

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Senator Wright,  
James D. - Represented Wayne, Lucas, Clarke and Union  
Counties, from

1. Birthday and place 30 Nov 1820 Belmont, Belmont County, Ohio

2. Marriage (s) date place  
Margaret Ann Evans 3 Mar 1847

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business An organizer in the County Fair Association in Knoxville

B. Civic responsibilities G.A.R.; IOOF

C. Profession Farmer, physician

4. Church membership Lutheran

5. Sessions served 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies 1868, 1870

6. Public Offices

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

B. State Director of the State Board of Agriculture for 11 years; trustee of  
State College of Agriculture at Ames

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

7. Death 26 Dec 1905 Chariton, Iowa; buried Chariton Cemetery, Chariton, Iowa

8. Children Jessie E.; Mrs. Joseph A. Brown

9. Names of parents Frank J. and Mary V. Wright

## 10. Education

Went to country schools intermittently in the winter when he wasn't doing farm work; Morse Academy at Woodfield for 3 years.

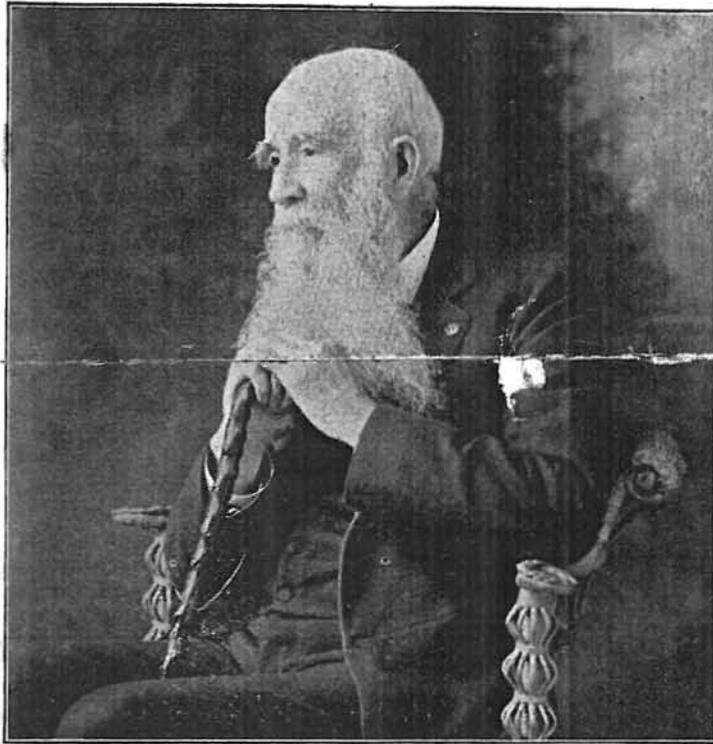
## 11. Degrees

Studied medicine in Cincinnati, Ohio and graduated in 1843; attended the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York City, New York

## 12. Other applicable information

- He worked on the farm much of his youth.
- At age 16 he went to Pottimores, Maryland
- After graduating from medical school he went to New York City, where he entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons and was appointed district physician in one of the worst, degraded places in the city.
- He then returned to practice medicine in his native town.
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- Later in 1861 he offered his services to Governor Kirkwood as a surgeon in the army, but he had to postpone going because he needed someone to run the mill.
- Finally in 1864, he was again called; this time he found someone to run the mill.
- Military service - Civil War - 47<sup>th</sup> Iowa - surgeon
- He was stricken by paralysis in 1874.





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### Chariton Markets

GRAIN, SEEDS AND LIVESTOCK.	
Reported by McKivven & Elk Chariton, Dec 27, 1905.	
Cows and Heifers—per cwt.	\$2 50 @ 3 50
Hogs—per cwt.	4 15 @ 4 05
Cattle—per cwt.	3 50 @ 5 00
Oats—per bushel	22
New Oats—Per bushel	22
Corn New	35
Corn—per bushel	45
Rye—per bushel	60
Wheat—per bushel (new)	65 @ 68
Timothy Seed—per bushel New	1 05
Clover Seeds—choice per bush	6 00 @ 8 00
Hay (per ton)	5 00 @ 6 00

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.	
Reported by Gray-VonBehre	
Potatoes—per bushel	60 to 75
Beans—per bushel	2 00 @ 2 50
Butter—per pound	15—20
Eggs—per dozen	20—22
Lard—per pound	12 1/2
Salt barrel	1 10 to 1 30
Flour—per cwt.	65
Flour—per sack	1 20 @ 1 40
Corn Meal—per sack	15
Chickens—per pound	6 1/2—7 1/2
Turkeys—per pound	10—12
Ducks—per pound	8 @ 10
Hams—per pound	11
Shoulders—per pound	8 @ 10
Breakfast Bacon—per pound	15 @ 20
Lard—per pound	16 @ 12
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Beeswax—per pound.....	15 2/3 25

**Keep Posted**

The coming year will be an interesting one for newspaper readers. Congress will be in session until next summer and will have important matters under consideration. The Railway Rate bill, the Panama Canal Federal Regulation of Insurance, Statehood for the Territories, and many other questions that vitally interest the people will be under consideration. The news of the doings of congress will be gathered at first hand and written to the Patriot each week by Elijah Lewis, the editor, who will be in Washington and who will remain there until congress adjourns. These weekly letters will be especially prepared for Lucas county people and will be most interesting to Patriot readers.

The Iowa legislature meets in January and we are promised a lively session. Among the important measures which will undoubtedly come before the assembly are the Anti-Pass bill, Statewide Primary, State Marshal bill, Pure Food bill, and others almost as important. The work of the legislature will be closely followed and the news given to Patriot readers each week.

The Patriot should be a visitor in every home in Lucas county next year. The very low subscription price, coupled with our liberal clubbing offers, should prevent any man from denying himself and his family the pleasure and profit they would derive from its columns.

**Fitzsimmons is Whipped**

Robert Fitzsimmons, the greatest prize ring fighter of the age went down in defeat before Jack O'Brien in San Francisco last night. The veteran received a vicious blow in the stomach in the thirteenth round, and walked to his corner and collapsed.

**Notice**

The freight house will be closed all day on Christmas and also on New Years day. E. L. Papp, Agent.

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**An Emergency Medicine**

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# THE ANNALS OF IOWA.

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VOLUME SEVEN—THIRD SERIES.

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handsome fortune. This was the result of his habits of prudence and economy no less than of his large business ability. While he was strictly economical in his personal habits, and cautious in his expenditures, those who were closest to him and knew him best have known that he was always charitable to the unfortunate, dispensing gifts with a liberal hand to the deserving poor. Aside from the acrimony arising from strenuous politics, and the many bitter memories which so long survived the civil war, he was a man of kind and genial disposition—a man of many friends. While he remained in editorial life he often indulged in kind words concerning the Historical Department. No man in Iowa was more deeply pleased to hear of its continued growth. An unusually fine photograph, with one of his rare autograph letters, are pleasant memorials of this pioneer farmer and journalist.

**JAMES D. WRIGHT** was born in Belmont county, Ohio, Nov. 30, 1820; he died at Chariton, Iowa, Dec. 26, 1905. His parents were pioneers in Ohio, and as was usually the case with the children of early settlers, his youth was involved much hard work on the farm, with meager education. His first experience with the world at large came at the age of sixteen, when he accompanied his father across the mountains over the government pike to Baltimore. A few glimpses of the world made him realize the need of education, and he left home and for three years attended Monroe Academy at Woodfield, O. In 1840 he began the study of medicine and graduated from the Medical College in Cincinnati in 1843. He immediately set out for New York, pursuing further courses in medicine and surgery, soon receiving the appointment of physician of a district including the Five Points in New York. His experience in this celebrated region was varied and valuable in the development of professional skill, but it convinced him that his future was in the west, and he returned to Belmont, where he began the practice of medicine. At the outbreak of the Mexican war he sought service as a surgeon, but his health was broken by illness at Nashville, and he was obliged to return home. In 1856 he came west, intending to go beyond the Missouri, but inclement weather prevented, and he settled in Knoxville, Marion county, where he lived until 1861, when he removed to Chariton, where he continued to reside until his death. Besides his interest in his profession, Dr. Wright was generally concerned in outside business undertakings and in the promotion of civic and social enterprises. He was actively engaged in the building of the B. & O. R. R. in Ohio, and later in promoting the Burlington road in Iowa. At Knoxville he was active in organizing the County Fair Association and was identified with the State Board of Agriculture, of which he was a director for eleven years. At Chariton he purchased a flouring mill and conducted it for a number of years. It was an important institution in those days, being the only mill within many miles of that point. So important was the mill that he was unable to secure competent help to manage it during the early days of the civil war, and was thus prevented from enlisting, as he greatly desired to do, because the operation of the mill was essential to the people of Lucas county. It was not until 1864 that he secured a competent substitute and thereupon enlisted as a private in the 46th Iowa. Very soon thereafter he was made surgeon of the 47th Iowa. Owing to the illness of other physicians he was given the care of an additional regiment and at one time was in charge of a refugee hospital. After the war he was elected to the State Senate from the 5th district and served during the 12th and 13th general assemblies. He won high esteem and general confidence, and was elected a trustee of the Iowa State College of Agriculture at Ames, and served during the important formative days of that institution. In 1874 Dr. Wright was stricken with paralysis, but he was a man of firm, vigorous will power, of cheerful disposition, and in large part overcame the ailment and continued to be a strong, influential citizen to the day of his death.

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1906

leave to report that they have had the same under consideration and have instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that the same be referred to the Sifting committee.

W. C. HAYWARD,  
*Chairman.*

Referred to the Sifting committee.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By Senator Courtright, Senate file No. 347, a bill for an act to amend the law as it appears in section twenty hundred twenty-six (2026) of the supplement to the code, relating to street railways over highways.

Read first and second time and referred to Sifting committee.

Senator Hasselquist, from the special committee appointed to draft suitable resolutions respecting the death of the late Dr. James D. Wright of Chariton, Lucas county, Iowa, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:— Your special committee appointed to draft resolutions of respect to the memory, life, character and public services to his state and nation, of the late Dr. James D. Wright of Chariton, Lucas County, Iowa, respectfully submit the following:

Dr. James D. Wright, who was an honored and trusted member of the Senate of the Twelfth and Thirteenth general Assemblies, departed this life December 26th, 1905, at Chariton, Lucas County, Iowa, in his 86th year.

Dr. Wright was born in Belmont County, Ohio, November 30th, 1820, of Quaker parentage, his father's family having come to that locality as pioneers; he attended school in the winter and worked on the farm in the summer as was the custom of the pioneer children. Desiring further education, he attended a near-by academy and later began the study of medicine in Cincinnati in 1843. After graduating he went to New York to continue his medical studies in the College of Physicians and Surgeons, from which institution he graduated and returned to Ohio for the practice of his profession.

He was married in 1847 to Miss Margaret Ann Evans and four children were born to them; his home was the center of his interests during the thirty-seven years before the family circle was broken.

In 1856 he decided to move west with his family and settled in Knoxville, Iowa. He took an active part in organizing a County Fair Association, believing that Iowa was to become a great agricultural state. He also became identified with the State Board of Agriculture and was a director eleven years. He believed the State Fair should be an educational influence in the state in developing agriculture and fine stock and took an active part in bringing about this result.

In 1861 he moved to Chariton, having purchased a flour mill there. After he enlisted as a private in the 46th Iowa, but was soon made surgeon of the 47th Iowa. Owing to the illness of other surgeons, he assumed the care of an additional regiment, a gun-boat aground in the river and the refugee hospital. His health was soon affected by the strain, but he persisted in his determination to remain until his regiment was mustered out.

He was elected to the State Senate in 1867 from the 5th Senatorial district, and served in the Twelfth and Thirteenth General Assemblies with credit to himself and his district, his clearness of mind and integrity of purpose giving him much influence with his fellow members. He was elected a trustee of the State College of Agriculture at Ames and served during the building and organization of the school, and always retained an active interest in its progress.

He was also associated with the early history and had a part in building the Burlington railroad in Iowa.

Although stricken first with paralysis in 1874, by the force of his indomitable will, and resolute courage, he arose above the affliction, and, although always under the shadow of the disease, he lived a life of cheerfulness, retaining a keen interest in the events of the day.

In the hearts of his friends will remain the memory of a man whose life stood for something definite; steadiness of purpose, integrity, kindness and the modesty that is the mark of a gentleman.

*Resolved by the Senate of the Thirty-first General Assembly of the State of Iowa, That this memorial be adopted, spread at length upon our Journal and that an engrossed copy of these resolutions attested by the President and Secretary of this Senate, be presented, with our sincere sympathy, to the bereaved family of the deceased.*

R. A. HASSELQUIST,  
JAS. H. JAMISON,  
MARION F. STOOKEY.

Senator Hasselquist spoke as follows:

Mr. President and Fellow Senators:— It is with a sense of deep sadness that I at this time arise desiring to pay a humble tribute to the memory of him who is the subject of these resolutions.

Some time during the still white hours of the early morning following a happy Christmas day, the undaunted soul of James D. Wright winged its way into the great beyond. The quiet summons came in a stroke of paralysis as he slept, at the home of his son Jenk E. Wright.

He was buried from the home of his daughter, Mrs. Joseph A. Brown, Thursday afternoon, December 28th, at 2 o'clock. The services were marked by simplicity in keeping with his life and Quaker faith. A prayer was offered by Rev. F. B. Palmer of the Baptist church and hymns sung by a male quartette. The services at the grave were in charge of the G. A. R.

Dr. Wright had been suffering from a slight indisposition and was unable to participate in the festivities of the day, he seemed, to his family, to have thrown off the weakness of the previous days and to have almost regained his usual strength, and in his always happy, cheery and interesting way had talked of the days that were gone, especially of those times when "the boys in blue answered to their country's call."

James D. Wright was born in Belmont County, Ohio, November 30, 1820. His grandfather came from the city of Dublin, Ireland, in 1802 and entered, with others, a section of land where the town of Belmont now stands. His mother's ancestors come from England to Maryland with Lord Baltimore and thence to Ohio.

As a lad he walked three miles to school in winter, learning his a, b, c's from crude letters pasted on a paddle. The children sat on benches made of slabs, the schoolhouse being of hewn logs. He did not like to go to school and as his father did not believe in idleness, he worked on the farm much of the time, going to school intermittently. His fondness for horses made life on the farm a delight to him. When sixteen years of age he teamed across the mountains, over the government pike to Baltimore, and he often recalled the refrain of a song sung by teamsters in condemnation of the railroad of which there was talk of building and which they believed would be a calamity. After a few glimpses into the world, he realized that he must have an education so he left home and went to school at Monroe Academy at Woodfield for about three years. At the end of that time he decided to study medicine and went for that purpose to Cincinnati in 1843, where he graduated. He then went to New York City, a journey at that time fraught with great interest and attended with many difficulties, as the journey was made by boat on the Ohio, by stage across the state from Wheeling to Cleveland, then again by boat to Montreal and finally down the Hudson to the city. He has often said that it was the most interesting trip that he had ever made. At that time there was neither telegraph, telephone nor railroad.

After reaching New York he entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons and was appointed district physician, having under his jurisdiction that part of New York City known as "Five Points," at that time considered one of the worst and most degraded places in the civilized world.

Varied experiences came to him "a green boy from the back woods" as he said, and his observation and the wide knowledge gained in ministering to all kinds and classes of humanity, helped to develop his judgment and professional skill. He returned to practice in his native town and rode on horseback far and wide through the country, enduring the hardships common to physicians in the pioneer days.

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At the time of the Mexican War he determined to go as a surgeon, but on reaching Nashville, Tenn., he was taken very ill and obliged to return home.

On March 3, 1847, he married Margaret Ann Evans, to whose loving kindness, strength of character and wise judgment, he attributed the continual happiness of the thirty-seven years of their married life.

He took an active part in the building of the B. and O. railroad through Ohio. In 1853, owing to ill health, he, with his wife, visited the west, traveling over Indiana, Illinois and Iowa as far west as Council Bluffs where, after waiting three days "for the wind to stop blowing so the river could be crossed to Omaha" he turned back. In the fall of 1856 they settled in Knoxville, Iowa, having been advised "not to go farther west than the Des Moines river, as the Great American Desert would soon be reached and the land was of little value except in strips near the streams."

The winters of 1856 and 1857 were of extreme rigor and many were the hardships encountered. Strange indeed was the country to the wife and three children who came in their Quaker bonnets and speaking "the plain language," for, true to the inheritance of generations who lay in the Quaker burying ground in Dublin, the faith had been fostered in the soil of the Ohio wilderness.

In 1861 he moved to Chariton and purchased the flour mill. Later in the year he offered his services to Governor Kirkwood as a surgeon in the army but being unable to find any one who could run the mill, he decided he must postpone his going and "could do more good by grinding at the mill and helping the families of the boys who were gone," as there was no other mill within twenty-five miles. When the call came again in 1864, he succeeded in getting some one to take charge of the mill and enlisted as a private in the 46th Iowa. He was soon made a surgeon of the 47th Iowa. Owing to the illness of other surgeons, he assumed the care of an additional regiment, a gun-boat aground in the river and the refugee hospital. His health was soon affected by the strain but he persisted in his determination to remain until his regiment was mustered out.

In an autobiographical sketch prepared by him for the Lucas County Historical Society, his love for the state is evidenced in the statement that "I have traveled from the Atlantic to the Pacific and have seen many fine places but considering climate, health and happiness, Iowa suits me as well as any place I have ever seen."

It was always a delight to his friends to listen to Dr. Wright's reminiscences of early days and pioneer experiences, for his gentle humor and his appreciation of the relation of personal happenings to the larger events which were then making history, gave interest to whatever he had to say. Always modest and unassuming, one never knew what an important factor he often was in many of these events.

His strong affection for his friends, coupled with a remarkable memory, and his charity for his fellow men gave him a most entertaining fund of anecdotes. Always a great reader, he never lost interest in the events of the day. He left in manuscript his reminiscences of early years which will be a priceless legacy to his children and grandchildren.

On Thanksgiving day his eight-fifth birthday was celebrated most happily at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. A. Brown. Scores of letters of congratulation came to him from his old friends from all parts of the country and the intervening days were filled with happy reminiscences as he acknowledged these letters.

He had said, "I try not to worry but to be as cheerful as I can, knowing the end will come some time. I have expected it a long time." In the hearts of his friends will remain the memory of a man whose life stood for something definite; steadiness of purpose, integrity, kindness and the modesty that is a mark of a true gentleman.

Senator Hasselquist moved the adoption of the report and resolutions.

Adopted unanimously by a standing vote.

Senator Saunders moved that the remarks made by Senator Hasselquist be printed in the Journal.

Carried.

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE.

The following messages were received from the House:

MR. PRESIDENT—I am directed to inform your honorable body that the House has herewith returned House file No. 325, a bill for an act to amend section forty-eight hundred twenty-two (4822) of the code, relative to malicious injuries to buildings and fixtures.

C. R. BENEDICT,

*Chief Clerk*

#### Also:

MR. PRESIDENT—I am directed to inform your honorable body that the House has indefinitely postponed the following bill in which the concurrence of the House was asked:

Senate file No. 166, a bill for an act providing for the compilation of a roster of soldiers, sailors and marines, survivors of the Mexican and Civil wars, now living in Iowa, and making an appropriation therefor.

C. R. BENEDICT,

*Chief Clerk.*

MR. PRESIDENT—I am directed to inform your honorable body that the House has concurred in the Senate concurrent resolution relative to extending an invitation to President Roosevelt to attend the reunion of the National Society of the Army of the Philippines, to be held at Des Moines, August 13, 14 and 15, 1906.

C. R. BENEDICT,

*Chief Clerk.*

Iowa-Doctors

Wright, J. A. (1842-1882)

Danville,  
Des Moines Co.

Trans. Ia. St. M. Soc., VI:460, 1883-85 (death)

Port. & Biog. Album Des Moines County, 1888,  
614.

B. in Indiana Oct. 1842. Came to Iowa 1856

Grad. Ann Arbor, Mich. 1867

Grad. Med. Univ. Louisiana 1879.

D. T.B. Dec. 19, 1882. Buried Burlington.

Lothrop: Med. & Surg. Directory of Iowa,  
(1883-4, p 93.

Iowa-Doctors

Wright, J. <sup>James</sup> D. - Chariton

(Nov. 30, 1820-Dec. 26, 1905)

Iowa M. J., IX: 1903, p. 336.

See: Stuart, T.M. Past & present of Lucas &  
Wayne Counties, v.1, 1913 p.50.

See: J. Iowa St. M. Soc., 23:335 (Port) June 1933.

Iowa-Doctors

Wright, Jane McIntosh <sup>[1868-1941]</sup> - Clear Lake

N. Iowa M. News, May, 1941, p. 51  
(obituary)

J. Iowa St. M. Soc., June, 1941, p. 263  
J. A. M. A., June 21, 1941, p. 2809.

Member St. Soc. Iowa Med. Women 1907-1941.  
President 1925; made Life Member 1936

Data in reprints: Iowa-St. Soc. Ia. M. Women

Married Dr. Chas. E. Wright of Clear Lake  
(over)



You searched for **James D. Wright** in **Iowa**

### U.S. Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles

Name: **James D Wright**  
Residence: **Chariton, Iowa**  
Age at Enlistment: **43**  
Enlistment Date: **5 Jul 1864**  
Rank at enlistment: **Surgeon**  
State Served: **Iowa**  
Survived the War?: **Yes**  
Service Record: **Commissioned an officer in Company S, Iowa 47th Infantry Regiment on 04 Jun 1864. Mustered out on 28 Sep 1864 at Davenport, IA.**  
Birth Date: **abt 1821**  
Sources: **Roster & Record of Iowa Soldiers in the War of Rebellion**

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## 1900 United States Federal Census

Name:	<b>James D Wright</b>	
Home in 1900:	<b>Chariton, Lucas, Iowa</b>	
Age:	<b>79</b>	
Birth Date:	<b>Nov 1820</b>	
Birthplace:	<b>Ohio</b>	
Race:	<b>White</b>	
Ethnicity:	<b>American</b>	
Gender:	<b>Male</b>	
Relationship to Head of House:	<b>Father</b>	
Father's Birthplace:	<b>Ireland</b>	
Mother's Birthplace:	<b>North Carolina</b>	
Marital Status:	<b>Widowed</b>	
Residence :	<b>Chariton City, Lucas, Iowa</b>	
Occupation:	<a href="#">View on Image</a>	
Neighbors:	<a href="#">View others on page</a>	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	Joseph A Brown	<b>56</b>
	Bella W Brown	<b>51</b>
	Margaret W Brown	<b>28</b>
	Willie D Brown	<b>24</b>
	James D Wright	<b>79</b>
	Anna Johnson	<b>32</b>

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Ancestry.com. 1900 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2004. Original data: United States of America, Bureau of the Census, *Twelfth Census of the United States, 1900*. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1900. T623, 1854 rolls.

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Department of Iowa  
Grand Army of the Republic

Veteran's name Wright, James D

War

Residence

Battles, etc.

Occupation Farmer

Nearest relatives.

Date birth Nov 30, 1820 Place Ohio

Father

Nativity

Date death Dec 26, 1905 Place Chariton, Iowa

Mother

Nativity

Cause Chariton Cem Place burial "

Wife

War record Surgeon 47 Iowa Inf.

Children

Rank Company Regiment State  
Age 43. Res. Chariton

Organization,

Enlisted Apptd Surg. May 7, 1864  
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Grand Army of the Republic

Veteran's name Wright, James D

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Birth: Nov. 30, 1820  
Belmont County  
Ohio, USA

Death: Dec. 26, 1905

The Chariton Leader, Chariton, Lucas County,  
Iowa; Thursday, December 28, 1905

The community was greatly shocked to learn of the death of DR. JAMES D. WRIGHT, one of our pioneer citizens, which occurred on Tuesday morning, December 26, 1905, at the home of his son, JENK R. WRIGHT. He had been slightly indisposed for a few days, but was able to be about and his illness was not thought to be serious. Members of his family called him Tuesday morning and not receiving any responses went to his bedside and were horrified to find that life was extinct, although the body was still warm. Death had come while he was apparently asleep, and was probably due to the infirmities of old age. On Thanksgiving day he celebrated his 85th birthday.

JAMES D. WRIGHT was born in Belmont County, Ohio, on November 30, 1820. He was of Irish descent, his father having emigrated to Ohio from Dublin. He was reared by his parents in the Quaker belief and his love for that faith was strong. His life was characterized by honesty, industry and simplicity, and his amiable disposition, his kind and generous nature, his cordial and pleasant manners won for him friends of all with whom he came in contact. Always affable, pleasant and agreeable to everyone he at once gained their respect. He had no enemies but legions of friends. He was the embodiment of the noblest traits and the community loses a valuable citizen. He studied medicine in Cincinnati, Ohio, graduating from the institution in 1843 and later graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York City.

DR. WRIGHT was married March 3, 1847, to MARGARET M. EVANS, who passed away 21 years ago after a happy married life of 37 years. They came to Iowa in October 1856, locating at Knoxville where they lived until April 1861, when they came to Chariton where they resided until death. In 1861 he enlisted in the 47th Iowa Regiment and served as surgeon until the close of the war. In 1868 he was elected to the State Senate and served efficiently in the 12th and 13th general assemblies of Iowa. He was one of the organizers of the State Board of Agriculture and was a member of the first Board of Trustees of the State Agricultural College at Ames and greatly assisted in building up that school. He also was interested in and assisted in the construction of the Burlington Railway through Iowa. The news of his sudden death

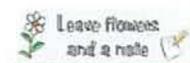


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caused a general wave of sadness and the tenderest condolence is extended to the three surviving children, MRS. J.A. BROWN, F.P. and M.E. WRIGHT, all of this city. One daughter, MRS. L.F. MAPLE, died several years ago. DR. WRIGHT had for many years been a prominent member of the I.O.O.F. and the G.A.R.

Very brief funeral services, in accordance with the Quaker custom, were held at the home of his daughter, MRS. J.A. BROWN, this (Thursday) afternoon at 2 o'clock, and were conducted by Dr. D.C. Franklin. The floral offerings were profuse and beautiful, coming from sympathetic hearts. The pall bearers were Messrs. F.R. Crocker, W.F. Hatcher, B.R. Van Dyke, O.A. Bartholomew, A.B. Gookin and L.H. Busselle. At the close of the services the remains were gently laid to rest in the Chariton Cemetery, the G.A.R. having charge of the brief obsequies at the grave.

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