

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Wood, William Kennison Senator \_\_\_\_\_  
Represented Story County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 19 Apr 1823 Logansport, Ohio

2. Marriage (s) date place  
① Melinda Cary 17 Oct 1847 Kosciusko County, Indiana

② Louisa Ingersoll

③ Mrs. Julia Hobbs 3 Dec 1870

3. Significant events for example:

④ Mrs. Sarah Griffith Davis

A. Business Has lived in Story County for 59 years

B. Civic responsibilities Mason

C. Profession Farmer; stocks bred

4. Church membership Baptist

5. Sessions served 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies 1870, 1872

6. Public Offices

A. Local \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

7. Death 21 Mar 1917 near Wood Center, Iowa; buried Woodland Cemetery, Wood Center, Iowa

8. Children By first wife - Cory (died in 1873); Curtis A.; James H.;  
By second wife - Carrie (Mrs. Edwin Pitzer); by third wife - Queen (Mrs. Edwin Summers)

9. Names of parents John H. and Anna (Kennison) Wood

10. Education Educated in schools of Ohio and Indiana  
schools as they were at the time

11. Degrees \_\_\_\_\_

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He grew up in Ohio and Indiana
- In 1849 he moved to Iowa settling at Cory's Grove on June 22, 1849,  
which was in Elkhart Township of Polk County, Iowa
- His first wife, Melinda, died 29 March 1862
- His second wife, Louisa, died 3 Feb 1870
- His third wife, Julia, died 8 May 1874
- At one time he owned 1300 acres of land and was one of the  
wealthiest farmers in Story County
- He and his cousin, Christopher Wood, built a steam mill  
that adapted to both grist and saw mill purposes. This  
was the first in Story County





WILLIAM K. WOOD

NEVADA, IOWA, MARCH 27, 1917

NUMBER

### CALIFORNIA OR BUST?

Among the first tourists that have passed through the county this season, are Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Hamilton and baby, Letcher Gilbert, of Seal Beach, California. They left Chicago February 15, 1917, and have walked every day except Sunday, but they walked last Sunday owing to the good roads. They reported the best roads they found west of Chicago were in Story county. They expect to reach the boundary line of California in 140 days, or June 10th.

The baby is 20 months of age and was in excellent health, just having a little cold but standing the trip well.

The prize they will receive will be a handsome six-room bungalow at Seal Beach, California, given by a man at that place. They are making their way by selling post cards.

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### LINKS IN LIFE OF STRONG MAN

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The death of Hon. William K. Wood, which occurred at his home just south of Iowa Center a little after eight o'clock on the evening of Wednesday, March 21, 1917, removes a man who stood in a class by himself among the pioneers and representative citizens of the county. He came to Story county, then a young man with a family before the land in this county was open to entry, and he squatted upon a piece that was attractive, held it until it was open to entry, entered it and continued to occupy it for a full period of sixty-five years to a month, from the time when he squatted until the time when he died also thereon. Between times he had been about all that a man of strong character, sound principles and iron constitution could be asked or expected to be. He aided his neighbors, suffered privations, overcame difficulties, built up a competence, reared a family, filled local offices, was honored with a spond. How he stood it all is the mystery which all late-comers have to puzzle over when they hear the tales of those who settled in and overcame the wilderness: but though he was not a big man, he was a wiry one, and his length of years is evidence that the experiences did not ruin his health. But it is the way of such matters that some people lie down and die under such stress, while with others it is a momentary matter any adverse effects from which are soon thrown off, and it suggests the saying concerning the Pilgrim Fathers who landed on Plymouth Rock drenched with the surf to camp in the snow on a winter's day, that half of them died the first winter and the other half arrived for an average of forty years. W. K. Wood was of the sort to go through that sort of experience and then to live to bury the second half. As we said before, he was in a class by himself.

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### INGERSOLL'S TRIBUTE TO LINCOLN

(As the request of a friend of the Representative we publish this beautiful tribute)

"Lincoln was as patient as Destiny, whose undecipherable hieroglyphics were so deeply engraven on his sad and tragic face. "Nothing discloses real character like the use of power. It is easy for the weak to be gentle. Most people can bear adversity. But if you wish to know what a man really is, give him power. This is the supreme test. It is the glory of Lincoln that, having almost absolute power, he never abused it, except on the side of mercy. "Wealth could not purchase, power could not awe, this divine, this loving man. He knew no fear except the fear of doing wrong. Hating slavery, pitying the master seeking to conquer, not persons, but prejudices—he was the embodiment of the self-denial, the courage, the hope and the nobility of a Nation. He spoke not to inflame, not to upbraid, but to convince. He raised his hands, not to strike but in benediction. He longed to pardon. He loved to see the pearls of joy on cheeks of wife, whose husband he had rescued from death. "Lincoln was the grandest figure of the fiercest civil war. He is the gentlest memory of our world."

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### CITY ELECTION

### PASSES QUIETLY

### CONTEST FOR ASSESSOR THE ONLY INTERESTING FEATURE

The city election passed off very quietly, Monday, with little interest manifested aside from the contest for assessor, in which Lars Haugsted was pitted, by his friends, as an independent candidate, against Thomas Stephens, the present incumbent and the caucus nominee of the Citizens' ticket.

In the First ward, a lackadaisical sort of a skirmish was made to rouse opposition to M. C. Allen, the Citizens nominee for councilman, friends of Butler Poolo scoring seventeen votes for him falling short of an even break with Mr. Allen by sixty-four votes.

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### IOWA FALLS JS. NEVADA IN A BASKET BALL CONTEST

A double header basket ball game was held Saturday evening at the High school gymnasium. The girls played the Iowa Falls girls and were defeated by a score of 6 to 27 in favor of Iowa Falls. The boys played with the Iowa Falls boys were defeated by a score of 12 to 16 in favor of Iowa Falls. The game was a fast one for the boys. The girls had a misfortune of having one of the girls knocked out. Nevertheless both games were very interesting and although defeated the game was good.

### SOCIETY AND CLUBS

The Thursday club will meet with Mrs. Frances Webb.

The Utility club meets Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. S. Nordskog.

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Friday night at 7:30 the quarterly meeting will be held. There will be a business session, readings, recitations, music, an address by Harry Green, pastor of the church at Boone, and refreshments. Every member of Church and congregation is invited to attend.

We are growing, peace and harmony prevail. We are thankful.

**Quite Simple.**  
Jim Jones—"But how can I love my neighbor as myself, when his dog howls all night?" The Parson—"Why, very easy, brother Jones—very easy—just poison his dog!"—Puck.

history has Florida had as many tourists as this winter. No matter where one goes they meet swarms of people from the north and east. The freeze they had here in early winter was a hard blow to the people killing all the early vegetables and ruining lands of acres of orange or clear down in the middle of the state; but garden stuff is becoming plenty again and strawberries are 90 cents a quart.

A railroad strike permitting the Gilmore and Barker company will start north soon, making our first stage to the tower of Florida and kind regards to all, yours truly, C. D. Barker

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Mr. Wood has been the source perhaps of more pioneer stories of the county than we know of as having come from any other source, and they have always borne the stamp of verity, although appearing as wonderful as the yarns of the Arabian Nights when put opposite the facts and conditions of the community as the present generation knows them. His original settlement in Iowa was at Cory's Grove in Elkhart township of Polk county. Mr. Wood's first wife having died, and for reasons that were doubtless good then he picked

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To most people whose opportunities for observing fish life are limited to occasional visits to an aquarium, the thought rarely occurs that these finny inhabitants of the water are capable of as many varied emotions as are our domestic pets, the cat and dog, says Popular Science.

In an account of the investigations conducted by Dr. Francis Ward, an English zoologist, into the behavior and life of fish in their natural environment, the following appears:

"We are accustomed to think that only we humans become pallid with fear or agitated with joy. But some experiments with perch in the artificial pond show that when their repose is suddenly disturbed by tapping on the glass, the fish visibly tremble and the bars which are characteristic of this species actually disappear for the time being only to reappear when the disturbance is removed and the equilibrium of the fish is restored.

"Sometimes a pike that is rapidly advancing on his prey becomes suspicious about the latter's character. The pursuer will suddenly stop, in an attitude of doubt, his back will arch and he will remain suspended as though studying the cause of his suspicions. Only when he is thoroughly reassured does he become rigid, to advance to the final attack; if his suspicion is not allayed he drops to the bottom of the tank."

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### Exercise and Good Nerves.

A certain world's champion has been seen sometimes jogging at a dog like a prizefighter, around Central Park, New York city. You might think that he was a lightweight pugilist, a "distance man," but the matter which he is training is a test of more than of strength, for all he is a 15-ounce cue, Charles P. Curtis writes in the World's Work. His is Willie Hoppe, the champion hard player of the world. He knows well what he is about; steady and confidence keep company good health; and one of the best to peel off your coat and go them.

### Overlooked.

Wife—Mabel has just informed that she is going to be married.  
Husband—Have you seen the young man?

"Not yet."  
"Um! Considering that she is your daughter, don't you think she should have consulted us first?"

"But you must remember, dear, she is a girl."

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STORY COUNTY, IOWA.

COMPRISING

A Condensed History of the State, a number of Biographies of Distinguished Citizens of the same, a Descriptive History of the County named herein, and numerous selected Biographical Sketches of the Citizens of such County.

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Episcopal Church, and he is now steward in his church, and is acting as assistant superintendent of the Sunday-school, the latter institution numbering about forty in actual attendance.

Hon. William K. Wood, farmer and raiser and breeder of thoroughbred stock, Iowa Centre, Iowa. The political career and experience of Mr. Wood, as well as his connection with the agricultural and stock-raising affairs of this community, have contributed to give him a wide and popular acquaintance with nearly every citizen of Story County, if not personally, than by name. William K. Wood was born in Logan County, Ohio, on April 19, 1823, his parents being John G. and Anna (Kennison) Wood, natives of Kentucky and Pennsylvania, respectively. The father went to Ohio when a young man, was there married, and followed agricultural pursuits in Logan and Allen Counties until 1840. He then moved to Indiana, and there remained some fourteen years. About 1854 he moved to Iowa, and located near where his son William now resides, where his death occurred on January 27, 1870, at the age of seventy-eight years. He served in the War of 1812, and was on the Northern frontier. He was a prominent church man, and a leading member of the Baptist denomination. His wife died about 1844. The paternal grandfather of our subject was a native of England. William K. Wood, the fourth of nine children, four sons and five daughters, all of whom, with the exception of one son, grew to maturity and became the heads of families, was a young man when he moved to Indiana with his parents, and there he received an ordinary education in the common schools. He remained with his parents until twenty-four years of age and then started out for himself, remaining in Indiana up to 1849. In the fall of that year he came to Iowa, and located first in Polk County,

where he tilled the soil up to 1851 or 1852. After this he came to Story County, and as his means were rather limited, he bought but a small tract where he now lives. He has been very successful, and is now one of the wealthiest farmers of Story County, owning at the present time 1,200 acres of land, with about 400 acres in the home place, all fine land and in a good state of cultivation. He has a large two-story house, good, substantial barns and out-buildings. He is the owner of three other farms, one of 220 acres in Polk County, and he keeps a good breed of stock, having fed and bred cattle and hogs for over twenty years. He has some fine Short-horn cattle and Poland-China hogs, and also some good horses. In the management of everything connected with his farm he displays excellent judgment and thoroughness, qualities which can not fail of success. He has ever held to the principles and supported the measures of the Republican party. In the fall of 1868 he was nominated and elected to represent Story County, re-elected in 1872, and served through two terms of the Legislature, serving on several of the most important committees with credit to himself and his constituents. Mr. Wood has served as delegate to the State and other conventions, and his personal popularity is thus shown. He was married in Kosciusko County, Ind., in October, 1847, to Miss Melinda Cory, a native of Elkhart County, Ind., and the daughter of Jeremiah Cory. To them were born three children: Cory (grew to manhood, married and died in this county in 1873), Curtis A. [see sketch], and James H. (who is married and resides in the county). The mother of these children died on March 29, 1862. Mr. Wood afterward married Miss Louisa Ingersol, a native of Pennsylvania, and the daughter of David Ingersol. One child, Carrie (wife of Edwin Pizer, of this county) (was

the result of this union. Mrs. Wood died on February 3, 1870, and Mr. Wood was married again on December 8, 1870, to Mrs. Julia Hobbs, a widow, and the daughter of Mr. Addis, a native of Ohio. One daughter is the fruit of this union. Mrs. Wood died on May 8, 1874. Mr. Wood is now living with his fourth wife, whose maiden name was Sarah Griffith, but who was the widow of a Mr. Davis. She was born and reared in Ohio, and by her first marriage became the mother of one child, a daughter, who is grown and married. Mr. Wood is a member of the Baptist and his wife a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He has had three wives who were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a Mason, but has not met with the lodge for a number of years.

Jesse R. Wood. Prominent among the successful men whose history forms the glory of Story County, Iowa, is found Jesse R. Wood, an extensive farmer and stock-raiser of Indian Creek Township. Mr. Wood was born in Allen County, Ohio, August 19, 1832, and is a son of John G. Wood, who was born in Mason County, Ky., July 17, 1792. After a happy youth passed in the Blue-Grass State, he moved to Ohio, where he met and married Miss Anna Kinnison, of Greenbrier County, Va. After his marriage Mr. Wood settled in Logan County, Ohio, in 1816, from thence he moved to Allen County in 1826, after which he located in Story County July 17, 1854, remaining there until the time of his death, January 27, 1870. He served in the War of 1812. The subject of our sketch moved with his parents to Indiana in September, 1840, and remained with them until nineteen years of age, when he located in Story County, Iowa, while there was still an abundance of game. His estate of 220 acres is in a state of excellent cultivation and very well located. In politics Mr. Wood

was a Republican, but is now an Independent. In 1862 he married Miss Julia E. Wilson, of Ohio, a daughter of Alfred and Anna Adams Wilson. They are the parents of six children: Anna (who is now the wife of Walter King), Henrietta, Harvey A., Louisa A., Jessie E. and Ada L. Mrs. Wood and her daughters are members of the Christian Church, Mr. Wood belonging to the Baptist Church. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and also of the Grand Army of the Republic. Through the late war he served from 1861 until discharged April 29, 1862, on account of disability, as third sergeant Company E, Third Iowa Infantry Volunteers.

Curtis A. Wood, county sheriff. Among the representative, thorough-going and efficient officials of Story County, Iowa, there is probably no one more deserving of mention than Mr. Wood, for his residence within its borders has extended throughout his entire life, his birth having occurred here on the 9th of October, 1855. He became familiar with the duties of farm life at a very early period, his father being a well-to-do agriculturist, but, in addition to tilling the soil, he attended the common schools near his home, and in 1873 entered the Iowa State Agricultural College, where he continued to pursue his studies until the spring of 1876. He left this institution a wide-awake, enterprising and well-informed young man, and immediately began buying and shipping stock to Chicago, an enterprise which tended to develop his knowledge of things in general, and human nature in particular. In pursuing this calling, he became well and favorably known throughout the county, and, being a staunch Republican in his political views, his numerous friends elected him to the position of county sheriff in 1887, and in 1889 re-elected him with a majority of 1,805. He is the first native-born resident of the county elected to a

county office, but the very efficient manner in which he has discharged his duties has fully testified to the wisdom of the people's choice. The confidence which they have in him is intelligently placed, for they have known him from boyhood, and have had every opportunity to judge of his character and qualifications, and, to his credit be it said, that all speak warmly in his praise. He was married on the 13th of September, 1877, his wife being Miss Rose E. Beatty, her birth having occurred in Kosciusko County, Ind., November 5, 1860, and to their union two bright little boys have been born: Claud K. (born October 31, 1878), and Walter R. (born October 2, 1880). Mr. Wood is a member of the A. F. & A. M., Herald Lodge No. 455, of Maxwell, the I. O. O. F., of that place, and he also belongs to Sampson Lodge No. 77, K. of P. His parents, William K. and Malinda (Cory) Wood, were born in the "Buckeye State" in 1822 and 1830, respectively, but the latter was called from the scene of her earthly labors at the untimely age of thirty-two years, her demise occurring in Story County, Iowa, whither they had moved about 1854, being among the first settlers of this region. They were the parents of two children, of whom the subject of this sketch is the elder. His record as a private citizen, as well as a public man, is untarnished, and in all the affairs of life he has borne himself in an upright and straightforward manner, and is recognized to-day as a man of true worth.

Solomon Young is a pioneer farmer of this county, but since disposing of his farm in 1889, he has devoted his attention to the breeding of fine stock. He was born in Somerset County, Penn., March 4, 1827, and is a son of David and Mary (Ash) Young, who were also born there, the former in 1793, and the latter in 1798, their deaths occurring in 1877 and 1843, respectively. Solomon Young is the fourth of

their six children, three of whom are living at the present time, and in his boyhood days learned the details of farm work under the direction of his father. His knowledge of books was acquired in the old time subscription schools, and after he had reached years of discretion he began tilling the soil on his own responsibility, and carried on the same in Pennsylvania for three years, or until 1855, at which time he came to Story County, Iowa, and settled on a farm in what is now known as Milford Township, which he named. He entered his land on the 14th of April, 1855, and on this farm he continued to make his home until 1884, when he gave up the active duties of life and removed to Nevada, selling his old homestead in 1889. Having been long a resident of this county, and an honorable and upright man in every business transaction, he is well known throughout this region, and is highly esteemed and respected. He has always supported the men and measures of the Democratic party, and has been trustee and also justice of the peace of Milford Township. He belongs to Lodge No. 99, of the A. F. & A. M., of Nevada. Miss Louisa Boucher, who was born in Somerset County, Penn., November 7, 1831, became his wife on the 5th of February, 1852, and by her he has become the father of the following children: Almira M., Hiram B., George K., Ida A., Charles E., William M., and Marion B.

Theodore Elihu Alderman, the pioneer merchant of Story County, has had mention in various chapters in this history. In the early days his prominence in business, also as the county school-fund commissioner, and as the leading citizen of the county seat, gave him great influence. This, by strict integrity in his dealings with all sorts of people, he has fully maintained and still enjoys. In the summer of 1853 he started out from the village of

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Louis, and was connected with that institution for one year. In July, 1910, he began practice at Slater, where he showed an ability as a physician and surgeon which attracted a steadily growing patronage. Recently, however, he removed to Ogden, Boone county, Iowa.

On the 21st of September, 1910, Dr. Ross was united in marriage to Miss Edna Hendry, a daughter of J. G. Hendry, a well known banker of Bridgewater, Iowa. In addition to his professional societies Dr. Ross is prominently identified with the Masonic order, holding membership in Home Lodge, No. 370, A. F. & A. M.; Des Moines Consistory, No. 3, A. A. S. R.; and Za-ga-zig Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., all of Des Moines. He is also identified with Des Moines Lodge, No. 98, B. P. O. E. He is not affiliated with any religious denomination, but his wife holds membership in the Methodist church. Politically he gives his support to individuals rather than to party and therefore belongs to that growing class of citizens recognized as independent. Having made thorough preparation for the practice of his profession, Dr. Ross has met with marked success from the very start and he now enjoys the confidence of all who know him. Being gifted with a pleasing address he readily makes friends and is recognized as a valuable citizen not only on account of his ability in the healing art but also on account of the interest which he takes in the general welfare of the community.

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#### WILLIAM K. WOOD.

One of the first pioneers of Story county, now living, was William K. Wood, who has resided in this county continuously for fifty-nine years. He was born in Logan county, Ohio, on the 19th of April, 1823, and is a son of John G. and Anna (Kennison) Wood. The father was a native of Kentucky and the mother of Virginia, but they were both living in Ohio at the time of their marriage and continued to live there for some years after. During the boyhood of our subject, however, they removed to Kosciusko county, Indiana, where Mrs. Wood died in 1844. About ten years thereafter John G. Wood went to Iowa, locating in Story county, where he was living at the time of his demise on the 27th of January, 1870, having arrived at the venerable age of seventy-eight years. At the age of twenty he entered the service of his country being stationed on the northern frontier during our second war with Great Britain in 1812. He was a very religious man and for many years was a communicant of the Baptist church. The paternal grandfather of William K. Wood was a native of England.

Mr. Wood was reared at home, obtaining his education in the brief sessions of the district school which was held in a log schoolhouse, which, in common with those of the day, was but inadequately lighted by means of

the tiny panes in the small windows and the ventilation and heating were equally poor, the scholars sitting near the fireplace suffering from the intense heat and those near the windows shivering with the cold.

On the 17th of October, 1847, Mr. Wood was united in marriage to Miss Melinda Corey and two years later he came west, settling in Corey Grove, Polk county, Iowa, on the 22d of June, 1849. They continued to live there for eighteen months and in the spring of 1851 removed to Story county, locating on the farm where Mr. Wood still lives. It is situated on the northeast quarter of section 16, Indian Creek township, and was originally school land. When he first settled here all grain had to be hauled to Oskaloosa, that being the nearest milling point, and it required two weeks to make the trip, owing to the distance and the poor roads, which in many instances were little more than wagon tracks across the prairie. Such conditions as these could not exist long, however, in a community where such enterprising men as Mr. Wood resided, and very shortly he and his cousin, Christopher Wood, together with Nathan Webb erected a steam mill, adapted to both grist and saw mill purposes, just north of Iowa Center. This was the first steam mill built in Story county and all of the lumber and machinery had to be hauled in wagons from Keokuk. It was of great assistance to the settlers, however, and did much to simplify living conditions being in operation for many years. Mr. Wood has ever been a progressive man, always ready to aid every movement which would in any way tend to better conditions in the community and such men always succeed, and he has not been the exception. At one time he owned thirteen hundred acres of land, which he has now divided among his children, every acre of which was acquired through his thrift, tireless energy and firm determination to win. Work was very scarce in Iowa in the early days and wages very poor. He arrived here with a sick wife and five dollars in money, but undaunted by conditions and ever hopeful he cheerfully walked eight miles to obtain two days' work and at another time he went nine miles for three days' work, for which he received eight bushels of wheat, which provided them with their bread that year.

Mrs. Wood died on the 29th of March, 1862. There were three children by this marriage but Cory died in 1863. Those living are Curtis A. and James H., two of the most prominent and successful live-stock commission merchants in Chicago. Mr. Wood was again married, his second union being with Miss Louisa Ingersoll, a native of Pennsylvania and a daughter of David Ingersoll. One child was born of this union, Carrie, the wife of Edwin Pizer, of St. James, Minnesota. Mrs. Wood passed away on the 3d of February, 1870, and on the 8th of the following December Mr. Wood married Mrs. Julia (Addis) Hull, a native of Cincinnati, Ohio. They had one daughter, Queen, who is now the wife of E. P. Summers, of Oregon City, Oregon. On the 8th of May, 1874, Mrs. Wood died and later Mr. Wood married his fourth and present wife, formerly Mrs. Sarah Davis, a daughter of John M. Griffith, who came to Story county

from McDonough county, Illinois, in 1868. Mrs. Wood was born and reared in Highland county, Ohio, and by her first marriage had one child, Ida B., the wife of Dr. Frank Thompson, of Cambridge, this county.

Mr. Wood's political allegiance has always been given to the republican party. He voted at the first election held in Story county, the polling place being McDaniel's shanty, which stood on the east side of Indian creek. In the fall of 1868 he was elected to represent his district in the legislature and was reelected in 1870. He served on several of the most important committees, discharging his duties with great credit to himself and the constituency to whom he was indebted for his office. He has always taken an active part in local politics, serving for many years in the various township offices. He is identified with the Masonic fraternity through membership in the Nevada Lodge. Both Mr. and Mrs. Wood are members of the church, he of the Baptist and she of the Methodist Episcopal, but they worship in the Evangelical church in Iowa Center.

Owing to his long residence in the county and his great service in the upbuilding of the community as well as his faithful and at all times capable discharge of public duties he is one of the best known and most highly esteemed and respected citizens in this district.

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#### W. J. FREED.

In the eightieth year of his age, W. J. Freed makes his home in Ames and for more than fifty-six years he has been a resident of Story county, so that he is today numbered among its honored pioneers. He was long associated with agricultural interests but some years ago put aside business cares and is now living retired in the enjoyment of well earned rest. He was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, September 19, 1831. His parents, Samuel and Nancy (Jones) Freed, were both natives of Pennsylvania, where the mother spent her entire life, while the father always lived in that state with the exception of his last two years, which were passed in Michigan. He was a blacksmith by trade and an excellent mechanic. He served a seven years' apprenticeship and then followed the trade throughout his entire life. His family numbered eleven sons and two daughters, all of whom reached mature years with the exception of three, while four of the sons and one daughter are yet living. After losing his first wife the father married again and had two daughters by that union.

W. J. Freed remained with his parents until eighteen years of age and during his youthful days worked in his father's blacksmith shop and also at farm labor for others. In 1849 he left the Keystone state and went to Porter county, Indiana, where he joined his older brother, Paul, residing there until 1854. He was married in 1852 and then began farming on his own account, but after two years removed to Story county, Iowa, where he has



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### Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925

Name:	<b>William K Wood</b>	
Birth Year:	<b>abt 1823</b>	
Birth Place:	<b>Ohio</b>	
Gender:	<b>Male</b>	
Marital Status:	<b>Married</b>	
Census Date:	<b>1856</b>	
Residence State:	<b>Iowa</b>	
Residence County:	<b>Story</b>	
Locality:	<b>Indian Creek</b>	
Roll:	<b>IA_66</b>	
Line:	<b>34</b>	
Family Number:	<b>76</b>	
Neighbors:	<a href="#">View others on page</a>	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	William K Wood	<b>33</b>
	Malinda Wood	<b>24</b>
	Cyrtus Wood	<b>3</b>
	Cory Wood	<b>0</b>
	Wood	<b>30</b>
	Thomas Tompson	<b>35</b>

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### 1860 United States Federal Census

Name:	<b>William K Wood</b>	
Age in 1860:	<b>34</b>	
Birth Year:	<b>abt 1826</b>	
Birthplace:	<b>Ohio</b>	
Home in 1860:	<b>Indian Creek, Story, Iowa</b>	
Gender:	<b>Male</b>	
Post Office:	<b>Iowa Center</b>	
Value of real estate:	<a href="#">View image</a>	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	William K Wood	<b>34</b>
	Melinda Wood	<b>28</b>
	Cory Wood	<b>6</b>
	Curtis Wood	<b>4</b>
	James A Wood	<b>2</b>
	Samuel Whitaker	<b>20</b>

**Source Citation:** Year: 1860; Census Place: Indian Creek, Story, Iowa; Roll M653\_339; Page: 101; Image: 362.

**Source Information:**

Ancestry.com. 1860 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: The Generations Network, Inc., 2004. Original data: United States of America, Bureau of the Census. Eighth Census of the United States, 1860. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1860. M653. 1,438 rolls.

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### 1900 United States Federal Census

Name: **William K Wood**  
**[William Wood]**

Home in 1900: **Indian Creek, Story, Iowa**

Age: **77**

Birth Date: **Apr 1823**

Birthplace: **Ohio**

Race: **White**

Ethnicity: **American**

Gender: **Male**

Relationship to Head of House: **Head**

Father's Birthplace: **Kentucky**

Mother's Birthplace: **Virginia**

Spouse's Name: **Sarah**

Marriage year: **1876**

Marital Status: **Married**

Years Married: **24**

Residence: **Maxwell Town, Story, Iowa**

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Household Members:	Name	Age
	William K Wood	77
	Sarah Wood	58
	Queen Wood	28
	Margery Hull	5
	William Whiting	36

**Source Citation:** Year: 1900; Census Place: Indian Creek, Story, Iowa; Roll T623\_460; Page: 9B; Enumeration District: 118.

**Source Information:**

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### 1910 United States Federal Census

Name:	<b>William K Wood</b>	
Age in 1910:	<b>85</b>	
	<b>[86]</b>	
Estimated Birth	<b>abt 1825</b>	
Year:	<b>[abt 1824]</b>	
Birthplace:	<b>Ohio</b>	
Relation to Head	<b>Head</b>	
of House:		
Father's Birth	<b>Kentucky</b>	
Place:		
Mother's Birth	<b>Virginia</b>	
Place:		
Spouse's Name:	<b>Sarah</b>	
Home in 1910:	<b>Indian Creek, Story, Iowa</b>	
Marital Status:	<b>Married</b>	
Race:	<b>White</b>	
Gender:	<b>Male</b>	
Neighbors:	<a href="#">View others on page</a>	
Household	Name	Age
Members:	William K Wood	<b>85</b>
	Sarah Wood	<b>67</b>

**Source Citation:** Year: 1910; Census Place: Indian Creek, Story, Iowa; Roll: T624\_424; Page: 11B; Enumeration District: 189; Image: 131.

**Source Information:**

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- *ID:* I573
- *Name:* William K. WOOD
- *Sex:* M
- *Birth:* 19 APR 1823 in Logan Co., OH
- *Death:* 21 MAR 1917 in Story Co., IA
- *Fact 1:* See Note Page
- *Note:*

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Facts about this person:

Burial  
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*Father:* John G. WOOD b: 17 JUL 1791 in Washington, Mason Co., KY

*Mother:* Anna KINNESON b: 8 APR 1794 in VA

*Marriage 1* Malinda CORY b: 5 NOV 1831

- *Married:* 17 OCT 1847 in IN

Children

1. Curtis A. WOOD b: 1853 in IA
2. Cory WOOD b: 1856

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Malinda Cory

Born: 5 Nov 1831 in [city], [county], Indiana, USA

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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..... *William K. Wood*  
P. O. Address..... *Low Center, Ia.*  
County..... *Story Co.*  
Occupation..... *Farmer*  
Nativity..... *Ohio*  
Married or Single..... *Married*  
Religion..... *Religious Baptist*  
If in the Service; regiment and rank.....  
Years in Iowa..... *27 Yrs*  
Age..... *48 Yrs.*  
Weight..... *150 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.

WOOD, WILLIAM K., Iowa Center,  
Story Co., farmer, born in Ohio,  
married. Religious, 20 years in  
Iowa, 46 years old, weighs 150 lbs.

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**Cemetery:** WOODLAND  
**Location:** INDIAN CREEK TP  
**County:** STORY CO. - IOWA  
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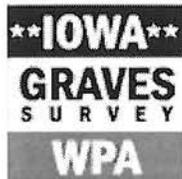
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## WOOD, Malinda

**Born:** 11/5/1831  
**Died:** 3/30/1863  
**Cemetery:** WOODLAND  
**Location:** INDIAN CREEK TP  
**County:** STORY CO. - IOWA  
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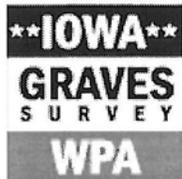
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**Born:** 12/15/1839  
**Died:** 2/3/1870  
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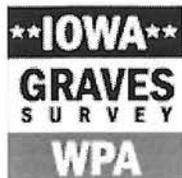
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## WOOD, Julia

**Born:** 3/5/1839  
**Died:** 5/8/1874  
**Cemetery:** WOODLAND  
**Location:** INDIAN CREEK TP  
**County:** STORY CO. - IOWA  
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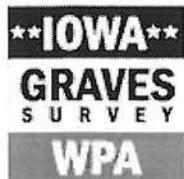
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## WOOD, Sarah Davis

**Born:** 2/1/1842  
**Died:** 12/19/1928  
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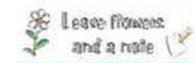
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