

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative McAllister, Charles Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Represented Clay, Oscoda, O'Brien and Dickinson Counties Iowa

1. Birthday and place 1 July 1840 South Lee, Berkshire County, Massachusetts

2. Marriage (s) date place

(1) Laura McAllister 1 Jan 1869

(2) Jennie E. Spencer 28 Dec 1892

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business President of the First National Bank of Spencer, Iowa;  
president of the Exchange Bank at Dickson, Iowa; president of the First Bank, First Ave

B. Civic responsibilities Master; Shrine; Odd Fellows; Knights of  
Pythias; Ethelogs

C. Profession Physician and surgeon; bank president; teacher  
land owner;

4. Church membership Congregational

5. Sessions served 17<sup>th</sup> General Assembly 1872

6. Public Offices

A. Local Railway surgeon of the C. M. and St. P. Railway for several years;  
president of the Valley City Medical Society

B. State Was a member of the Iowa State Medical Association

C. National He was a member of the National Medical Association and Association of  
American Railway Surgeons

7. Death 20 July 1913 South Lee, Massachusetts; buried at Lee, Massachusetts

8. Children Charles (died at age <sup>1878</sup>); Charles W. (died at age 15);  
Alexander (died circa 1911)

9. Names of parents John and Cynthia (Heath) McAllister

10. Education He attended school in the winter in his neighborhood

11. Degrees Graduate of Hallowell College in 1863 in Stockbridge, Massachusetts,  
Berkeley Medical College Pittsford, Massachusetts graduating 1865

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He was raised on his father's farm in Berkshire County, Massachusetts. After college he taught school 2 years to a <sup>school</sup> school.
- He practiced medicine in Stockbridge, Massachusetts first and in 1870 and 1871 he was located in Dixon, Illinois
- In 1872 he moved to Spencer, Iowa and became a successful physician
- His wife was the adopted daughter of his uncle, Charles McAllister who died at age 40 in April 1892
- In 1888 he erected a block of business buildings in Spencer





who will render "As You Like It," at the evening, August 18. For this great stage will be constructed, 25 feet long, boughs that it has the appearance of a

Death of Dr. McAllister

This community was inexpressibly shocked Sunday night by the reception of a telegram announcing the death of Dr. Charles McAllister from paralysis at South Lee, Mass. The funeral is held at that place today, and the remains were interred on the family lot at Lee, Mass.

Dr. Charles McAllister was born in South Lee, Massachusetts, February 1, 1840, and was of Scotch lineage. Dr. McAllister was reared upon his father's farm in Berkshire county, Mass., and was graduated from Williams college in 1863. He then studied medicine at Berkshire Medical college, graduating in 1865. He engaged in the practice of medicine in Stockbridge, Mass., in 1870 and 1871 he was located in Dixon, Ill., and in 1872 he came to Spencer, Iowa, where he has made his home ever since.

On January 1, 1869, he was married to Miss Laura McAllister, the adopted daughter of his uncle, Charles McAllister. Three sons were born to them. Charles, who died at the age of two years; Charles, the second of his name, who passed away at the age of fifteen and Alexander who died about a year and a half ago.

The wife and mother died in April, 1892, at the age of forty years. On December 28, 1898, Dr. McAllister was married to Miss Fannie E. Spencer, formerly of Alden, Iowa, who survives him.

Dr. McAllister was a very successful physician and enjoyed an immense practice. He was a prominent member of the various medical societies and was for many years railway surgeon for the C. M. & St. P. Ry. Of late years he has gradually retired from active practice serving only a few old customers in town.

Always a good business man he had accumulated a large property, owning one of the finest farms in Riverton township with other valuable real estate in Spencer besides large blocks of bank stock in various banks, being president of the First National at the time of his death.

Both Dr. and Mrs. McAllister are staunch members of the Congregational church of Spencer and faithful workers therein, the Doctor having been on the board of trustees for many years.

Dr. McAllister has been one of the strong men of Clay county. His strong ruggedness of character and sterling honesty inherited from his Scotch ancestors has ever made him a leader in all circles with which he was identified. Spencer and Clay county has suffered a great loss.

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Clay County Improvement Association

ALFALFA

We would like to have the name of every person in Clay county that is growing alfalfa or expects to grow it in the near future. Alfalfa is proving to be a valuable crop for Iowa and we wish to lend all the assistance possible to those who are taking the lead in introducing this promising crop. The following men are now growing alfalfa successfully in Clay county and will be pleased to tell you of its value as a crop as a feew and as a soil builder.

E. L. Claypool, Wm. Lang, W. H. H. Clark and A. E. Kelsner, all living south of Spencer; T. L. Olson, east of Spencer; J. L. Breidinger, north of Spencer; Wm. Bender, west of Spencer; George W. Moeller, north of Everly; John Peterson, west of Rossie; W. T. Cation, north east of Greenville; and C. L. Cutshall, Dickens.

We are collecting information on alfalfa and if we can be of assistance to you kindly let us know.

HOG CHOLERA

Hog cholera is prevalent in Clay county and we wish to urge those who are raising hogs to take every precaution possible to prevent the spread of the disease. It is germ disease and very contagious. The germs may easily be carried by persons, birds, dogs or other animals.

The following persons have vaccinated their hogs during the past two weeks and those interested may watch the results.

M. Clennon, Mrs. Kate Bueghley, Geo. Strawn and W. R. Sibley all living between Spencer and Dickens; Frank Reamer, west of Spencer; Wm. Lang and E. L. Schoning, South of Spencer; John Rusk, south of Dickens; and W. W. Wyatt, west of Fostoria.

We have been using serum made by private companies. The state has promised us some serum the last of this month and plenty of serum by the last of August.

W. A. Posdy, County Agent.

A Good Woman Gone.

Mrs. Fredrick Hoffmeister died at her home near Windom, Minnesota, on Thursday July 10, 1913, following an operation for gall stones. The remains accompanied by her son, Fred, of Windom and daughter, Mrs. Wm. H. Zishka of Spencer, were taken to Dakota, Illinois, for interment by the side of her husband who passed on to the great beyond in September 1886.

Fredricka Busse was born at Belle, Lippe Detmold, Germany, August 24, 1845. She came to America in 1866 and the following year on April 11, she was united in marriage to Fredrick Hoffmeister at Rook Grove, Illinois. To one dying in infancy. She is survived

Local News

Miss Pearl Clark returned last week from a visit with Linn Grove friends.

Karl Michell left Monday morning on a business mission to points in South Dakota.

The H. Kunath family are enjoying a month's vacation at the Seible cottage at the lakes.

Miss Leila Tinkham has resigned her position as operator in the Spencer telephone office.

Miss Floy Mather came home Friday from a week's visit with friends at Sanborn and Sheldon.

Mrs. Lucy Moorehouse had as her guests over Sunday Mesdames Elliott and Fisher of Everly.

W. R. Wheeler of Ireton, was the guest of his niece, Miss Elsie Wheeler on Thursday and Friday.

Miss Inez Cutshall came over from Dickens Monday morning for a day's visit with Spencer relatives.

Bonnie and Richard Hartman spent Thursday at the home of their uncle, J. W. Hartman, at Spirit Lake.

Miss Elsie Lang went to Fairmont, Minnesota Friday, for a visit with a college friend, Miss Mina Dunning.

Mrs. Jessie Russell, of Sanborn, visited from Thursday until Saturday with parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Lauck, head of town.

Mr. and Mrs. John Vestergaard of East River street welcomed a girl baby to their home on Friday the 18th. This is their first child.

Miss Lorena Tuttle is receiving a source of Iowa and State legislators of Le Sueur, Minnesota, who arrived Thursday of last week.

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While living in Lawrence county, Indiana, Mr. Hoggatt was sheriff four years, and member of the legislature one term; has also served a similar period as sheriff of Story county, and was a member of the fifteenth general assembly.

In politics, he was a democrat until 1854; then changing his views, became a republican, but is now known as an independent politician, with powerful greenback convictions.

He has been a Freemason nearly forty years, and has taken the royal-arch and council degrees.

He has a wife and nine children, and has lost two children. Three daughters and one son are married: Clorinda E. is the wife of Thomas Grayson, of Ames; Iris M., of Douglass McAfee, of Lawrence county, Indiana; and Rebecca S., of George D. Loud, of Dubuque, Iowa. J. Brown Hoggatt, the only son who has a family, resides at Nevada, eight miles east of Ames. The wife of Lucian Q. was Abigail Brown, of Indiana, their union taking place on the 16th of March, 1841.

Mr. Hoggatt has had a liberal share of backwoods and frontier life. Born in the territory of Indiana, where school-houses, "like angels' visits," were "few and far between," he had to forage on Pike and Dilworth just where he happened to find them, bidding

a final adieu to the school-house in his fourteenth year, and aiding to run a flat-boat to the Crescent City before he was seventeen. In those early days from 1833 to 1850 or later, there were many rough people on the Mississippi river and on some of its islands. Sometimes parties landing with well loaded boats at Islands Nos. 66 or 67 would be robbed of their provisions. Now and then a man, and in one or two cases a whole crew, would be missing. There being no law to reach these robbers and murderers, the boatmen themselves took the matter in hand, and the population of the two islands mentioned became suddenly very much decimated. Mr. Hoggatt is familiar with the minutest parts of that episode in flat-boating life.

Before leaving Indiana he formed the acquaintance of more than one horse thief and counterfeiter belonging to a branch of the Reno family, of Brown county; and once or twice he was chosen captain or leader of a band who drove the scoundrels out of that part of the state. He is evidently a stranger to fear, and is just the man to lead in a serious trial of "roughing it."

Mr. Hoggatt has a strong mind, is well posted on current events, and in talking has probably no rival, male or female, in Story county.

## CHARLES McALLISTER, M.D.,

SPENCER.

CHARLES McALLISTER, who represents the seventy-fifth assembly district in the state legislature, is a native of Lee, Berkshire county, Massachusetts, dating his birth on the 1st of February, 1840. His parents were John and Cynthia Heath McAllister. He is of Scotch-Irish descent on his father's side, his grandfather, Alexander McAllister, coming from Ireland in the latter part of the last century, and settling in eastern New York. John McAllister was a farmer, and died in 1873. His wife was of Puritan stock.

The subject of this sketch prepared for college at Williams Academy, Stockbridge, in his native county; entered the freshman class of Williams College in 1859, and, his health failing, left near the close of the sophomore year. He read medicine with an uncle, Charles McAllister, M.D.; attended lectures in the Berkshire Medical College, Pittsfield; graduated in the spring of 1865; practiced three years in

Stockbridge, when, his health again failing, he started for the west, reaching Dixon, Illinois, in the spring of 1869. At length, with his health partially restored, he spent the autumn of 1871 and the following winter in traveling through the states of Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, Kansas and Colorado, and the following March located in Spencer, the seat of justice of Clay county. Here he has steadily followed his profession, his rides extending over Clay county and into O'Brien, Dickinson, Buena Vista, Emmett, Osceola, Cherokee and Palo Alto counties. When first settling in Iowa he purchased land at Spencer; has opened a farm, which he works by proxy, and has dealt more or less in real estate, success attending all his operations.

In the autumn of 1877 Dr. McAllister was elected to the general assembly, representing Clay, Dickinson, Osceola and O'Brien counties. He received all but about two hundred votes, having the largest

majority ever given in the district, and the largest received by any member of the house in the seventeenth general assembly. He was made chairman of a special committee on the practice of medicine, and placed on the committees on railroads, hospital for the insane, asylum for the deaf and dumb, suppression of intemperance, and judicial districts. He is a new member, and says very little, but shirks no duties in the committee rooms.

Representative McAllister is a Master Mason, was made so in Massachusetts, and is a member of the Spencer Lodge.

He is a communicant in the Congregational church,

superintendent of the Sunday-school, and an active and true christian man. He is president of the Clay County Bible Society, and has been for years.

On the 1st of January, 1869, he was united in marriage with Miss Laura McAllister, an adopted daughter of his uncle, Dr. McAllister, and they have one child, a son.

Representative McAllister is about the average height, being five feet and eight inches tall, and weighs one hundred and forty-five pounds. He is polished alike in mind and manners; is courteous and cordial, frank and communicative, an easy converser, and has all the elements of a true gentleman.

## LYMAN H. WASHBURN,

### MUSCATINE.

THE man who, in the battle of life against the odds of poverty and adversity, rises to a position of honor, usefulness and independence by his own unaided energy and talents, illustrates a life story worthy of emulation. Such a man is the subject of this sketch.

Lyman H. Washburn was born at Morristown, St. Lawrence county, New York, on the 1st of July, 1832, and is the son of Zephaniah Washburn and Phebe *née* Parsons. His father removed to Worthington, Franklin county, Ohio, in 1834, where he remained till 1840, when he removed still farther west, and settled in Muscatine, Iowa. About this period he embraced the principles of total abstinence, and devoted the next four years of his life to the advocacy of temperance in public lectures in Iowa, Illinois and Wisconsin. He afterward built the Nevada Flouring Mills of Muscatine; was for many years a justice of the peace, and was the first mayor of Muscatine after its incorporation as a city in 1851.

Our subject received a common-school education in Muscatine, and as soon as able was put to manual labor to aid in support of the family. In 1852, at twenty years of age, he followed the tide of emigration to the Pacific slope, and there engaged in mining for three years, when the premature discharge of a blast brought his career as miner to a sudden termination, and came near ending his life. He escaped, however, with the loss of his right hand some four inches below the elbow. The expenses incident to this disaster involved his previous earnings, so that he returned to his home poorer than when

he left it, with the irreparable loss of his right arm. In 1858 he was elected by his fellow-citizens to the office of justice of the peace, which he retained five years, during which period he was an industrious law student, and in 1862 was admitted to the bar of Muscatine, and since then has been engaged more or less actively in the practice of his profession with very fair pecuniary results.

Mr. Washburn has always been a man of great public spirit, giving his best thoughts and energies to the public welfare, in the broadest sense of that term. In 1872 he took a deep interest in the cause of the Muscatine Western Railroad Company, a new high-way seeking to extend its lines across Iowa. Believing the enterprise to be for the public good and the especial benefit of his city, he gave three years of his time to it, with but very slight compensation a small part of the time; but at this period the panic of 1873 being succeeded by a persistent "granger crusade" against all railroads, the company became involved and the work on the line was suspended after thirty-two miles had been built.

He served as alderman of the city of Muscatine from 1865 to 1869, and during that period, owing mainly to his energy and influence, the city was regraded and all the principal streets macadamized. He is also a member of the school board of the city, and has left the impress of his vigorous character upon every department of the city's interest with which he has been connected.

In politics, he has always been a radical republican, and for some time edited a party paper.

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kindness and consideration, and who was a life-long friend. On July 22, 1874, he was married to Mary Ellen Disor of Keota. Their married life was blessed by three children, all girls, one of whom, little Maude, died at the age of twenty-two months from the effects of measles. The others are still living. The oldest, Sarah I., was married to Charles A. Singmaster November 14, 1894, and the youngest, Margaret C., is still living with her father and mother.

Dr. McFarlane was made a Mason in Scotland and is now a member of Adelpi Lodge, No. 353, A. F. and A. M., Keota; Joppa Chapter, No. 40, Sigourney, and Bethlehem Commandery, No. 45, Washington, Iowa. He is also an Odd Fellow and a Patriarch; a member of Cretona Lodge, No. 365, Knights of Pythias, Keota. He, also, is a member of Iowa Legion of Honor and of the Ancient Order of United Workmen. He is and has been a consistent republican in politics. He has enjoyed an excellent practice, and has had the confidence of the people and the friendship of his fellow physicians. He is a member of the Washington County Medical Society, Iowa Southeastern District Medical Society, State Medical Society and American Medical Association. He is "regular" in practice. He is not as yet a member of any church. Mrs. McFarlane is a member of the Church of Christ at Keota. Dr. McFarlane was elected Representative from the Forty-ninth District to the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., for 1899-1900.

**McALLISTER, DR. CHARLES**, has practiced medicine in Spencer since 1872 and has been highly successful from a professional and financial standpoint. He was born in South Lee, Massachusetts February 1, 1840, and was the son of John McAllister, a prosperous farmer, whose parents came from Scotland and located in Columbia County, New York. John McAllister purchased and occupied his farm near South Lee, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, in 1836 and lived on it until his death in 1873. His wife's maiden name was Cynthia Heath and her parents were original New Eng-

landers. This Berkshire County farm on which Dr. McAllister was born was one of the largest in Western Massachusetts. There he lived until he left it to attend college, to teach school and finally to practice his profession. After attending the common schools in his neighborhood he became a student at Williams Academy, in Stockbridge, where he remained several years; then in Williams College, where he took the classical course in the class of '63. He then entered the office of his uncle, Dr. Charles McAllister, a noted physician of Stockbridge, and with his brother, Dr. Geo. McAllister, remained some time studying medicine. After entering upon his practice failing health compelled him to retire for several years, which were spent in travel and recreation. During the year 1872 he selected Spencer as his location, began the practice of medicine and has no cause to regret his choice. He has been repeatedly honored by the people of Spencer and Clay County, and in 1877 was elected a member of the General Assembly, serving with credit to himself and satisfaction to the people he represented. In all the various positions in which he has served the public he has given entire satisfaction, for he is a public-spirited, generous and liberal-minded citizen in all respects. In 1888 he erected a \$30,000 business block in Spencer, the best in the city. In 1897 he purchased a large interest in the First National Bank of Spencer and has held the position of president of the bank since that time, although he does not give much time to its management. He has faithfully attended to the practice of his profession and has endeared himself to thousands of people to whose ills he has ministered during his long practice. In 1869 he was married to Miss Laura, the adopted daughter of Dr. Chas. McAllister, Sr. Two children were born to them. Charles, born in 1879, died in 1895, and Alexander, born in 1883. Mrs. McAllister died in 1892, and the Doctor was married a second time, in 1898, to Miss Fannie E. Spencer of Alden, Iowa. Dr. McAllister is a member of the Odd Fellows' order, is a Knight Templar and belongs to the Uniform Rank Knights of Pythias. He belongs to the Congregational Church.

HISTORY  
OF  
Clay County, Iowa

FROM ITS EARLIEST SETTLEMENT TO 1909

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BY  
Samuel Gillespie and James E. Steele

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ALSO BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES  
OF MANY PROMINENT CITIZENS OF THE COUNTY  
AS WELL AS ITS ILLUSTRIOUS DEAD

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# BIOGRAPHICAL

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## CHARLES McALLISTER, M. D.

The name of Dr. Charles McAllister has come to be regarded as synonymous with business development and progress in Clay county, for he is not only a most able and successful physician and surgeon, but is also president of the First National Bank of Spencer, president of the Exchange Bank at Dickens and president of the Everly Bank. He thus figures prominently in financial circles and throughout his entire life has directed his efforts where mature judgment and sound discrimination have led the way. Among those who have achieved prominence as men of marked ability and substantial worth in this section of the state Dr. McAllister occupies a prominent position.

A native of New England, he was born at South Lee, Massachusetts, on the 1st of February, 1840, and is of Scotch lineage. His grandfather, Alexander McAllister, was born in the land of hills and heather, of crag and plain, of lowland heath and highland. He was of the Presbyterian faith and both he and his wife lived to a ripe old age, the latter being more than ninety years when called to her final rest. Their children were Daniel, Archibald, Alexander, Charles, Mary and John McAllister.

The last named became the father of Dr. McAllister. He was born in Columbia, New York, and gave his attention to general farming in South Lee, Berkshire county, Massachusetts. He wedded Cynthia Heath, a daughter of George Heath and a representative of one of the old Puritan families of the Bay state. Her father was a native of Massachusetts and was a farmer by occupation. He died at the age of sixty-five years, while his wife passed away when about seventy years of age. Their family numbered one son and eleven daughters. The home of Mr. and Mrs. John McAllister was blessed with three sons and one daughter: George, deceased, who was a surgeon of the Civil war; Mary, who died when about sixteen years of age; Charles, of this review; and Henry, deceased. The parents have also passed away, the father's death occurring in 1874 when he was seventy-four years of age, while his wife died in 1875 at the age of seventy-four. The former was of the Scotch Presbyterian faith, while the mother was a member of the Methodist church.



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Dr. Charles McAllister, now the only living representative of the family, was reared upon the home farm in Massachusetts and supplemented his preliminary education by a course in Williams College, which he completed as a member of the class of 1863. He had engaged in teaching for two winter seasons prior to that time and after finishing his literary course he took up the study of medicine and was graduated from the Berkshire Medical College in 1865. He then located for practice in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, where he was accorded an enviable patronage. In 1870 and 1871 he resided at Dixon, Illinois, after which he traveled through the northwest and in 1872 took up his abode in Spencer, where he has since remained as an active representative of the profession. He did not regard his professional education completed when he finished his course in medical college but has always remained a student of the principles of the medical science and through his perusal of the latest medical literature has kept in touch with what the world is doing in the line of his profession. He is quick to adopt any new idea or method which he believes will have real value, in professional service and yet he does not hastily discard old and time-tried methods of practice, the worth of which has been proven in years of experience. He is very careful in the diagnosis of his cases and his ability is demonstrated in a large practice. His brethren of the medical fraternity have accorded him prominence in electing him for several terms to the office of president of the Clay County Medical Society. He is also a member of the Upper Des Moines Medical Association, the State Medical Association, the American Medical Association and the Association of American Railway Surgeons. At the present writing he is president of the pension board of examiners and he has been surgeon for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad for thirty years.

Aside from his professional interests Dr. McAllister has figured prominently in the public life of Spencer and Clay county. He is the owner of a valuable farm of six hundred and forty acres in Riverton township and has other desirable real estate. In 1887 he built the McAllister block in Spencer and has always taken an active interest in encouraging the development of various business industries and the general improvement of Spencer. Since 1897 he has been president of the First National Bank and has gained a notable place in banking circles in this part of the state, being also president of the Exchange Bank at Dickens and of the Everly Bank. His knowledge of the banking business is comprehensive and exact and to the solution of difficult financial problems he has brought keen discernment and penetrating sagacity.

On the 1st of January, 1869, Dr. McAllister was married to Miss Laura McAllister, the adopted daughter of his uncle, Charles McAllister. Three sons were born unto them: Charles, who died in 1878 at the age of two years; Charles, the second of the name, who passed away at the age of fifteen years; and Alexander, who is a graduate of Williams College of the class of 1906 and is now living in Los Angeles, California. The wife and mother passed away in April, 1892, at the age of forty years. She was a member of the Congregational church and her many excellent traits of character endeared her to those with whom she came in contact. On the 28th of December, 1898, Dr. McAllister was married to Miss Fannie E. Spencer, a graduate of Grinnell College and a daugh-

ter of J. A. Spencer, of Alden, Iowa. Both Dr. and Mrs. McAllister hold membership in the Congregational church and are greatly interested in its work and the extension of its influence. He is now serving as church trustee and has been chairman of the board for many years.

In fraternal lines Dr. McAllister is connected with Evening Shade Lodge, No. 312, A. F. & A. M., Clay Chapter, R. A. M., Esdraelon Commandery, K. T., and the Mystic Shrine. His name is also on the membership rolls of the Spencer lodge of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, the Encampment and Estherville Lodge, No. 528, B. P. O. E. Recognized as one of the leaders in republican circles, he has ever given stalwart allegiance to the principles in which he believes and represented his district in the seventeenth general assembly in 1877-8. His is a well rounded character, not so abnormally developed in any direction as to become a genius and yet with that strength of purpose and ability that has enabled him to accomplish what he has undertaken. Broad-minded and liberal in his views, he has wrought along the lines of the greatest good to the greatest number and Clay county has profited by his efforts in various fields of endeavor. His unbending integrity of character, his fearlessness in the discharge of duty in every relation in which he has been found and his appreciation of the responsibilities that have rested upon him have made him a citizen whose worth is widely acknowledged.

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#### ARCHIE HILLIARD.

The home of Archie Hilliard is just outside the city limits of Spencer in Section 1, Riverton township, and the opportunities and advantages of the city are therefore easily obtainable while the comforts of country life are also to be enjoyed. The life of Mr. Hilliard has been a most busy and useful one and various commercial interests have been promoted and successfully conducted by him. He is now extensively engaged in the manufacture of tile, brick and cement blocks, his factory being near Spencer. He is one of Iowa's native sons, his birth having occurred in Webster City, July 17, 1863. His father, Ira Hilliard, was a native of New Hampshire, born at Colebrook, where he remained until twenty-five years of age. He then removed to Pennsylvania and in the meantime had become familiar with the business of manufacturing brick. At Wilkesbarre Pennsylvania, he was married to Emily Carr, a native of that city. While residing in Pennsylvania he engaged in the manufacture of brick, but believing that still better opportunities might be enjoyed in the new but rapidly growing west, he made his way to Iowa and became one of the pioneer residents of Webster City. There he established a brick yard and engaged in the manufacture of brick for a quarter of a century. He was very successful in his undertaking, for he placed before the public a very marketable commodity, the excellence of his output and his fair dealing securing to him an extensive and lucrative patronage. In 1882 he removed to Clay county and established a brick yard here. He also carried on business in this county for twenty-five years and made brick for all the public buildings and for many of the private residences of Spencer and this

of the same year, when Mr. Martin purchased Mr. Logan's interest and has since been proprietor of the business. Four years ago he erected a fine brick store building, in which he now conducts his interests. In 1902 he admitted his son to a partnership under the firm name of J. F. Martin & Son. They carry a large line of dry goods, boots and shoes, carpets, clothing and furnishings, and they are accorded a liberal and growing patronage.

At the time of the Civil war Mr. Martin enlisted at Waterville, Oneida county, New York, for service in the Union army, being but nineteen years of age when, in 1864, he joined Company I, One Hundred and Fifty-seventh New York Infantry. He remained with that command until the close of the war and was mustered out at Syracuse, New York. Most of the time he was on duty in South Carolina under Gilmore and he participated in the skirmishes at Sumterville, Boynton and Cedar Creek. He went through many of the experiences of military life and had not yet attained his majority when the war closed.

On the 20th of June, 1877, in Schenectady, New York, Mr. Martin was united in marriage to Miss Etta Springer, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Springer. Her mother bore the maiden name of Schemerhorn. Mr. and Mrs. Martin became the parents of four children, of whom two are living: Fred J., born November 26, 1879, and Mrs. Mabel Oakes, born August 19, 1885, now a resident of Kirkwood, Illinois. For his second wife Mr. Martin chose Miss Adeline Birdsall, a daughter of Henry and Phoebe (Burton) Birdsall. His son, Fred J., as previously stated, is his associate in business.

The religious faith of the family is that of the Methodist church and Mr. Martin also belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His political indorsement is given to the republican party and he is an earnest advocate of its principles but does not seek nor desire office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs, which have brought to him well merited success. He has, however, served many years on the Hastings school board.

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#### CHARLES McALLISTER, M. D.

Strength of character, a right conception of things, an understanding of the true relations of life and its opportunities and a conscientious regard for what is best in the exercise of human activities developed in Charles McAllister a character that for honesty of purpose and intent may be equaled but cannot be surpassed. He wisely and conscientiously used the talents with which nature endowed him and thus his work became of more than secondary importance. He contributed in substantial measure to the business development and upbuilding of the community in which he lived and at the same time he graced the profession which numbered him among its members. For an extended period he practiced at Spencer, Clay county, and he figured with almost equal prominence in financial circles there.

Dr. McAllister was born at South Lee, Massachusetts, February 1, 1840, and throughout his life displayed many of the sterling traits of his Scotch ancestry. He was a grandson of Alexander McAllister, who was of Scotch birth and of Presbyterian faith. Both he and his wife lived to advanced years, the latter having passed the ninetieth milestone when called to her final rest. The children of the family

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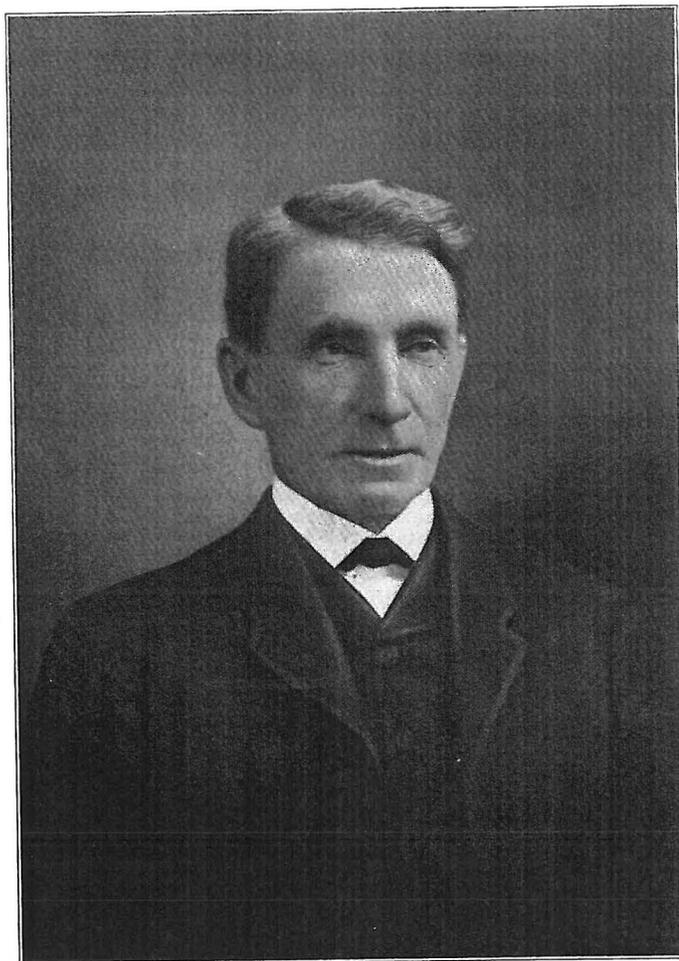
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That Dr. McAllister enjoyed the high regard of his professional brethren is indicated in the fact that they elected him to serve as president of the Clay County Medical Society for several terms. He belonged to the Upper Des Moines Medical Association, the State Medical Association, the American Medical Association and the Association of American Railway Surgeons. He became president of the pension board of examiners and for more than three decades he was surgeon for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad.

As Dr. McAllister prospered through the practice of his profession he made judicious investment in property, becoming the owner of six hundred and forty acres of rich and productive land in Riverton township and also acquiring the ownership of other real estate. The town of Spencer owes much to his efforts in her behalf, for he encouraged the development of business industries there and in 1887 he built the McAllister block. In 1897 he became president of the First National Bank of Spencer and, extending his efforts still farther along financial lines, he became president of the Exchange Bank at Dickens, Iowa, and of the Everly Bank. In banking he displayed business ability equal to his professional skill. He demanded that the interests of bank patrons should be carefully safeguarded and at the same time he found correct solution for intricate financial problems.

Dr. McAllister was married January 1, 1869, to Miss Laura McAllister, the adopted daughter of his uncle, Charles McAllister. Three children were born unto them: Charles, who died in 1878 at the age of two years; Charles, the second of the name, who passed away at the age of fifteen years; and Alexander, a graduate of Williams College of the class of 1906, who died in 1912. The wife and mother passed away in April, 1892, in the faith of the Congregational church, of which she had long been a devoted member, leaving behind her many warm friends. Dr. McAllister was again married December 28, 1898, his second union being with Miss Fannie E. Spencer, a graduate of Grinnell College and a daughter of J. A. Spencer, of Alden, Iowa. Dr. McAllister belonged to the Congregational church, in which his widow still holds membership, and in the work of the church he took active and helpful interest, serving as church trustee and as chairman of the board for many years.

Politically Dr. McAllister was a republican, stanchly supporting the party, which in 1877 elected him to represent the district in the seventeenth general assembly. His opinions upon many vital questions constituted an influential element for their support. He attained high rank in Masonry, holding membership in Evening Shade Lodge, No. 312, F. & A. M.; Clay Chapter, R. A. M.; Esdraelon Commandery, K. T.; and the Mystic Shrine. He was also identified with both the subordinate lodge and encampment of the Odd Fellows and had membership with the Knights of Pythias and in Estherville Lodge, No. 528, B. P. O. E.

Ere his death a contemporary biographer wrote of him: "His is a well-rounded character, not so abnormally developed in any direction as to become a genius and yet with that strength of purpose and ability that has enabled him to accomplish what he has undertaken. Broad-minded and liberal in his views, he has wrought along the lines of the greatest good to the greatest number and Clay county has profited by his efforts in various fields of endeavor. His unbending integrity of character, his fearlessness in the discharge of duty in every relation in which he

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Another fitting and well deserved characterization of Dr. McAllister was given in the Spencer News, which said: "Dr. McAllister had a strong personality and he who ventured to cross swords with him always found a foeman worthy of his steel. He was ready to contend for his convictions. Such a man makes some enemies, but those who were men honored him. It could not be said that he had no prejudices, but the loftiness of his personality and character and his self-sacrificing service for his fellows made you forget them and made them well nigh invisible. \* \* \* And his memory will live, rich with fragrance, in the hearts of those he served with heroic self-sacrifice."

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#### COLONEL CHARLES JAMES WILSON.

Colonel Charles James Wilson is a well known lawyer of the Washington bar, practicing as a member of the firm of Wilson & Wilson. He was born November 11, 1850, in the city where he still resides, his parents being Michael and Catherine Ann (Hood) Wilson. The Wilson family is of Irish lineage and was founded on the soil of the new world by Thomas Wilson, the great-great-grandfather, who settled first in Nova Scotia but afterward removed to Frederick county, Maryland, and subsequently to Allegany county, that state. When the colonies attempted to throw off the yoke of British oppression he joined the American army and rendered aid in the cause of independence. His son Thomas was the father of Judge James Wilson and the grandfather of Michael Wilson. The last named was born in Allegany county, Maryland, August 13, 1808, and on the 15th of February, 1849, wedded Catherine Ann Hood, a native of Ohio, and a daughter of Charles C. and Frances (Hammond) Hood. On her father's side Mrs. Wilson was a descendant of Benjamin Hood, a son of Samuel Hood, of England, whence the former emigrated to America, settling on the Patapsco river as far west as Hollofield some time prior to 1700. Through her mother Mrs. Wilson traced her ancestry back to Major General John Hammond, a son of Thomas Hammond. The former came to America in 1667 and settled on the Severn near Annapolis, Anne Arundel county, Maryland.

The father of Michael Wilson, Judge James Wilson, had removed to Perry county, Ohio, in 1816, and had there filled the office of judge. The son was reared under the parental roof, where he remained until he reached the age of twenty-five years and then started out in the world on his own account. His father gave him the use of some land and he turned his attention to the raising of tobacco. In 1840 he arrived in Iowa, settling in Washington county, where he entered a claim to a tract of land on section 29, Washington township. Not a furrow had been turned nor an improvement made upon that place, but with characteristic energy he began the development of a farm and converted it into a valuable property, upon which he resided until a few years prior to his death. He added to his holdings from time to time until he had seven hundred acres in Washington county and also a fine farm in Mahaska county. His work brought good results, for it was intelligently directed and, moreover, his industry was unflinching. Aside from his farming interests he became a



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1910 United States Federal Census		
Name:	<b>Charles McAllister</b> [Charles Mcallister]	
Age in 1910:	70	
Estimated Birth Year:	1840	
Birthplace:	Minnesota [Massachusetts]	
Relation to Head of House:	Head [Self (Head)]	
Father's Birth Place:	New York	
Mother's Birth Place:	Minnesota [Massachusetts]	
Spouse's Name:	Fannie C McAllister	
Home in 1910:	Spencer Ward 1, Clay, Iowa	
Marital Status:	Married	
Race:	White	
Gender:	Male	
Neighbors:	<a href="#">View others on page</a>	
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	<a href="#">Charles McAllister</a>	70
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