

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Wilson, George W. Senator _____

Represented Jasper County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 27 Apr 1838 Elkhart County, Indiana

2. Marriage (s) date place

Susan M. Baker 11 June 1867

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities G. A. R.

C. Profession Farmer; teacher

4. Church membership Christian

5. Sessions served 15th, 16th General Assemblies 1874, 1876

6. Public Offices

A. Local He held several township offices

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 7 Dec 1916 Port Orchard, Washington; buried Washington Veterans Home Cemetery, Port Orchard, Washington

8. Children Anna; Alta; Mary; Frederick W.; Kelly

9. Names of parents Reuben and Catherine (Miller) Wilson

Wilson, George M.

10. Education He was educated mostly in Indiana

11. Degrees After coming to Iowa he spent one year at Penn College in Cobleskill, Iowa; he later studied medicine somewhere in Iowa, but did not graduate.

12. Other applicable information Republican, later Independent

- Military service - Civil War - Co. K, 28th Iowa Infantry
He enlisted 6 Aug 1862 as 7th Corporal; mustered 3 Sept 1862;
promoted 6th Corporal 25 Dec 1862; 4th Corporal 28 Mar 1863;
wounded 1 May 1863 at Port Gibson, Mississippi; transferred
to Invalid Corps 11 Nov 1863; became hospital steward in the regular Army
at New Orleans
- His wife, Susan F., born 10 Oct 1841, died 29 Jan 1901, buried
Union Chapel Cemetery, Clear Creek Township, Jasper
County, Iowa
- His parents were from Kentucky and Pennsylvania. They married in Cass County,
Indiana in 1835. The father was a preacher of the Christian Church
and in 1857 they brought their family to Jasper County, Iowa.
- He had learned the printer trade while a boy in Indiana
- He taught school when he returned from the war in Jasper County.



PORTRAIT AND
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—OF—

*Jasper, Marshall and Grundy Counties,
Iowa,*
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tives of England. Their union has been blessed by the birth of three children, Roger, Alice and Harold.



HON. GEORGE M. WILSON. It is generally considered by those in the habit of superficial thinking, that the history of so-called great men is only worthy of preservation, and that little merit exists among the masses to call forth the praises of the historian or the cheers and appreciation of mankind. A greater mistake was never made. No man is great in all things, and very few men are great in many things. Many by a lucky stroke achieve lasting fame, who before that had no reputation beyond the limits of their neighborhood. It is not the history of the lucky stroke which benefits humanity most, but the long study and effort which made the lucky stroke possible. Among those who have passed a long life of usefulness in agricultural affairs is George M. Wilson, who now has a comfortable and pleasant home in Clear Creek Township, this county.

Mr. Wilson was born in Elkhart County, Ind., April 29, 1839, to the union of Reuben and Catherine (Miller) Wilson, natives of Kentucky and Pennsylvania respectively. The parents were married in Cass County, Ind., in 1835, and Mr. Wilson, who was a preacher in the Christian Church, followed his ministerial duties in that state until 1857, when he moved with his family to Jasper County, Iowa. There he continued his labors until his death in 1865, when sixty-three years of age, having ministered to the spiritual wants of man for forty-three years, principally doing pioneer work. He was a man of fine personal appearance and great physical strength. His education was only such as the times afforded, yet he impressed all with whom he came in contact as being an earnest, efficient and faithful laborer in his Master's service. He had a force of character and a depth of sympathy and earnestness that would enable him to rank among the most influential of any community. While being too old for service

during the Civil War, he was an active sympathizer with the cause of the north. He was one of the best known and most respected citizens of the county in his day, and few ministers of the present time have acquired the prominence and influence that he had.

Grandfather William Wilson came from the North of Ireland to this country with his uncle when four years of age. He fought with the Colonists for independence, and was in the memorable struggle on the brig "Luzerne," where he was captured by the English. For eighteen months he was in Mills' Prison in England. On two occasions he and others dug their way out, but were chased down by bloodhounds. Rev. Mr. Wilson and his wife were the parents of three children, who are named in the order of their births as follows: Margaret A., deceased; George M., our subject, and W. P., of Nebraska. Mrs. Wilson survived her husband until June 10, 1893, and died when in her ninety-third year. She was a devout member of the Christian Church. Rev. Mr. Wilson was twice married, his first wife being Elizabeth Murphey, who bore him five children, one dying in infancy. The others were: Nancy, widow of E. B. Low, of Oregon; Samuel M., of Des Moines; Ruth, deceased, who was the wife of W. B. Low, and Jane E., wife of J. H. Smith.

George M. Wilson received his education principally in Indiana, and also spent one year in Oska-loosa College after coming to this state. While a boy in Indiana he learned the printer's trade, and later studied medicine in this state, but did not graduate. On the 28th of August, 1862, he joined Company K, Twenty-eighth Iowa Infantry, and was in the Western Division, Thirteenth Army Corps, commanded by General Hovey, afterwards Governor of Indiana. Mr. Wilson participated in the battle of Champion Hills, the sieges of Vicksburg and Jackson, the Red River campaign, and in other battles and skirmishes. He was mustered out of the service of his regiment at New Iberia, La., and was made hospital steward in the regular army at New Orleans. While there he was placed on board the hospital steamship "North America," which was used for the purpose of transporting sick and disabled soldiers to New York. This was in

December, 1864, and while off the coast of Georgia, December 23, the vessel was shipwrecked and two hundred men were lost. He escaped by the merest accident, lowering himself hand over hand into a row boat, and was carried to a sailing vessel some five miles away. Shortly afterward, the vessel he had left sank. He was honorably discharged from service March 30, 1866, after having been in service three and a-half years.

Shortly after his discharge, Mr. Wilson returned home and engaged in farming and school-teaching. On the 11th of June, 1867, he married Mrs. Susan W. Baker, daughter of Walter and Mary T. Briggs, early settlers of Jasper County. Mr. Briggs is deceased, but his wife resides in Kansas. He was a very fine millwright, and for some time was in the United States Navy. To his marriage were born seven children, one of whom died in its youth. Of the others, Mrs. Wilson was the eldest. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have three children, Alta J., Kittie and Frederick W. Our subject has held a number of township offices, and in 1874 and 1876 he represented the county in the Fifteenth and Sixteenth General Assemblies, holding the Chairmanship of the Committee on Claims. He introduced the first bill organizing a board of control of public charities or state charities. Prior to 1888, he was a pronounced Republican, but being a strong advocate of the reduction of the tariff, he left that party, and has since been independent. He and his family are members of the Christian Church and are active in church and Sunday-school work.



THOMAS E. REISINGER, who follows agricultural pursuits on section 23, Lincoln Township, Grundy County, claims Ohio as the state of his nativity. He comes of an old Pennsylvanian family, his grandparents, Peter and Barbara (Shaner) Reisinger, having been born in the Keystone State. The family is of German origin. The father of our subject, David Reisinger, was a native of Ohio, and in early life learned the blacksmith's trade, although he was

reared upon a farm. He married Miss Sarah F., daughter of Jacob and Betsy Sibert. She too was born in Ohio, but her parents were natives of Pennsylvania and were of German lineage. Mr. Reisinger made his home in the Buckeye State until 1866, when he emigrated with his family to Illinois, locating in Stephenson County. He rented a farm for a time, and then removed to Ogle County, where he purchased six hundred acres of land. During his earlier years he also worked at his trade. About 1876 he came to Iowa, purchased a farm of one hundred and twenty acres, and took up his residence in Grundy Centre. His death occurred in 1877. In politics, he was first a Whig, and afterward a Republican. Religiously he held to the faith of the United Brethren Church. His wife yet survives him. They became the parents of eight children: Jacob (deceased), Peter, Samuel, Adam, Thomas, Elizabeth (deceased), Lewis, and Allie, who has also passed away.

No event of special importance occurred during the boyhood and youth of Thomas E. Reisinger, as his early days were quietly passed upon the old home farm. He attended the district schools of the neighborhood and acquired a good English education. He continued with his parents until twenty-five years of age, and on leaving home was united in marriage with Miss Cordelia Brown, a native of Illinois, and a daughter of Henry and Lavina (McGregory) Brown, who were natives of Kentucky. By their union were born four interesting children: Asa, who is now attending school in Grundy Centre; Frank, Henry and Arthur.

Mr. and Mrs. Reisinger began their domestic life on rented land, which he continued to operate for five years, when, with the capital that he had acquired through industry, economy and perseverance, he purchased his present farm, comprising two hundred and sixty-three acres of good land. He has always carried on agricultural pursuits, and by close attention to the details of his business and by well directed efforts he has worked his way upward until he is now numbered among the substantial citizens of the community. His success is certainly well merited. Both Mr. and Mrs. Reisinger are members of the United Brethren Church. In politics, he is a supporter of the Re-

UNION CHAPEL CEMETERY

Located in

Section 36

Clear Creek Township

Jasper County

Iowa

by

Mrs. Roy Loven

Florence Treloar

Mrs. A. J. March

Mrs. Arthur Baird

Copied by

Mrs. Roy Loven

October - 1975

???, Anna Veva - 6-4-1871 stone buried

GAR marker

Porter, Isaac S. - son of M.P. & H. 9-13-1869 13 yr 4 mo 7da

Porter, Harriet - wife of Moses - 2-24-1813 to 3-14-1905

Weeks, Cornelia - wife of J.E. 11-13-1868 36 yr 10 mo 15 da

Thurston, Daniel - father - 1826-1922

Thurston, Jane - mother - 1840-1918

Byal, Faye M. - 1-10-1912-

Byal, Stanley H. - 8-15-1909 to 6-20-1969

Millar, Winnifred F. - Wife of Wm. - 1-19-1859 to 5-17-1899

Smith, Lorena - Dau. of E.H. & S.R. - 12-25-1905 to 9-3-1907

Smith, Rose, Wife of E.H. - 1872-1934

Florer, John w. - 8-31-1867 65 yr. 8 mo 20 da

Carpenter, John - 10-3-1877 75 yr 11 mo 1 da

Porter, John, 12-2-1875 80 yr 22 da

Porter, Rhosannah - wife of John - 3-16-1890 65 yr 1 mo 5 da

stone buried

Trussler, - Harrison + 1820-1901

Trussler, Elizabeth E. - 2-24-1864 to 9-28-1878

Trussler, Thomas - 2-14-1822 to 3-19-1901

Trussler, Margaret, his wife - 10-5-1844 no death date

Trussler, Alvira - his wife - 4-25-1822 to 12-28-1881

Meifner, Mary A. - wife of Isaac - 3-29-1880 56 yr 8 mo 14 da

Taylor, Wesley - 3-1-1878 to 12-30-1878

Beals, Charlotte, - wife of Charles E. - 1868-1951

Beals, Harry E. - 2-25-1888 to 9-4-1945

Zimmerman, Harry O. - Son of Wm. & Clara - 7-21-1878 to 9-9-1887

Skinner, Arthur - husband of E.V. - 3-27-1882 29 yr 8 mo 24 da

Skinner, Effie V. - 6-5-1854 to 10-30-1923

Wilson, Reuben - 2-6-1802 to 8-31-1865 GAR

Wilson, Catharine - his wife - 12-9-1800 to 6-10-1893

Wilson, George M. - 4-29-1838 to 12-7-1916 interred at Port Orchard, Wash.

wilson, Susan W. - 10-10-1841 to 1-29-1901

Department of Iowa
Grand Army of the Republic

Veteran's name Wilson, George M.

War

Residence

Battles, etc.

Occupation

Nearest relatives

Date birth 1838 Place

Father

Nativity

Date death Cause Place burial

Mother

Nativity

War record

Wife

Pvt. K 28 Iowa Inf.
Rank Company Regiment State Organization
Age 24 Res Newton nat Ind

Children

Enlisted Ag 9 and must Sept 3, 1862
Date Place

Disch for promotion as Hos-
pital Steward in U S Army
March 16, 1864, New Iberia,
La

Source: Roster Iowa Soldiers: George M-
Hos Steward/ Ex-Soldiers Living
Iowa 1886: Ira/ Record of Posts
(103): G W-Co K-20th Inf (not there)

Discharged Date Place

Department of Iowa
Grand Army of the Republic

Veteran's name Wilson, George M

Record Membership and Dues Paid

Offices of honor in G. A. R.

Post name Post No. Place Date Joined
E. D. Duncan 253(101) Colfax 14 0 1885

Member-at-Large

Year Date Paid Amount

Year Date Paid Amount Year Date Paid Amount

Suspended

Died



You searched for **George M. Wilson** in **Iowa**

U.S. Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles

Name:	George M Wilson
Residence:	Newton, Iowa
Age at Enlistment:	24
Enlistment Date:	8 Sep 1862
Rank at enlistment:	Private
State Served:	Iowa
Survived the War?:	Yes
Service Record:	Enlisted in Company K, Iowa 28th Infantry Regiment on 03 Sep 1862. Promoted to Full Hospital Steward on 16 Mar 1864. Mustered out on 16 Mar 1864 at New Iberia, LA. Commissioned an officer in on 16 Mar 1864.
Birth Date:	abt 1838
Sources:	Roster & Record of Iowa Soldiers in the War of Rebellion
Source Information:	Historical Data Systems, comp., <i>U.S. Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles</i> [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: The Generations Network, Inc., 2009. Original data: Data compiled by Historical Data Systems of Kingston, MA from the following list of works.
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Name: **George Wilson**

Home in 1880: Clear Creek, Jasper, Iowa

Age: 42

Estimated Birth: abt 1838

Year:

Birthplace: Iowa

Relation to Head of Household: Self (*Head*)

Spouse's Name: Susan

Father's birthplace: Kentucky [View origin image](#)

Mother's Name: Catharine [View blank](#)

Mother's birthplace: Pennsylvania

Neighbors: [View others on page](#)

Occupation: Farmer

Marital Status: Married

Race: White

Gender: Male

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Deaf and dumb:

Otherwise disabled:

Idiotic or insane:

Household Members:	Name	Age
	George Wilson	42

Susan Wilson	38
Anna Wilson	18
Alta Wilson	11
Mary Wilson	9
Fred Wilson	6
Catharine Wilson	79

Source Citation: Year: 1880; Census Place: Clear Creek, Jasper, Iowa; Roll T9_346; Family History Film: 1254346; Page: 11000; Enumeration District: 90; Image: 0226.

Source Information:

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You searched for **George M. Wilson** in **Iowa**

Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925

Name:	George M Wilson	
Birth Year:	abt 1839	
Birth Place:	Indiana	
Gender:	Male	
Marital Status:	Married	
Census Date:	1885	
Residence State:	Iowa	
Residence County:	Jasper	
Locality:	Clear Creek	
Roll:	IA1885_207	
Line:	26	
Family Number:	176	
Neighbors:	View others on page	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	George M Wilson	46
	Susan W Wilson	43
	Alta J Wilson	16
	Kitty Wilson	14
	Fred W Wilson	10
	Catharine Wilson	84

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George M Wilson

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Birth: 1838
Death: Dec. 7, 1916

He was born in Indiana.

Inscription:
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Burial:
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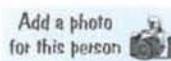


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