

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Blair, Gilbert McNaughton Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Represented Hamilton County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 14. June 1839 Adams County, New York

2. Marriage (s) date place

Emma Rachel Sayre 25 Sept 1872 Mayeville, Scott County Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business \_\_\_\_\_

B. Civic responsibilities \_\_\_\_\_

C. Profession Farmer; merchant

4. Church membership \_\_\_\_\_

5. Sessions served 19<sup>th</sup> General Assembly 1880

6. Public Offices

A. Local First postmaster of Blairburg

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

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

7. Death 1912 Blairburg Iowa; buried Blairburg Township Cemetery, Blairburg, Iowa

8. Children James William; Gilbert Bruce; Ethel Christine Janet;  
Mary Emma

9. Names of parents Daniel and Janet (McNaughton) Blair

10. Education \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_11. Degrees \_\_\_\_\_  
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## 12. Other applicable information \_\_\_\_\_

Republican

- Blairburg Township in Hamilton County was named for the Blair family - John Blair in 1869
- He moved with his family from Delaware County, New York to Broome County, New York in 1842, then to Winnebago County, Iowa until 1867
- He taught school in Winnebago County for several terms
- In 1866 he entered government land in Hamilton County, Iowa and in 1867 he settled on it and began to improve it.
- He lived on this land until 1871. He then moved to Blairburg, Iowa where he engaged in the lumber and grain business until 1883.
- He moved to Webster City, Iowa in 1883 and published The Webster City Argue newspaper.
- In 1886 he returned to the farm.



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## 1 PORTRAIT ALBUM

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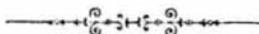
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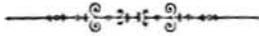
now his home. At that time it was a tract of wild prairie land, but he has improved it and now has one of the best farms in the township. He was married June 6, 1848, to Miss Laura Remington, a native of Jefferson County, New York, daughter of Jonathan and Charlotte (Woodard) Remington, natives of Vermont. They have had a family of ten children, six of whom are living—John, of Brown County, Nebraska; Peter, of Hamilton County; Ida A., wife of John Bossert, of Webster City; Alonzo, Jane and William at home. Jerome and three infants are deceased. Mr. House is a member of Winfield Scott Post, G. A. R. In politics he is a Republican.



**G** M. BLAIR, one of the first settlers of Blairsburg Township, and for whom it was named, was born in Delaware County, New York, June 14, 1839. His father, Daniel Blair, was a native of Glasgow, Scotland, born in 1800, a son of William and Christina (Pettigrew) Blair, who came to the United States in 1805 and settled in Delaware County, New York, where Daniel was married April 22, 1825, to Janet McNaughton, also a native of Scotland, born in 1802, daughter of Gilbert and Mary (McCallum) McNaughton, who came to the United States in 1811. In 1842 Daniel Blair moved to Broome County, New York, and thence in 1856 to Iowa and settled in Winneshiek County, where he lived until 1867 when he moved to Hamilton County, where he died August 18, 1887. The mother still lives in Liberty Township. Of their family of eight children six are living: Mrs. Christina McCarthy, of Winneshiek County; Mrs. Mary Wheeler and Mrs. Ann Brown, of New Hampton, Iowa; Mrs. Eliza-

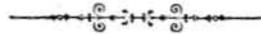
beth J. Castner, Anna M. and Gilbert M., of Hamilton County. James P. and William were members of the Thirty-eighth Iowa Infantry, and both gave their lives in the defense of their country. Gilbert M. Blair was sixteen years of age when his parents came to Iowa, and in this State he grew to manhood. He was given fair educational advantages and then taught school a number of terms. In 1866 he entered government land in Hamilton County, and in 1867 settled on it and began to improve a frontier farm. At that time there was but one house between Alden and Webster City, a distance of twenty-seven miles, and the prairie was one unbroken tract for miles, not a tree or shrub to be seen. He lived on his land until 1871 and then located in Blairsburg and engaged in the lumber and grain business until 1883, when he moved to Webster City, and for two years published the Webster City *Argus*. In 1886 he returned to Blairsburg and located on his farm, which is near the town. In politics Mr. Blair is a Republican, casting his first vote for President Lincoln. In 1879 he was elected to the Legislature, during which session the "Prohibitory Constitutional Amendment" was submitted to a vote of the people. He took an active part in favor of the amendment both in the General Assembly and in the campaign which followed, acting as chairman of the Prohibition Amendment Committee, and by thorough organization gained a decided victory in the county. He has also held other offices of minor importance. He was married September 25, 1872, to Emma Sayre, who was born August 24, 1849, in McHenry County, Illinois, daughter of James and Christina (Pickett) Sayre, natives of Seneca County, New York, who located in McHenry County in 1846. Mr. and Mrs. Blair have four children—James William, Gilbert Bruce, Ethel

Christina Janet and Mary Emma. Mr. Blair and his wife are members of the church at Blairsburg.



**W**ILLIAM ALLINSON, furniture dealer, Williams, Iowa, is one of the prominent business men of the place. He was born in Jo Daviess County, Illinois, April 12, 1842, a son of John and Elizabeth (Tool) Allinson, natives of England, where they were married, and shortly after their marriage they came to America, and lived a few years in Canada. From there they moved to Pennsylvania, and then to Michigan, and thence to Jo Daviess County, Illinois, in 1838. They settled in Vinegar Hill Township, where the father died in January, 1861. The mother died in Grant County, Wisconsin, in April, 1888. William Allinson remained at home until after the breaking out of the war of the Rebellion, and October 9, 1861, enlisted and was assigned to Company I, Sixteenth Wisconsin Infantry, serving until March, 1863. He participated in the battle at Shiloh, and siege and battle of Corinth. After his discharge he returned to Wisconsin, where he lived until 1875, when he came to Hamilton County, Iowa, and for two years worked at farming his own land. He then engaged in selling agricultural implements, and then, in company with John Bennett, worked at the wagon-maker's trade for about two years, and then, in company with L. L. Cady, engaged in blacksmithing and wagon-making until April, 1887, when he became established in the furniture business, and is building up a good trade. He was married in Grant County, Wisconsin, December 21, 1864, to Jane Armstrong, a native of Jo Daviess County, Illinois, daughter of William and Mary (Sharks) Armstrong.

To them have been born four children—Ada, Jennie Lee, William and John. In politics Mr. Allinson is a Republican. He has served as township clerk and justice of the peace and mayor of the incorporated town of Williams. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. He was one of the charter members of Cassius Fairchild Post, No. 431, G. A. R.



**R**H. RODEARMEL was the first business man of Jewell, opening his drug store here soon after the advent of the railroad, which gave birth to the town. He was first located on the original plat, but five years later moved to King's addition, which is now the business part of the town. He carries a full and complete stock, keeping pace with the growth of the town and the requirements of the community. He has been a resident of Iowa since 1870, locating in that year in Nevada, Story County, where he established the *Nevada Watchman*, the second Democratic paper in that county. After conducting the paper successfully for some time he sold out and engaged in the drug business. Mr. Rodearmel was born in Lycoming County, Pennsylvania, in 1842. In 1856 his parents moved to Freeport, Illinois. In 1861 he responded to President Lincoln's call for troops to put down the rebellion, enlisting in the three months' service. After his return home he engaged in the grain trade at Foreston and Shannon, and, as before stated, moved to Iowa in 1870. He is one of the representative men of Hamilton County, public-spirited and progressive, and has been influential in advancing the interests of Jewell, where he has lived since its existence as a town. In politics Mr. Rodearmel is a Democrat, and an earnest advocate of its

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## GILBERT MC NAUGHTON BLAIR

Male

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Christening:

Death:

Burial:

### Marriages:

Spouse: [EMMA RACHEL SAYRE](#)[Family](#)

Marriage: 25 SEP 1872 Maysville, Scott, Iowa

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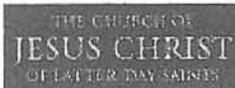
## Household:

Name	Relation	Marital Status	Gender	Race	Age	Birthplace	Occupation	Father's Birthplace	Mother's Birthplace
<u>Gilbert M. BLAIR</u>	Self	M	Male	W	40	NY	Farmer	SCO	SCO
<u>Emma BLAIR</u>	Wife	M	Female	W	30	IL	House Keeping	NY	NY
<u>Willie BLAIR</u>	Son	S	Male	W	6	IA		NY	IL
<u>Bruce BLAIR</u>	Son	S	Male	W	9M	IA		NY	IL

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- *ID:* I7101
- *Name:* Gilbert M. BLAIR
- *Sex:* M
- *Note:* Gilbert was a merchant of Blairsburg, Iowa.

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**Marriage 1** Emma R. SAYRE b: 24 AUG 1849

- *Married:* 1872

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## 1880 United States Federal Census

**Name:** **Gilbert M. Blair**  
**Home in 1880:** Blairsburg, Hamilton, Iowa  
**Age:** 40  
**Estimated birth year:** abt 1840  
**Birthplace:** New York  
**Relation to head-of-household:** Self (*Head*)  
**Spouse's name:** Emma  
**Father's birthplace:** Scotland  
**Mother's birthplace:** Scotland  
**Neighbors:**  
**Occupation:** Farmer  
**Marital Status:** Married  
**Race:** White  
**Gender:** Male  
**Cannot read/write:**  
**Blind:**  
**Deaf and dumb:**  
**Otherwise disabled:**  
**Idiotic or insane:**

Household Members:	Name	Age
	<a href="#">Gilbert M. Blair</a>	40
	<a href="#">Emma Blair</a>	30
	<a href="#">Willie Blair</a>	6
	<a href="#">Bruce Blair</a>	9M

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