

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Calkins Merton <sup>Mc Martin</sup> Herbert Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Represented Jones County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 15 Sept 1828 Mexico, Oswego County, New York

2. Marriage (s) date place  
Lucinda Loudin 5 Nov 1855

3. Significant events for example:  
A. Business \_\_\_\_\_

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

C. Profession Physician

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

5. Sessions served 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies 1882, 1884

6. Public Offices

A. Local Mayor of Hyoming

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

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

7. Death 27 Sept 1909 Hyoming, Iowa; Buried Hyoming Cemetery, Hyoming, Iowa

8. Children Elon (Mrs E. H. Briggs); Mary (Mrs E. D. Caswell)

9. Names of parents \_\_\_\_\_

10. Education He was educated in the common schools

11. Degrees He took a course in the College of Medicine in Geneva, New York, later Medical University of New York City

12. Other applicable information

Republican

- He was of Mayflower lineage and colonial ancestors on both his maternal and paternal sides.
- He began reading school at age 7 in country schools and later in the city of Albany, New York.
- He read medicine in a doctor's office in Albany and later attended school.
- In spring 1856 he moved to Iowa, settling first at Mapleton and then to Hyoming, Iowa on 14 June 1856. There he practiced medicine for nearly 50 years.
- In 1862 he mustered 69 men and formed Company K of the 24<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry serving in the Civil War.
- Many of his writings are found in the 1879 History of Jones County Iowa.
- His wife, Lucinda, born 15 May 1839, died 25 Dec 1915, also buried Hyoming Cemetery, Hyoming, Iowa.



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at the post office at Wyoming, Iowa,  
 intended for transmission through the  
 first second class rates.

**N. Stoffel, Dentist.**  
 WYOMING, IOWA.

Mr. Babcock was in Chicago last  
 on business.

Mr. W. I. Chamberlain is visiting  
 lives in Chicago.

The Strollers' never fail to please.  
 House, October 4th.

Miss Edith Hsley of Mechanicsville  
 Sunday under the parental

Mr. Finch is having his house  
 east Webster street raised and  
 leveled.

Mr. Wolf is putting down a ce-  
 ment walk in front of his premises  
 east Main street.

The lecture course will begin  
 promptly at 8:15 Monday evening.  
 is closed during numbers.

Mr. Bender has put in some ce-  
 wall from Washington street  
 and his residence.

Mr. Ed. ...  
 report were in town last week.

Dr. M. H. Collins, one of the pion-  
 eers of our town, departed this life  
 Monday evening at ten o'clock, after  
 a prolonged decline covering several  
 years. His wife and children were  
 at his bedside during his last hours.

The town and surrounding country  
 mourn the loss of this man who dur-  
 ing about fifty years of active work  
 was ministering to the sick and af-  
 flicted of this community. His heart  
 was of the tenderest, and his nature  
 truly sympathetic and comforting.  
 He was beloved and honored by  
 the people and in turn loved the peo-  
 ple and did much for them. He fell  
 at a good ripe age, having passed his  
 81st birthday. The funeral services  
 will be held at his late residence to-  
 morrow afternoon at 2:00 o'clock,  
 and the remains interred in the cem-  
 etery on the hill. Obituary next  
 week.

A rare treat is in store for those  
 who attend the first number of the  
 Lecture Course October 4th.

E. L. Barber has sold his interest  
 in the Ames & Barber livery stable  
 and buildings to C. B. Larkey. The  
 new firm will run an up-to-date liv-  
 ery and be strong competitors for  
 business.

A large number of friends gave  
 Rev. Hsley and family a surprise at  
 the parsonage last Monday evening.  
 There was a large company present  
 and a very nice purse of money giv-  
 en the old pastor as a remembrance  
 of the occasion.

The Rev. H. E. Wilcox of the M.

E. church is in Mason City in attend-  
 ance upon the sessions of the Upper  
 Iowa Conference now in session at  
 from the congregation of this place

**Onslow Items.**

E. A. Hoffman and wife from Los-  
 Angeles, Cal., are visiting their rel-  
 atives at this place.

Mrs. Maud Cole of Clinton is spend-  
 ing a few days with the home people.

Henry Reade has returned from  
 the western part of the state.

Voyle Paul has gone to Chicago to  
 take a medical course.

Mrs. N. B. Noyes and daughter,  
 Lou, were Maquoketa visitors last  
 Friday.

Bert Walters has purchased an au-  
 tomobile, making three in town at  
 present.

John Noyes and wife of Baldwin  
 were callers in town Monday.

Nick House was shopping in Ma-  
 quoketa last Friday.

Mrs. H. H. Roberts invited about  
 thirty ladies to a quilting at her  
 home last Wednesday. An elegant  
 dinner was served by the hostess and  
 altogether it was a very enjoyable  
 occasion. Two quilts were quilted  
 and several pounds of carpet rags  
 sewed.

Bert Curtright's family have ship-  
 ped their household goods to Rock  
 well City, where Mr. Curtright has  
 been working for some time. The  
 family will leave for that place on  
 Thursday.

The first number of the lecture  
 course will be given by the Houston  
 October 16th.

The Catholic church at this place  
 is being torn down and will be moved  
 to Baldwin as the church there was  
 destroyed by fire.

The ball game last Saturday be-  
 tween Center Junction and Onslow  
 resulted in a score of 5 to 6 in favor  
 of Onslow after fourteen innings.

Tuesday was Mrs. Mary McMas-

postal card shower of over seventy  
 from her friends and old neighbors,  
 as a mark of their esteem.

Ma and Mrs. H. ...  
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CHURCHES.

**EPISCOPAL.**—Services every morning at 10:30. Sabbath school at 10:00. Prayer services at 7:00. Prayer at 10:00 on Thursday evening. The Epworth League every Sabbath evening at 6:30. H. W. WILSON, Pastor.

**PREBYTERIAN.**—Services every morning at 10:30. Sabbath school at 10:00. Prayer services at 7:00. Prayer at 10:00 on Thursday evening. The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor meets Sabbath evening at 8:15. W. H. HOLLEY, Pastor.

**METHODIST EPISCOPAL.**—Morning services at 10:30. Sabbath school at 10:00. Prayer services at 7:00. Prayer meeting every evening. Young People's Christian Endeavor meeting at 7:15 o'clock. G. F. HUFFMAN, Pastor.

**LUTHERAN.**—Services every morning Sunday morning at 10:30. Sabbath school at 11:45. Young People's meeting at 8:00. PAUL OLSEN, Pastor.

**W. H. HOLLEY, Commander**  
**EVANS, Adjutant**

**O. BEN PAUL CORPS No. 4.** Meets second Saturday of month in G. A. R. Hall at 8:30 P. M. JANET ROBERTSON, President.

**A. M. KEYSTONE LODGE** No. 502. Regular convocations in Masonic Hall on Tuesday evening or before full moon. Brothers attending are cordially invited. W. H. CHAMBERLAIN, W. M. OVERLEY, Secretary.

**O. F. WYOMING LODGE** No. 147. Meets every Monday in Odd Fellows Hall. Visiting brothers welcome and cordially invited to W. G. DAWES, N. G. WHITE, Secretary.

**S. WYOMING CHAPTER** No. 27. Meets the first Monday of each month. All visiting members cordially invited. MRS. NAUDE STO. 372, W. M. HATTIE LAWSON, Sec.

**WYOMING CAMP** No. 11. Meets on the second and fourth days evening in each month. Neighbors made welcome and cordially invited to either around the camp at 8:00 o'clock. W. O. PARKS, Consul. WILKER, Clerk.

**I. CHAMBERLAIN,**  
 ATTORNEY AT LAW  
 AND NOTARY PUBLIC.  
 Williams' Block, north side Main Street, Wyoming, Iowa.

The subject of this memorial was born near the town of Mexico, Oswego county, New York, September 15th, 1828, and was of Mayflower lineage and colonial ancestors both on the maternal and paternal side. He was educated in the common schools and at the age of seventeen began teaching

in the country schools; later in the city of Oswego. He read medicine in a local doctor's office while in Oswego, then took a course in the College of Medicine in Geneva, New York, finishing his course in the Medical University of New York City, and began his practice at Constantia, New York. He was married November 5th, 1855, to Miss Lucinda Loudon of North Bay, Oneida county, New York.

In the spring of 1856 he moved west to the new state of Iowa, stopping a few weeks at Maquoketa, and June 14th, 1856, came to Wyoming, then a town of not over a dozen houses but hopeful and growing rapidly, and the surrounding country not only a most beautiful rolling prairie but also rapidly gaining in settlers who were busily engaged in breaking up the virgin soil and laying the foundations of the costly homes and farms of Jones county. The young doctor built a dwelling on a block cornering on Main and Washington streets, modest in size, and the building material about all black walnut cut from the groves along Bear creek or on the Maquoketa. And here, upon this lot, but in a more pretentious mansion, built in later years, Dr. Calkins resided and practiced his chosen profession for nearly fifty years before he gave up to the infirmities of age and rested from professional labors. As a physician he was eminently successful and held his very large practice perhaps as much by his social, genial strength of character and magnetic influence and the sunshine that always entered the sick room with his presence, as by the administering of drugs. His personality was a force for good not only in the sick room but in the entire neighborhood. During his long practice he was faithful to all calls respond-

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**N. W. HUTCHINS,**  
ATTORNEY AT LAW,  
PENSION AND CLAIM AGT.  
on north side Main street, over post  
office, Iowa.

**DAVIS McCARN,**  
ATTORNEY AT LAW.  
has complete abstracts of title to all  
land town lots in Jones county, and with  
abstracts. Anamosa, Iowa.

**R. M. CORBIT,**  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
and NOTARY PUBLIC  
WYOMING, IOWA.  
on north side Main street, ground  
first door east of Peck's grocery  
farmer's phone at office; Wyoming  
(Jones County) phone at residence.

**R. R. H. SPENCE,**  
PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON.  
over W. O. Shaffer's store. Night  
calls answered from residence, North  
Washington Street. } Office 30  
Telephone:..... } Residence 122

**ALICE B. CORBIT**  
PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON.  
Practice. Calls answered from  
office on Jones street one block  
west of the German Lutheran church,  
Anamosa, Iowa. Telephone No. 71.

**H. CHAMBERLAIN**  
PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON.  
same as formerly occupied by Dr  
Kirkpatrick, over Babcock's drug  
store, Wyoming, Iowa. Night calls  
answered from residence.  
Office 37  
Residence 82  
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**R. J. H. GUTHRIE,**  
PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON.  
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Washington street, 2nd door from  
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personality was a force for good not only in the sick room but in the entire  
growing community, and he was looked up to as a safe advisor and true  
counsellor. During his long practice he was faithful to all calls respond-  
ing cheerfully, and we have no knowledge or remembrance of his ever press-  
ing his patients for fees or invoking the courts to assist him in collecting  
from those who perhaps should pay but did not. It can never be truth-  
fully said of him that he oppressed the poor or failed in performing fully  
every obligation imposed upon a medical practitioner, and because of these  
characteristics he had the love and respect of the people.

In 1862, acting as mustering officer, he administered the oath of allegi-  
ance and mustered into the state militia a company of eighty-nine men,  
who afterward formed Co. K of the 24th Iowa Infantry, and served their  
country during the civil war. He also acted as one of the state commis-  
sioners in the years 1862-3 to go to the southland and take the vote of the  
soldiers then in the field.

Dr. Calkins had little of the politician in him and never sought office.  
But when the town of Wyoming was incorporated he was unanimously  
chosen mayor, and in 1881 was nominated as the republican candidate to  
represent this county in the lower house of the state legislature; the dem-  
ocrats made no nomination and the doctor was unanimously elected. Two  
years later he was re-elected and although opposed by a leading democrat  
polled a very large majority, and in Wyoming township out of a total vote  
of 211 he had 200 votes to his credit. In the legislature he was true to his  
party and his conscience. He was one of its fifty-two members who voted  
for the prohibitory law. He led in the house in the matter of the passage  
of the oil inspection law and had opposed to him one of the most active  
and unscrupulous lobbies, who went so far as to hide the bill after it was  
returned from the senate. But Dr. Calkins called a halt during the last  
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Dr. Calkins was a writer of unusual ability and every day for many  
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He was a modest man, living the simple life of one devoted to his pro-  
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 life, courteous manner and kindly daily life, set a standard of good living  
 to several generations of young people in the community that has been for  
 the betterment of our social life.

Dr. Calkins departed this life on the evening of September 27th, 1909,  
 surrounded by his family: Mrs. M. H. Calkins, his widow; Mrs. Elva  
 Briggs of St. Paul, and Mrs. Mary Chassell of LeMars, daughters.

The funeral services were held at his late residence on Friday afternoon  
 at three o'clock. The Rev. Henry Cullen of Milan, Illinois, spoke briefly  
 of the deceased and was followed by Rev. W. H. Hsley of this place. Rev.  
 C. F. Hoffman offered prayer and the services closed in the chanting of the  
 Lord's prayer by E. A. Grimwood of Oxford Junction. The attendance  
 upon the funeral obsequies was very large, house and front yard being  
 fully occupied. There were present from out of town T. E. Booth and  
 wife, Judge F. O. Ellison and wife, H. M. Remley and others from  
 Anamasa; Senator R. C. Stirton, J. W. Dorse, M. L. Carpenter,  
 Thomas A. King and wife, and others from Monticello; L. M. Car-  
 penter, wife and others from Olin; Dr. Bowen, J. A. Wherry, and  
 others from Maquoketa; E. A. Grimwood and others from Oxford Juc-  
 tion and many from Onslow. After the services at the house the remains  
 were interred in the Wyoming cemetery. The active pall bearers were:  
 J. T. Wherry, A. G. Alden, E. C. Vaughn, A. N. Reade, E. M. Babcock,  
 O. S. Ames, John Thomsen, J. W. Waite. The honorary bearers accom-  
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## Iowa Cemetery Records

Name: **Merton Halbert Calkins**  
Death Date: **27 Sep 1909**  
Page #: **29**  
Birth Date: **15 Sep 1828**  
Cemetery: **Wyoming**  
Level Info: *Jones County Gravestone Records*

### Source Information:

Ancestry.com. *Iowa Cemetery Records* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: The Generations Network, Inc., 2000. Original data: Works Project Administration. Washington, D.C.: n.p., n.d.

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## Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925

Name: **Martin H Calkins**  
 Census Date: 1885  
 Residence County: Jones  
 Residence State: Iowa  
 Locality: Wyoming  
 Birth Location: New York  
 Family Number: 31  
 Marital Status: Married  
 Gender: Male  
 Birth Year: abt 1829  
 Line: 9  
 Roll: IA1885\_213

## Neighbors:

Household Members:	Name	Age
	Martin H Calkins	56
	Lueinda Calkins	45
	Elva T Calkins	22
	Mary A Calkins	18

## Source Information:

Ancestry.com, *Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: The Generations Network, Inc., 2007. Original data of Iowa State Censuses, 1856, 1885, 1895, 1905, 1915, 1925 as well various special censuses from 1836-1897 obtained from the State Historical Society of Iowa via Heritage Quest.

## Description:

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## 1880 United States Federal Census

Name: **Martin H. Calkins**  
 Home in 1880: Wyoming, Jones, Iowa  
 Age: 51  
 Estimated birth year: abt 1829  
 Birthplace: New York  
 Relation to head-of-household: Self (*Head*)  
 Spouse's name: Lucinda  
 Father's birthplace: New York  
 Mother's birthplace: New York  
 Neighbors:  
 Occupation: Physician  
 Marital Status: Married  
 Race: White  
 Gender: Male  
 Cannot read/write:  
 Blind:  
 Deaf and dumb:  
 Otherwise disabled:  
 Idiotic or insane:

Household Members:	Name	Age
	Martin H. Calkins	51
	Lucinda Calkins	41
	Elva T. Calkins	18
	Mary A. Calkins	14
	Hannah Louden	71

Source Citation: Year: 1880; Census Place: Wyoming, Jones, Iowa; Roll: T9\_348; Family History Film: 1252948; Page: 391, 3000; Enumeration District: 373; Image: 0364.

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