

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Wright George Senator _____
Represented Johnson County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 3 Aug 1824 Melton, Newby, England

2. Marriage (s) date place
① Mary Black 16 May 1848 Wisby, Leicestershire, England
② Mrs. Nellie Elizabeth Gordon 1877

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities Mason

C. Profession Farmer; minister

4. Church membership Methodist Episcopal

5. Sessions served 17th General Assembly 1878

6. Public Offices

A. Local Township treasurer Oct 1855 and postmaster 1861 in Johnson Co.

B. State Member of the Wisconsin Legislature 1863-1864

C. National _____

7. Death 9 June 1893 Garden Grove, near Norwich, Vermont

8. Children James L.; Lottie L.; John; Sarah; Robert; George Bowley (died 1941)
Joseph (died 25 Sept 1903); Mary Elizabeth (died 27 Oct 1930)

9. Names of parents John and Elizabeth (Jol.) Wright

Wright, George

10. Education _____

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information _____

Republican

- He was licensed as a preacher in England on January 1849.
- He and his wife emigrated from England in Mar 1849 and arrived in Cleveland, Ohio in May 1849.
- They then settled in Cross Plains, Dane County, Wisconsin in September 1849
- While in Wisconsin the post office was established in their farm home for 6 years and the Methodist Church was organized meeting in homes. Later, when enough settlers had come they could build a church
- Fifteen years later, they and the 8 children moved to Des Moines for Lyons
- His wife, Mary, died 19 Apr 1876 and is buried in Norwalk Cemetery, Norwalk, Iowa
- They left Des Moines and moved to a farm near Norwalk, Iowa
- He preached at Menlo, Dexter, Adel, Arva, Van Meter, Woodbine, and Garden Grove, all in Iowa

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

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DES MOINES, IOWA.



WEATHER FORECAST.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 13.—Illinois—Fair, except showers in northern portion this afternoon or evening.

For Minnesota—Increasing cloudiness, cooler Wednesday, southeasterly wind, becoming variable.

For Iowa—Increasing cloudiness, showers Wednesday, cooler Wednesday, east to south winds, becoming variable.

LIVE NEWS

The treasury department Monday purchased 66,000 ounces of silver as follows: Three hundred thousand at 88 1/2 and 20,000 at 88 1/2. The others were 100,000 at 88 1/2 and 100,000 at 88 1/2.

John M. Carthy of Jefferson, Iowa, is to

was fully carried out. Naturally and properly he was the recipient of distinguished honors from the citizens of St. Paul. He is a great man or he never could have built the Great Northern.

Rev. George Wright, who represented Warren county in the Iowa legislature in 1880, died at Garden Grove on Friday, June 9, and was buried at Norwalk, Warren county on Monday, June 12. The funeral sermon was preached by Rev. C. W. Blodgett, of Galesburg, Illinois. Revs. Stephenson, Hill and Perkins also spoke. Rev. Dr. Blodgett and Mr. Hill spoke of the deceased as a minister, while Mr. Perkins spoke of him in his business life. The deceased had lived a very active life. He served two terms in the Wisconsin legislature during the war, and was a strong Union man. Mr. Wright was born in England in 1824. He was married in 1848 and again in 1877. He was a minister of the M. E. church and had preached at Menlo, Dexter, Adel, Avoca, Van Meter, Macedonia, and Garden Grove, being very strong and useful as a minister. He was in all respects a good man and his death is a positive loss to the Christian ministry.

THE DEATH OF REV. DR. SALTER.

The brief dispatch in the morning papers, announcing the terrible accident at Burlington through which the wife of the Rev. Dr. William Salter was instantly killed and himself injured beyond hope of recovery, came like a stunning blow to hundreds of people in this city, as it did to thousands throughout the state and the country. No one could be prepared for such sad intelligence. All the information that the telegraph has brought us Dr. William Salter has been one of the best-loved and most widely known

to learn, and learn it forever, that the best kind of business common sense to let well enough alone."

Whisky the Regular Drink.

From the Waterloo Reporter.

A table is published giving the ratio of tall liquor dealers to population in forty states. Iowa ranks nineteenth in the and the significant words "chiefly" are attached to the record, meaning that instead of mild beverages being the chief sold, it is the more dangerous liquor. By prohibition, mild liquors were drunk; different now. —Dubuque Herald.

That's all bosh. The persis drinker drinks whisky. Go to Cal nia where wines are cheap and ev body talks wine drinking, the reg drinker always takes whisky. I in Iowa where the saloons had legal right to sell wine and beer many years before the present pro tory law was enacted, every or them carried a stock of whisky bec their customers demanded the stro drink, and it was the continued v tion of the "milder drink" law w built up the sentiment in favor of hibition. We venture to say th the wine and beer law was re-ena next winter almost every saloon tablished under its provisions w be selling whisky in less than a ; The "milder" beverage doctrine is a little "figure of speech" of these desire a wide open saloon business

SOPHS AND FRESHIES.

Yesterday was in reality a da the freshman at Drake. Accordin a long established custom the giving the evening program has to the day also, and the fact tha class flag of lavender and y floated from the college flagstaff yesterday morning occasioned no prise, except to the sophomores, considered it a piece of impudence to be overlooked.

At 11 o'clock the sophs informed class that the flag must be h down or they would haul it down, who is more loyal than the ga freshie? With grim determin they answered, never! Then th the battle. The outlook was thug. Each side arrayed itself the struggle. The dignity of sophs had been insulted, flag of the freshie had assailed. At 11:30 the desig sophs had possession of the tore possession they were likely to smash as the wary freshmen securely locked the door. But Sophomore flag floated in the b which was a signal for another saught. Accordingly the freshie vanced upon the imprisoned sophs were more than willing to forgiv be forgiven if only they might l loved their liberty. It was 12:00 and they were allowed to descend the tower unharmed, but the fre found to their dismay that they ca

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Mrs. Geo. Cline came in from Denver, Col., last week on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Hellev.

Esq. Wheeler and family visited from Saturday to Monday in Wayne county.

Ferry Baker is laid up with a sprained ankle.

Wallace Bruce had charge of the Express last week in the absence of Mr. Amos, and its columns show that he managed the double duty of foreman and editor with marked ability.

Children's Day was observed on Sunday evening at the Presbyterian church. The services consisted of songs, recitations and appropriate remarks by the older ones. A large attendance was present.

J. S. Brown and daughter started on Friday for Chicago. They will visit their old home in Ohio before they return.

Mrs. Tuttle visited her daughter, Mrs. Willey, the past week.

Rev. J. H. Hard of Anita came on a few hours' visit to Rev. Wright last Thursday.

Mrs. S. H. Amos and Mrs. C. A. McCartney returned Saturday from the World's Fair, and Mrs. Dan Stearns, A. B. Stearns and wife and L. A. Stearns on Sunday. All report a splendid time.

A. J. Davis and wife of Weldon were doing business here on Saturday.

Tom Keshble has bought a new buggy and is building a new barn.

Miss Monona Crowley of Des Moines is visiting with Mrs. B. F. Matthews and other friends.

G. P. Arnold and family started on Friday to visit relatives in Chicago and attend the the World's Fair. They will be absent about two months.

Rev. Bolts visited his parents over Sunday and preached in the M. K. church Sunday evening.

Geo. Miller came over from Allerton and spent Sunday with his family.

Miss Flossie Kellogg of Des Moines is visiting her many young friends in Garden Grove last week.

Isaac Kidwiler went to Des Moines on Monday.

This week opens up for a hot summer, the mercury reaching 90 degrees.

DIED.—On Friday morning, June 9th, Rev. George Wright, aged 68 years. The deceased had been a sufferer for years, and his last illness, which continued for ten weeks was borne with christian fortitude. The remains were taken on Saturday, the 10th, to Norwalk for interment. Union services were held at 10:30 a. m. Saturday, participated in by a number of his brother ministers. The Masons, of which order he was no honored member, attended in a body. The sympathies of the entire community are with the bereaved widow and family. "He will swallow up death in victory."

LAMONI.

We had a creamery talk from a Des Moines gentleman last Friday. The effort is well spoken of and the plans suggested meet the approval of our business men generally. In fact there seems to be but one opposer, a stock-shipping gentleman, who seems inclined to the opinion that in shipping butter stock shipments will more or less deteriorate; that milk instead of beef will become the leading feature. Evidently this ground is not well taken. The nurture of the dairy will not decrease the number of cattle in the country and the sexes of the progeny probably bear about the same relation to each other as heretofore, thus producing for both sexes. This opinion favors the dairy enterprise and the business man who opposes that public opinion endangers his own position and standing in business circles and would do well to so consider his course. There is one feature which has characterized the dairy business in this locality and established a prejudice against such an enterprise, and that is the unfortunate methods adopted and practiced by those who have essayed to operate the business heretofore—not perhaps designedly, but possibly under the influence of unforeseen circumstances. This prejudice must be overcome and confidence re-established. This ought to be easily done. The men who has stock or pasturage at hand should be invited to examine and compare the plans and proportions and accept that which commends itself as the best.

Our school children had a concert in the

Dr. J. A. Brown, Mayor, tendered his resignation to take effect June 12. This was accepted and G. P. Campbell appointed.

A son of Philip Williams fell and broke his collar bone last Friday while playing school. Dr. Wailes reports him improving rapidly.

Mr. Keshble and notice, of Kansas, arrived Saturday to visit relatives. James Keshble and wife expect to accompany them home.

Early Peters and George Hall, of Pleasanton, was in town Saturday.

Charles Sutherland is repairing his house. Mr. Wilson, of Illinois, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Beech.

Byron Snyder, of Bethany, is visiting his mother-in-law, Mrs. Fishburn, the first of the week.

Dr. Horner returned home from the World Fair Monday. He attended the medical convention.

Val Spargur left Monday for Omaha to attend the funeral of his sister, Mattie.

O. R. Frazier and wife, and Glen went to Chicago Monday.

Miss Ida Underwood accompanied by Har Frazier went to Blockley to stay during Mr. and Mrs. Frazier's absence.

The little children are practicing for children's day, under the supervision of W. I. Jennings.

Wilbert Clark went to Leon Monday to see a dog team.

Mrs. Herman Davis, of Leon, visited her mother, Mrs. Hannan last week.

Dick Daniels, of Garden Grove, was in town Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Frazier left for the World's Fair Monday.

Jim Clark has built a nobby little office between Jeffris & Brown and the bank. It is occupied by Geo. Campbell as a law office.

Justice Sylvester was run over by a horse Tuesday evening and slightly hurt.

Davis City will celebrate the glorious Fourth of July. The finance committee has raised \$45.50 and the town agrees to raise \$200 more. We think we have the place of place for the Fourth and would like to see every one with us that day. All pains will be taken to make it a most delightful day and we heartily wish for one and all to help us celebrate the jolly Fourth of July.

Lizzie Franklin who has been staying at Humeston, arrived home Sunday morning to attend the funeral of her cousin, Wm. Wood.

Mrs. W. H. Severe has relatives visiting here this week.

An engineer at the the saw mill was overcome by the heat Monday. He was taken to the shade and soon revived.

The Sylvester house had quite a run of trade last week.

WELDON.

Our base-ball boys went to Leroy, Saturday to play a return game of ball. They came off victorious with a score of 12 to 15 in favor of Weldon. The decisive game will be played in Weldon in about two weeks. We think Weldon has the best club in the county.

Mrs. Allie Chenoweth returned to her home in Argenta, Ill., last week.

Born, June 3, 1893, to Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Mitchell, of Weldon, a son. Will never stop to open the gate now, as he goes home. He steps right over it.

Fannie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Davis, is visiting them and other relatives. She has been teaching school at Rawlins, Wyoming.

Claude Wilcutt, of Humeston, visited some of his friends here last week.

Hancock Bros gave a show here Friday night. Concert singers were "Out of sight says Moses." On the evening following, Saturday, Owens gave a rendition of "Uncle Tom's Cabin." The Centerville lowe says that Mrs. Harriet Ward Beecher Stow must have been driven into imbecility by seeing one of these troupes render her story of sufferings of the poor black man.

Frank Cook of, Leon, spent several days in Weldon last week. Expect he brought the children to see the animals.

The crop of candidates is coming on nicely notwithstanding the damp weather.

Miss Wasson, of Burlington, is visiting her brothers and sisters in Clarke county.

The H. & S. Medical Society will meet at Funks Mill Thursday, June 2, 1893. The local physicians are making preparations to entertain the visiting brothers in professional man.

left, but will hereafter guard against such fellows. Of course there was considerable talk during all these transactions which only served to gain Mr. Young's confidence. It is thought that the money the sharpers had was not genuine.

A LEGISLATOR DEAD.

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SUING FOR BIG FEES.

McMillan & Van Wagener, of Rock Rapids, and Kaufman & Guernsey, of Des Moines, attorneys for Lyon county in the bond cases for the past seven years, have commenced suit against the board of supervisors to obtain a settlement for fees under their contract made with Lyon county at the time they were retained. By the terms of the contract the attorneys were to receive a retainer fee and in addition in case the bonds were defeated a sum equal to 10 per cent. of all indebtedness defeated by them. At the time suit was commenced the total bonded debt of the county was in round numbers \$200,000, the greater part of which was in excess of the constitutional 5 per cent. limit.

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THE HISTORY OF WARREN COUNTY, IOWA

*Three rivers flow through lands
of farms and woods:*

*North River; Middle River,
South River;*

*Unpretentiously they take
their separate ways*

*Before they join the current
of the wide Des Moines.*

*Though now the realm claims
dignity as "Warren County"*

*Centered round the square of
Indianola where its
Court House stands,*

*Its rolling hills and streams
were always*

*"The Three River Country"
to the pioneers.*

*— from "Lyrics from the
Three Rivers Land"
1946*

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Richards of Hartford, and William Richards of Ames. Out-of-state grandchildren are: Clarence Richards (deceased), Arkansas, Tenney Richards Brinkman, Michigan, Harry R. Art, New Jersey, and Paul Art of California and their children and grandchildren, who are scattered throughout the United States.

by Tenney Richards Brinkman and
Harry Art

WORM, FRED AND ZELMA

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Fred and Zelma Worm, Marlene, LeRoy and Joyce, about 1938.

Probably the only Worm family living in Warren Co. were Fred and Zelma Worm and children LeRoy, Joyce and Marlene who purchased and moved to an 80 acre farm north of Lake Ahquabi south of Indianola in March 1938 from a farm near Melcher, IA (Marion Co.) This farm is now owned by Wayne and Marilyn Dotts and they have replaced the house and barn, but the well dug by Fred Worm still remains.

This was a "lamp lit" home by a dirt road when the Worms lived there. Two children, LeRoy in first grade and Joyce in kindergarten, walked one-half mile to Round Grove country school where Glee Jacobs (Fetters) was our teacher. During one snow storm, Joyce got stuck in a snow drift coming home from school and LeRoy went in to the Butlers to borrow a stove shovel to dig her out. Joyce also had scarlet fever during her first year of school and missed several weeks of school. The PTA was a big thing and once Fred dressed up as Mae West for some program.

Maude and Bill Davis were our closest neighbors. Mrs. Davis would reward whoever would bring their mail with a star shaped cookie with tiny silver balls in each corner, so we children all wanted to do it. It meant walking about a mile, but, Oh, it was worth

it! Maude Davis drove her Model A car to Des Moines weekly to deliver fresh eggs to customers. She helped make Joyce and Marlene happy little girls on one Christmas morning by finding Mrs. Worm two rubber dolls at one of her customers which were then dressed by Mrs. Worm and given "from Santa". This was during WWII and rubber dolls weren't being made.

Other neighbors were Mr. and Mrs. Lennie Butler, the Harold Lesters and Orville Lesters. Mike Butler was older than the Worm children, and would bring his pony down for them to ride. The Kenneth Dyer and Ivyl Dyer families and Warren McKee families were good friends.

Fred farmed his land with a horse and two mules. He had cattle, some hogs and chickens around all the time. Fall was butchering time and the carcass hanging on the back porch brought nightmares. Zelma always canned beef and pork sausage. In the summer the home churned butter and milk were hung in a bucket down in the well where it was cool. We had an ice box but never had ice for it. Fred was great on going to the sale barn on "Sale Day" and would usually bring home a sack of jelly beans.

Our transportation was a 1926 Buick, but in the fall a friend brought us down a 1928 Buick from Newell, Ia for which Fred paid \$100.00.

In the spring of 1942, the family traded for an 80 acre farm near the Spring Hill community west of Indianola. The children then attended the Mt. Hope Country School. A Mrs. Haworth was teacher. Fred and Zelma sold their farm and equipment during the winter of 1942 and bought seven acres from Fred Ruth in the west end of East Peru, IA (Madison Co.) Fred went to work as a section laborer for the Chicago Great Western Railroad one month after moving to Peru. He worked twenty-one years for the railroad and retired in 1964. Fred lived along in Peru after Zelma died of heart failure on November 6, 1972. He sold the acreage in June 1976 and moved to a small home in New Virginia, IA near his daughter, Joyce Reynolds.

LeRoy, Joyce and Marlene all attended Peru school through the eighth grade and completed high school at Winterset, IA. LeRoy now lives in Garland, TX, is married and has two grown sons. Joyce is married to Robert D. Reynolds and they farm near New Virginia, IA. They have two grown sons, Dan and wife Ranea and son Clayton farm near New Virginia, IA and Martin and Jo Ellen Bishop Reynolds who farm near Indianola. Marlene is married to Charles Behrens and lives in McAllen, TX. She has a married daughter with two little daughters, and a grown son.

Birthdates: Fred Davis Worm November 10, 1897; Zelma Ann Leeper Worm March 9, 1903 - November 6, 1972; LeRoy Leeper Worm December 24, 1932; Ferna Joyce Worm Reynolds September 22, 1934; Rose Marlene Worm Smith Behrens April 8, 1936.

by Joyce Reynolds



WRIGHT, REV. GEORGE

F1198



Rev. George and Mary (Black) Wright, wedding picture married May 10, 1848.

Rev. George Wright was born August 3, 1824, youngest of five children of John and Elizabeth Fox Wright, in Melton Mowbray, England. John Wright was born in 1781 and died January 20, 1857. Eliza was born in 1781 and died December 15, 1857.

George married Mary Black of Frisby Leicestershire, Old England on May 10, 1848. He was licensed as a local preacher in January of 1849. He and his wife emigrated by sailship, leaving March 1849, they arrived at Cleveland, OH in May 1849. They settled in Cross Plains, Dane Co., WI, September 1849, and united with the Methodist Episcopal.

George was elected township treasurer October 1855, appointed Post Master in 1861. The Post Office was established in their farm home and they named it Mt. Horeb. Besides operating the Post Office George farmed and was the Methodist Preacher. The Post Office remained in their home for six years and then moved to Mt. Horeb Corners. In 1854 the first Methodist Church was organized and they met in homes. In 1864 more settlers came into the area and was strong enough to build a church. \$50.00 was deeded to George Wright and four other trustees and they bought two and one-half acres. Settlers gave freely and a church was built for \$3,000.00 and deed recorded to Mt. Horeb Church and Cemetery. It was the only church there for 25 years.

George and Mary, after 16 busy years and eight children, later moved to Des Moines, IA and lived there two years. This was nine years after Des Moines was made the capital of Iowa, the Spirit Lake Massacre and the Civil War had just ended. Iowa had been relinquished by the Indians in 1845 and Iowa gained Statehood in 1846. In 1868 George Wright bought farm land and built what was a mansion at that time, and sold it 14 years later to John Robinson. It was kept in the

Robinson family until when the ground was sold and the house burned to make room for the community of Lakewood.

George's wife, Mary died of cancer April 19, 1876 and is buried in the Norwalk Cemetery. He remarried to Nellie Gordon of Madison Co. He joined the Des Moines Conference of the Methodist Church and served many pastorates in the conference. He died at Garden Grove June 9, 1891 and is buried at Norwalk.

by John Wright

WRIGHT, GEORGE BOWLEY

F1199



George Bowley and Mary Jane (Glaze) Wright, married June 28, 1874.

George Bowley Wright, the third of eight children, of Rev. George and Mary Black Wright, was born May 1, 1853 in Dane Co., WI. He came, with his parents to the Norwalk area of Warren County in 1868. He was married on June 28, 1874 to Mary Jane Glaze.



Edith May Wright York, 1879-1954.

Mary Jane was the first child born in Norwalk. She was born July 9, 1856, to W.S. and Mary Black Glaze.

George and Mary Jane were parents of three children, James Arthur, born May 20, 1875; Frank L., born June 1, 1877; and Edith M. born June 6, 1879.

Edith M. Wright married John A. York, of South Dakota on January 23, 1904. Edith died October 31, 1954. The sons are mentioned elsewhere in this history.

George was a carpenter and worked many years in that occupation. He also was a lay preacher and was very active in the Norwalk Methodist Church. George and Mary Jane lived all their married life in the Norwalk area. Mary Jane died October 29, 1927, and George died September 2, 1941. Both are buried in the Norwalk Cemetery.

by John Wright

WRIGHT, JAMES ARTHUR

F1200



James Arthur and Margie (Dickson) Wright. Wedding picture, married March 20, 1907.

James Arthur Wright, son of George B. and Mary Jane Wright was born May 20, 1875 near Norwalk. On March 20, 1907 he married Margie Dickson, daughter of William R. and Margaret Pilmer Dickson of Norwalk. They spent eight years in Odessa, Washington before returning to Norwalk to spend the rest of their lives. They were the parents of five children, Alice Margaret, born January 20, 1908; George William, born January 29, 1910; Mary Maxine, born June 7, 1912; Ruth Marie, born July 31, 1916; and John Dickson, born June 22, 1923.

Jim was a carpenter and built 20 houses in south Norwalk plus many houses and barns in the area. He never really retired and spent all his free time working with wood and refinishing old furniture. He and Margie were active in the Methodist Church and Masonic Lodge and Eastern Star. Jim was District lecturer for many years. Margie was involved in Ladies Aid and loved quilting. Their son John still has a "Name Quilt" she helped to make in 1930.

Margie died June 4, 1965, at age 88 and Jim died February 1, 1969 at the age of 94 years. They are buried in the Norwalk Cemetery.

by John Wright

WRIGHT, JOHN DICKSON

F1201



John Dickson and Dora Lee (Madison) Wright, 1970.

John Dickson Wright, youngest child of James Arthur and Margie Dickson Wright, was born June 22, 1923 at Norwalk, Iowa. He graduated from Norwalk Consolidated School in May 1941. He attended electronics school and worked at various jobs in the Norwalk area. On August 7, 1944 he went to work for Iowa Power and Light Co. in the electric meter shop. He became a meterman and did installation, testing, and repairing of electric meters all over the Iowa Power service area. In October of 1969 he became Supervisor of electric meters for Iowa Power until his retirement July 1, 1985, after nearly 41 years of service.

John helped organize the Norwalk Volunteer Fire Department and was the first Fire Chief of the organization. He served on the Norwalk Planning and Zoning Commission for 18 years, from 1967 until 1985.

On December 11, 1948, he married Dora Lee "Dee" Madison, daughter of George William and J. Catherine Madison of Des Moines. Dee was born July 9, 1922 in Des Moines, IA. In 1949 they built the home they live in today.

John and Dee are parents of two children, a son, Dickson Lee Wright, born September 8, 1949, and a daughter, Alice Marie, born January 27, 1953.

Dickson has been employed by Northwestern Bell Telephone Co. since 1971 and is living in Des Moines and is not married.

Alice married Timothy Bryan of Williams, IA. They live in Des Moines and are parents of two children. Casey Allen Bryan was born March 4, 1976 and Katie Marie Bryan was born August 21, 1979. Alice has worked as nurse assistant at Iowa Lutheran Hospital for 12 yrs.

John and Dee now live in Norwalk two blocks from where John was born and raised.

John joined the Masonic Lodge in Norwalk

OFFICIAL RECORD.

MINUTES

OF THE

THIRTY-FOURTH SESSION,

OF THE

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nancial, physical, professional, he had evolved a noble christian manhood, pure free and steadfast, and a ministerial character, winning masterful and progressive. Dear, delicate, sensitive, yet strong and noble, Brother Fassett, farewell! When we shall go to "bathe our souls in a serener atmosphere than this" may thy childlike yet noble simplicity blend with the smiles that shall give us welcome.

REV. GEORGE WRIGHT.

George Wright, son of John and Elizabeth Wright, was born in Melton Mowbray, England, Aug., 3, 1824, and entered into rest from the parsonage at Garden Grove, Iowa, June 9, 1893. Pious parents dedicated him to God in his infancy, and he became conscious of the fact that he was a subject of converting grace and the visible fellowship of the church of God in his fourteenth year. Nine years later in his native place, he was licensed to preach the Gospel. He was married to Miss Mary Black, in Frisby Leicestershire, England, May 10, 1848, and emigrated to America in March, 1849. He settled first in Cleveland, Ohio, and later in Cross Plains, Wisconsin.

In 1852 he removed to Springfield, Wisconsin, where he filled various public positions of honor and trust. He was elected to a seat in the Wisconsin Legislature in 1863, and was re-elected in 1864. He removed to Des Moines, Iowa, in 1868, and the year following located on a farm near Norwalk, Iowa. While residing here he was honored by being elected a member of the Seventeenth General Assembly from Warren county. Before entering the Itinerancy, he served the church of his choice efficiently in all its various official relations and was a local elder at the time of his admission on trial to the Des Moines Conference, September 20, 1878, in Atlantic, Iowa.

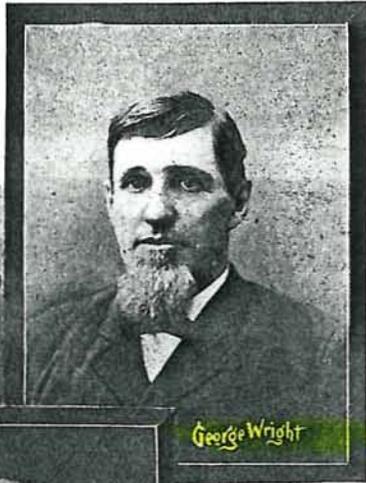
His effective ministerial service covered a period of fifteen years, fourteen of which were spent in the Atlantic District. His fields of labor were Avoca, Menlo, Panora, Dexter, Macedonia, Adel, Garden Grove. He served three of these charges full terms of three years, Avoca, Panora and Macedonia. But he served them all with that vigor and strength which characterized him as a man. His work was effective, and the result satisfactory. He looked with fidelity after every interest of the church or churches committed to his care. His people built up under his conscious effort and administration. He was a devoted servant of our Lord Jesus Christ.

There were born to George and Mary B. Wright, five sons and three daughters, all living except one daughter. The devoted Christian wife and mother died in holy triumph April 19, 1876. The eldest son John W. Wright is a member of this Conference.

Brother Wright was united in marriage a second time, with Mrs. Nellie E. Gorden, of Madison County, Iowa, who, with one son, Carroll Haven, remain to mourn his departure. But they are blessed with strong consolation in his long and useful life, his last ten weeks illness amid excruciating sufferings yet endured with heroic faith and girded with immortal hope, with visions of the blessed ones in the church triumphant at times and then at the last, blessed, victorious, peaceful end, like a tired child falling asleep in the arms of its parents; he closed his eyes to the fleeting cares of earth to open them in the blessed reward and rest of his Lord.

"Life's labor done,
Serenely to his final rest he passed;
While the soft memories of his virtues
Yet linger like the sunlight hues
When that bright orb is set."

Fitting memorial services were held on Saturday forenoon in the church in Garden Grove, in which various brethren of the Chariton District, participated. Final services were held on Monday at Norwalk, the place of interment at which Rev. Charles W. Blodget, of Galesburg, Ills., his intimate friend and former Presiding Elder, paid a glowing tribute to his memory.



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George WRIGHT (AFN: 1V4N-3HL)
Sex: M

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Event(s):

Birth: 3 Aug 1824
 , Melton, Mawby, England
Death: 9 Jun 1893
 Norwalk, Warren, Ia
Burial:
 Norwalk Cemetery, Warren, Ia

Parents:

Marriage(s):

Spouse: Mary BLACK (AFN: 1V4N-3JS)
Marriage: ~~Before 1849~~ *16 May 1848*
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Husband's Name

George WRIGHT (AFN:1V4N-3HL)[Pedigree](#)

Born: 3 Aug 1824 **Place:** , Melton, Mawby, England
Died: 9 Jun 1893 **Place:** ~~Norwalk, Warren, Ia~~ *Garden Grove, Ia*
Buried: **Place:** Norwalk Cemetery, Warren, Ia
Married: Bef 1849 **Place:** ~~, , Wi~~ *16 May 1848 England*

Father:
Mother:

Wife's Name

Mary BLACK (AFN:1V4N-3JS)[Pedigree](#)

Born: 19 Nov 1821 **Place:** , Frisby, Lucester Shire, England
Died: 19 Apr 1876 **Place:** Norwalk, Warren, Ia
Buried: **Place:** Norwalk Cemetery, Warren, Ia
Married: ~~Bef 1849~~ **Place:** ~~, , Wi~~ *16 May 1848 England*

Father:
Mother:

Children

1. Sex Name

M James L. WRIGHT (AFN:1V4N-3PT)[Pedigree](#)

Born: 1862 **Place:** , , Wi

2. Sex Name

F Hattie L. WRIGHT (AFN:1V4N-3Q2)[Pedigree](#)

Born: 1864 **Place:** , , Wi

3. Sex Name

M John WRIGHT (AFN:1V4N-3K1)[Pedigree](#)

Born: 1849 **Place:** , , Wi

4. Sex Name

F Sarah WRIGHT (AFN:1V4N-3NM)[Pedigree](#)

Born: 1859 **Place:** , , Wi

5. Sex Name

M Robert WRIGHT (AFN:1V4N-3MF)[Pedigree](#)

Born: 1857 **Place:** , , Wi

6. Sex Name

M George Bowley WRIGHT (AFN:1V4M-PZG)[Pedigree](#)

Born: May 1853 **Place:** , , Wi
Died: 1941 **Place:** Norwalk, Warren Co., Ia
Buried: **Place:** Norwalk Cem., Warren Co., Ia

7. Sex Name

M Joseph WRIGHT (AFN:1V4N-3L7)Pedigree

Born: 4 Aug 1851 **Place:** , , Wi
Died: 25 Sep 1903 **Place:** Indianola, Warren Co., Ia
Buried: **Place:** Manoah, Warren Co., Ia

8. Sex Name

F Mary Elizabeth WRIGHT (AFN:X5GP-SR)Pedigree

Born: 27 Nov 1854 **Place:** , Dare Co, Wi
Died: 27 Oct 1930 **Place:** Norwalk, Warren Co., Ia
Buried: **Place:** Norwalk Cem., Warren Co., Ia



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Death: Jun. 9, 1893

"Through his ministry many found Christ"

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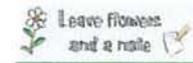


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Birth: Nov. 19, 1821
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wf of Rev George Wright

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