventies he was stricken with a lingering and painful disease which necessitated his withdrawal from active practice, and which finally terminated his life at the age of seventy-one years.

The following proceedings were held in the District Court of Dubuque County, on May 19, 1879.

On motion of Judge Austin Adams, the following Resolutions of the Bar were, by the Court, ordered to be spread upon the records:

Resolved, That in the death of our Brother Mills we have lost one who was an example in professional honor, courtesy and faithfulness to every obligation imposed by the calling to which he was so sincerely devoted. That the purity of his private and professional life, his unswerving integrity and gentlemanly conduct were so marked as to endear him to every member of the Bar. That as a further mark of our respect for the deceased, a copy of these resolutions be presented to his friends, and that we attend his funeral in a body.

Fred O'Donnell,
O. P. Shiras,
H. B. Fouke,
George Crane,
M. M. Trumbull,
Committee.

I became acquainted with Mr. Mills, as I did the most of the other Dubuque lawyers of that time, during my eight years of attendance—from 1867 to 1875—on the semi-annual sessions of the Supreme Court of Dubuque, as the Reporter of its decisions, and I think he fully deserved this beautiful tribute.

James Burt was born at Schenectady, New York, in February, 1810, and spent his youth there. He was educated at Union College, under the famous Dr. Eliphalet Nott, and graduated in the class of 1827 with high honors, having for his classmates many who attained distinction, such as Preston King, William W. Campbell and Rufus W. Peckham, who were Judges of the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals, the latter being father of the late Judge Peckham, of the United States Supreme Court, Chief Justice Hubbell, of Wisconsin, President Wood, of Bowdoin College, and others.

After graduation he studied law and was admitted to the Bar of the Supreme Court of his native State, and settled at Franklinsville, Cattaraugus County, in western New York, about 1832, where he became popular and influential. He represented that County in the Legislature and was for several years District Attorney, and proved an able and successful prosecutor.

In his early life Judge Burt was a Democrat of the School of Van Buren and Silas Wright, but afterward affiliated with the Republican party.

In the year 1848 he removed to Dubuque, which was his home for the remainder of his life. His first appearance in the Supreme Court is noted in Second Greene, at the June term, 1850, when he appeared as a partner of the late Governor Hempstead; and at other times he was associated with the late Judges Barker and Wilson, and with T. W. Angel and others. With the exception of serving one term as Alderman of the City, he held no official position in Iowa until 1862, when he was elected District Judge, and was re-elected in 1870. He served one term as Mayor of Dubuque after retiring from the bench, and occasionally appeared in the District and Supreme Court, but lived a very quiet and peaceful life till the end came in August, 1886, when, full of years and honors, he fell asleep.