

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Bright, Thomas Senator _____

Represented Henry County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 28 Dec 1804 Hocking County, Tennessee

2. Marriage (s) date place

Susan Winterbourns 16 Nov 1828 Hocking County, Tennessee

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Farmer

4. Church membership Methodist Episcopal

5. Sessions served 1st General Assembly 1846

6. Public Offices

A. Local _____

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 6 Oct 1878 near Oakland Mills, Iowa; buried Pleasant Port Cemetery, Henry County, Iowa

8. Children William; Orleans; George; Jacob; Stibely; Mary E. Jones; Martha; Thomas P.; Presley; Jeremiah; Adeline; Three additional children preceded their father's death

9. Names of parents _____

Wright, Thomas

10. Education _____

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information _____

- He and his wife moved to Audisno in 1829 where they lived for 7 years and then moved to Tippecanoe Township, Henry County, Iowa in 1836.
- They were the parents of 15 children, 6 grew to adulthood and by his death, only three survived - Orlan, Jacob and Mary E.

are, cannot do all in the way of education that is really required. They are rather preparatory agencies, than real educational agencies, a place for giving the mind such a preparatory training as will best fit it for its future work. The real work of education begins afterwards. To the schools then the library must be supplemented if education is to be rounded and complete.

A library affords one of the highest attractions to a large portion of the visitors to a place, and the best people who may be in search of a location for a home:— Then let this city, far famed for its churches, its schools, its love of good morals and good order, and more or less for its general culture, come forward with generous liberality and aid and encourage those who have given freely so much of their time to this important work; and to year by year increase its usefulness, and place it upon an enduring foundation. Libraries like most other things worth having cannot be secured and maintained without a generous liberality; and while grateful for the aid heretofore afforded; the association feel they must call upon the public for the same support in the future.

M. W. RANNEY, Ch. Lib. Com.

REPORT OF LECTURE COMMITTEE.

Owing to the pressure of the times, but three features were introduced by the committee and no season tickets issued.— These were:

John Habberton.

Prof. Swing.

Alfred J. Knight.

Each involved loss. On Habberton, \$19.35; on Prof. Swing, \$9.50; and on Mr. Knight's entertainment, \$1.30. Making an aggregate loss of \$30.15.

C. T. COLE,

ALICE L. TAYLOR,

BELLE A. MANSFIELD,

Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance per last statement	\$ 195 15
Donations	354 97
Library receipts	120 24
Lecture receipts	240 10
Notes and interest	134 95
Home entertainments	72 87
Total	1118 28

DISBURSEMENTS.

Rent	\$ 150 00
Cases and tables	45 57
Insurance	36 00
Books and Printing	162 01
Lectures	270 25
Added to fund on interest	200 00

this part of Iowa, it may be said, wheat is inferior in quality and quantity, in Cass county from eight to ten bushels is the average. Corn and grass are abundant.

This season may be called a sickly one; chills and fever have prevailed to an alarming extent; and many cases have been fatal. I was greatly surprised to learn the deaths of Rev. Walter Bishop and Medad Lyman, both estimable citizens of New London. These painful events should be seasonable admonitions.

It is now anticipated that the Chillecothe Railroad to Council Bluffs will cross the B. & M. at Malvern, as I learn the towns in that vicinity have voted 5 per cent tax.

Hoping for your continued success, and increasingly so in your publishing interests, I remain as ever, Yours,

D. T. BECKWITH.

DIED.

On Sunday evening Oct. 6th 1878, at his home two miles west of Oakland mills. Thomas Wright in the 74th year of his age. Mr. Wright was born Dec. 28th 1804 in Hocking Co. Tenn. He was married in the same county Nov. 16th 1828 to Miss Susan Winterbowers. He moved to Stark county Indiana in May 1829. In May 1836 in company with Peyton Wilson, now deceased, he removed to Henry county Iowa Territory, crossing the Mississippi river at Fort Madison and located on Big Cedar where Jay's mill now stands. In 1842 he removed to his present farm.

When Mr. Wright, first come to the Territory his nearest neighbor was Isaac Pidgeon, 6 miles south, and Aaron Street who lived about where Salem now is. The Indians then were all around them and the Indian chief Keokuk frequently visited his cabin. Father Wright was converted in Jan. 1839, lived a consistent christian, loved to read his bible where he found great comfort and consolation in his sorrows and bereavements. He was loyal and true to his country, gave his sons to defend the nation's flag. He was the father of fifteen children, three only are now living, one son and two daughters. One son died in the army, one at Denver, the others at or near home.

Father Wright was truly a kind father, a devoted husband and a good neighbor.— He represented his county in the state Legislature in the winter of 1846, Iowa City being at that time our state capital. Thus one by one the early pioneers of our country are passing away.

THE MARKETS.

Mt. Pleasant Markets.
MT. PLEASANT LIVE STOCK MARKET.
Corrected weekly by J. M. Dawson.
Mt. Pleasant Oct. 15, 1878

these have times, thanking my

rons for past favors,

I am yours, respectfully

MAGGIE MALL

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Observe the above advertisement. Go direct there and buy for yourself. Clothe yourself at less money than any other concern can in the city. Simply because all goods coming into the above establishment are bought direct from the manufacturers, and at a discount of 10 to 15 per cent is given. This can only be done because one of the partners is connected with one of the largest wholesale manufacturing clothing in the United States. Over coats, fine suits, large lot of Trunks, Hats, Caps, Gent's Underwear, kinds of Gloves. New styles of Neckwear. Fine shirts. We warrant all our goods at what we sell them. Sit at the west corner of the Park

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The Concert.

announcement that Miss Anna Full-
her friends by a farewell
e called out a fine audience last
ening at Union Hall. Though
r has been away from us the
years engaged in the prosecution
ical studies in Philadelphia, her
s have never lost sight of her;
ollowed her professional progress
e and affection. From time to
limentary allusions to her grow-
rity with the public have caught
the friends at home, but scarcely
prepared for the high order of ex-
which she has already attained
sical career. The secret of this
may be found in her lofty en-
or the profession she has chosen,
encious appreciation of the truth
y one of the greatest of artists.
ong." She believes the genius
ork is the genius that finally
t inspiration is only wrested
god's - everlasting importunity.
and for the evening was one of
select. First we had the "Hunts-
rewell," Mendelssohn, an har-
rtet. The Quartet Club of Mt.
s something to be remembered
e. The young gentlemen com-
is club, Messrs. Hare, Lehev,
nd Allen, have fine, well-culti-
vices, and are always warmly
henever they choose to come be-
audience. Misses Chalfant and
performed the "Galop di Bravou-
nusually fine style. Prof. Rom-
Grand piano seemed anxious to
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as the rare, rich tones swelled in
or were lost in *pianissimo*. The
nber announced "Judith, Scena
," Concone, by Miss Anna Fuller,
he lady made her appearance on
e, accompanied by Prof. Rommel,
gree'nd with the most enthusiastic
seemed indeed a splendid
ent of the heroic Jewish maiden
mpassioned appeal for divine aid,
one consecration to the salvation
people. Source: Iowa Territorial and State Legislators Collection compiled by volunteers and staff at the State Historical Society of Iowa Library, Des Moines, Iowa.

THOMAS WRIGHT.

Another Pioneer and Good Man Called Home--Sketch of His Life.

One by one the pioneers of our county
are being gathered, like ripened sheaves,
into the great garner-house of the hereaf-
ter, and on the quiet Sabbath evening, Oc-
tober 6th, 1878, another of Henry county's
old and venerated pioneers, Mr. Thomas
Wright, was removed from his earthly
home, full of years and full of the virtues
of a well-spent life, honored and beloved
by all who knew him.

Mr. Wright was born December 28th,
1804, in Hocking county, Tennessee, was
married in the same county, November
16th, 1828, to Miss Susan Winterbowers;
moved to Park county, Indiana, in May,
1829. In May, 1836, in company with
Peyton Wilson, now deceased, he removed
to Henry county, Iowa Territory, crossing
the Mississippi River at Fort Madison, lo-
cated on Big Cedar, where Jay's mill now
stands, and in 1842 moved on to the farm
where he died. When he first came to
Iowa, his nearest white neighbors were
Mr. Isaac Pidgeon, six miles to the south
and Aaron street, who lived, it is believed,
where the town of Salem is now situated.
He had Indians all around him, who
made sugar in their camps during three
or four seasons after Mr. Wright came:
the Indian Chief, Keokuk, was a frequent
visitor in his cabin, but Mr. Wright lived
to see the red men pass away, "like the
thickets where they grew," and give place
to the pale faces, who made beautiful
farms on old hunting grounds, erected
fine dwellings on the sites of the rude wig-
wams and made the once wild prairie
blossom like the rose, with gardens, or-
chards and fruitful fields.

Father Wright was converted to the
Christian faith under the ministry of Rev.
Michael See, in January, 1839, and lived
a consistent christian life until the time of
his departure. He loved to read his Bi-
ble, wherein he found great comfort and
consolation in all his sorrows and bereave-
ments. He was loyal and true to his
country, and gave his vote in defence of
her good old starry banner. He was the
father of three children, three only of

Geo. W. Percells.

Geo. W. Percells, of Tippence town-
ship, died at 2 a. m. on the 11th inst., with
typhoid pneumonia, aged 26 years, leaving
a wife, one child, two sisters and a father.
He was buried at Pleasant Point cemetery,
on the evening of the same day, owing to
the condition of the body. A large num-
ber of neighbors and friends attended the
funeral, Rev. DeGarmo, of Trenton, of-
ficiating. He was an honorable, upright
man, a good citizen, and a good neighbor,
whose loss will long be felt in that com-
munity. He was a native of Indiana, but
had resided where he died for 21 years.
He was a brother to the wife of our town-
man, Mr. N. W. Rozelle. He was serious-
ly sick not over a week. The friends have
the sympathy of all in their sudden and
sore bereavment.

Ho For Nebraska.

Next Monday, October 21st, Mr. R. B.
Randall will accompany a special excur-
sion party from Mt. Pleasant and Henry
county to Lincoln, Nebraska. Bound trip
fare, to Lincoln and return, tickets good
for forty days, \$14.90. Mr. Randall is
familiar with Nebraska lands and loca-
tions, is a splendid man to travel with, the
season is very favorable for the trip, it
will be the last excursion of the season,
and all wishing to visit Nebraska should
not lose this splendid opportunity. For
further particulars see Mr. Randall, or
Mr. Henry C. Saunders.

Two Extremes.

Mr. W. H. Davis and Mr. J. W. McKib-
bin, of Winterset, Iowa, created a sensa-
tion on our streets last Saturday, present-
ing a remarkable physical contrast. Mr.
Davis is nearly seven feet tall, very slen-
der and perpendicular, the tallest man, we
believe, in Iowa, while Mr. McKibbin is
36 inches tall, rather plump, weighs only
46 pounds and is 29 years old. His fath-
er is 6 feet 1 inch tall and his mother
weighs over two hundred pounds, and the
little fellow has a brother as tall as the
father. This remarkable pair while prom-
admirer of the big and little people of
the city.

is the genius that finally inspiration is only wrested by everlasting importunity. The young gentlemen club, Messrs. Hare, Lehew, Allen, have fine, well-cultured, and are always warmly ever they choose to come belience. Misses Chalfant and formed the "Galop di Bravou" usually fine style. Prof. Romrand piano seemed anxious io n this, its first introduction in he rare, rich tones swelled in were lost in *pianissimo*. The r announced "Judith, Scena loncone, by Miss Anna Fuller, lady made her appearance on accompanied by Prof. Rommel, ted with the most enthusiastic he seemed indeed a splendid of the heroic Jewish maiden said appeal for divine aid, consecration to the salvation e. The power and richness of as admirably adapted to the style of the composition, and as s died away and she gracefully owing her thanks for the floral fell on the stage, the "encore" fortunate that she was compelled and this time favored her au-a simple ballad. We were now he "Fantasie on Semiramis," y Prof. Rommel. Finding ed at a "Knabe Grand" he was d almost surprised his friends er and brilliance of the per-An elegantly arranged basket rom Miss Fuller testified her n. The fifth number, "Break, ballad arranged by Rudolphson, y Prof. Fish, vocal teacher in atory. As this was the first ap- of the gentleman in concert, the as rally a little critical, but sweet tones and fine vocaliza-ed criticism and made him a once. To the continued "encore" ed with the "Maiden." The trio "Mem-

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Caught and Caged.

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Called and Recalled.

Rev. Dr. Burns, formerly President of our University, and more recently President of Centenary College, Indianola, writes us a private letter from Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, where he is now principal of a fine institution. We are pleased to learn that he is comfortably settled. Soon after he had accepted the situation at Hamilton he had a call to become pastor of Grace M. E. Church, Chicago, but it was too late to be considered. Our own and the best wishes of a million of Iowa friends are with Mr. Burns in his new home, and we regret that so good and worthy a man could not have been retained in our state.

Religious Notice.

Rev. Isa A. Eberhart, State Superintendent of Universalist Churches, will deliver a course of theological lectures at the Universalist Church in this city, commencing Friday evening, Oct. 25th, and continuing several successive evenings.

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OF
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Trueblood, N. S., far., S. 34; P. O. Salem.
Trueblood, Stanford, far., S. 26; P. O.
Mt. Pleasant.

Trueblood, W. D., far., S. 33; P. O. Sa-
lem.

Tull, John, far., Sec. 8; P. O. Rome.

UPTON, GEORGE, laborer, Rome.

Upton, J. E., far., S. 12; P. O. Mt. Pleas-
ant.

VANDOSEN, J. A., far., S. 30; P.
O. Rome.

Vandosen, M. J., far., S. 33; P. O. Salem.

Vantoril, R., far., S. 20; P. O. Rome.

WARLEY, JNO., shoemaker, Rome.

WALKER, ISAAC, S. 11; P. O.
Mt. Pleasant; owns 63 acres; was born
in Manchester, England, in 1835; came
to America in 1841; his parents first lo-
cated in Lee Co.; came to Henry Co.
in 1846. Mr. Walker married in 1860
Henrietta Hobbs, a native of Ohio, born
in 1843; they have five children—John
F., Albert T., Charlotte J., Edith
I. and Robert N.; have lost one child
—Elizabeth, aged 3 years.

Waters, E., far., S. 14; P. O. Mt. Pleasant.

Welch, Manly, far., S. 12; P. O. Mt.
Pleasant.

Welch, Merritt, far., S. 12; P. O. Mt.
Pleasant.

WHITE, GENIUS, far., S. 10;
P. O. Rome; owns 310 acres; was
born in Indiana in 1821; he removed
to Van Buren Co., Iowa, in 1841.
Married in 1849 Mary A. Grant, a na-
tive of Indiana, born in 1826; they
have five children—Clarissa J., George
W., Emily, Richard W. and Pleasant G.

WHITE, N. F., far., S. 12; P. O.
Mt. Pleasant; owns ten acres; born in
Hamilton Co., Ohio, in 1811; removed
with his parents to Indiana; thence to
Illinois in 1820; he came to Burlington
in 1836; to Mt. Pleasant in 1839; has
been a resident of Henry Co. since.
He married in 1833 Mary A. Rose, a

native of Kentucky; they have two
children—Rachel, born in 1841, and
Edward E., born in 1849; have lost
two children, Emeline, who died in
1858, and John M., 1878. Mr. White
has lived on the farm he now owns
for thirty-nine years.

Wilkinson, W. R., far., S. 20; P. O. Rome.

Williford, B., far., S. 14; P. O. Mt.
Pleasant.

Williford, J. D., far., S. 14; P. O. Mt.
Pleasant.

Wilson, Payton, far., S. 33; P. O. Salem.

Woods, Hugh J., far., S. 27; P. O. Mt.
Pleasant.

Woods, Paul, far., S. 31; P. O. Rome.

WRIGHT, SUSAN, MRS., far.,
Sec. 22; P. O. Oakland Mills; owns
100 acres; she was born in East Ten-
nessee in 1812. Married, in 1828,
Mr. Thomas Wright, also a native of
East Tennessee; born in 1804. They
removed to Indiana in 1829, where
they resided seven years; came to
Tippecanoe Tp. in 1836. Mr. W. was
a member of the Legislature of 1846.
He died Oct. 6, 1878. Had been a
member of the M. E. Church for thirty-
three years. He left Mrs. Wright and
three children—Orlean, Jacob and
Mary E. Mr. Wright was an honor-
able, upright man, and has left a record
worthy of imitation. Mrs. Wright has
lost twelve children, six of whom had
reached maturity.

Wright, Thomas, far., S. 14; P. O. Mt.
Pleasant.

YAKLE, B., far., S. 27; P. O. Mt.
Pleasant.

Yakle, F., far., S. 27; P. O. Mt. Pleasant.

YAKLE, LUKE, retired farmer,
Sec. 29; was born in Germany in 1808.
Married in 1831 Ann E. Finks, a na-
tive of Germany; born in 1810. Came
to Baltimore, Md., in 1834; removed
to Ohio, thence to Henry Co. in 1843.
He has had eleven children, six of
living. P. O. Rome.

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through Missouri, marching from the latter place to Cape Girardeau, where the regiment took boats for St. Louis, and then marched to Ft. Scott, Kan., following Price to the Indian Territory. They then turned back and marched to Springfield, Mo., from which place they returned to St. Louis and from there to Louisville, Ky., and then to Gravel Springs, Miss. From there they went on the Wilson raid to Columbus, and thence to Macon, Ga., where they first learned the glad news that Lee had surrendered and that the war was over.

Mr. McCoy, with his Captain and thirty men from Company D, were sent to Washington, Ga., where they took charge of the commissary department, and were engaged for a time in parolling prisoners. At this place lived ex-Senator Tombs, of Georgia. The day previous to the day of the arrival of Company D, Jeff Davis and Breckenridge passed through Washington, leaving with Tombs \$5,100 which had been taken from the Treasury of the United States. Of this amount \$3,000 was in silver of the coinage of 1861, and the remainder in \$20 gold pieces. This money Tombs turned over to the Union troops, and Mr. McCoy took it to Gen. Upton, at Atlanta, Ga.

While at Washington, Ga., the soldiers were sent to talk with the slaves, and try to persuade them to remain till the cotton crop was taken care of. The regiment was sent from Atlanta, Ga., to Louisville, Ky., thence to Lafayette, Ind., then to Michigan City, Ind., and from there to Chicago, and finally to Davenport, Iowa, where they were mustered out after having served their country for four long years.

On the 25th of March, 1866, Mr. McCoy was united in marriage with Miss Martha I. Allender, daughter of Thomas and Jane M. (Allred) Allender. Her father was a native of Maryland, and mother of North Carolina. Mrs. McCoy was born in the Territory of Iowa, Oct. 26, 1844. Mr. and Mrs. McCoy have had two children: Ida May, born in Lucas County, Iowa, Feb. 14, 1867; Martha J., born Oct. 1, 1870, died Aug. 1, 1871.

In the spring of 1866, Mr. McCoy moved his family to Lucas County, Iowa, where they lived for five years. In 1871 they returned to the old homestead and took charge of his father's farm, where

they remained until 1874, when he bought eighty acres of land on section 3, Marion Township, Henry County, at which place he still resides. For the last fourteen years Mr. McCoy has been extensively engaged in raising Poland-China hogs. He has some of the finest stock in the county, which, placed upon the market, always brings the highest prices paid. Of his hogs he had in the fall of 1887 six recorded females and all eligible of record. Politically Mr. McCoy affiliates with the Republican party, and is, with his wife, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

In October, 1876, Mr. McCoy went to Philadelphia, where he remained several days attending the great Centennial Exhibition. With two companions he started from home by way of Chicago, going from thence to Detroit, and by way of Niagara Falls to New York City, and from there to Philadelphia. From Philadelphia the party went to Washington, D. C., Harrisburg and Pittsburgh, Pa., and Columbus, Ohio. At Pickaway, Ohio, Mr. McCoy stopped and went from there to Hardin County in the same State, where he visited two brothers and a sister. After enjoying a brief visit, he returned home by way of Indianapolis, Peoria and Burlington.



JACOB WRIGHT, a farmer of Henry County, residing on section 22, Tippecanoe Township, was born in Parke County, Ind., Oct. 12, 1835, and is the son of Thomas and Susan Wright, natives of Tennessee. Our subject came to this county with his parents, who settled in Tippecanoe Township in 1836, and here he was reared on a farm, receiving his education at the district schools. In the fall of 1861 he went with Cal Moore to Missouri, serving as home guard, and remained about a month. Mr. Wright then returned home and enlisted in Company M, 4th Iowa Cavalry, in November, 1861, serving four years, having re-enlisted at Vicksburg as Sergeant. He was under fire during the following battles: Siege of Vicksburg; first, second and third battles at Jackson, Miss.; Tupelo, Meridian, Miss.; Guntown, at which place his horse was shot from under him, Ripley;

and on Wilson's raid. He was taken prisoner while on picket duty at Helena, Ark., in the fall of 1862, and was confined in a cell in the Little Rock penitentiary for forty days. He was mustered out on the 8th of August, 1865.

After the close of the war, Mr. Wright returned home and again engaged in farming. He was united in marriage, on the 6th of December, 1866, with Miss Frances C. Gainson, a native of New York, being born in New York City, and a daughter of E. P. and Frances C. (Devoo) Gainson, of Mt. Pleasant. Mr. and Mrs. Wright have been the parents of ten children: Hiliagh Webber, wife of Lucius Handle, residing in Burlington; Lulu, George W., Anna M., Ephraim Rennington, Laura Belle, Thomas R., Homer, Nina and Nettie D. Mr. Wright, socially, is a member of the G. A. R. He and his good wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, always ready with time or money to aid in their Master's service. Politically, Mr. Wright takes great interest in and is an active member of the Republican party, believing that although it did a grand and noble work in the past its mission is not yet completed. Mr. Wright's business is that of general farming, he owning a finely cultivated farm of eighty acres. He and his wife are highly esteemed throughout the community in which they reside. The silent reaper has passed their home by and the family circle remains unbroken. The children do honor to the fond parents, and the home is noted for the hospitality and the kindness extended to all.

ROBERT McMURREN, deceased, one of the pioneer settlers of Henry County, Iowa, was born in Pennsylvania, May 17, 1826, and was the son of Alexander and Eliza McMurren, both of whom were natives of the Green Isle. They left their native land about the year 1826, coming to America, and lived in Pennsylvania until 1837, then removed to Iowa, settling in Center Township, Henry County, where they continued to make their home until the time of their death. The early life of Robert McMurren was spent upon a farm in this county; he was reared on its virgin soil and he can truly be called one of

its pioneers. In 1862 he went across the plains to Idaho-with an ox-team, remaining there eighteen months engaged in mining, after which he again returned to Iowa and resumed his occupation of farming. He was married, in 1865, to Miss Naomi Ann Jay, a native of Henry County, and a daughter of Layton Jay, a native of North Carolina, who was also one of the early settlers of Henry County, but is now residing in Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. McMurren had a family of nine children: Samuel, born Jan. 30, 1866, is still residing at home; Emma, born April 5, 1868; William, Nov. 2, 1871; Alice, April 7, 1873; Pernina, Nov. 15, 1875; Thomas, April 26, 1877; Anna, Nov. 25, 1881, and Mary Belle, who was born Nov. 29, 1867, and died Feb. 14, 1868. Mr. McMurren settled in Tippecanoe Township in 1837, where he lived until his death, which occurred April 3, 1882. He was the owner of a fine farm of 200 acres, situated on section 16 in that township. He was a first-class business man and a very successful farmer. Commencing life a poor boy, by habits of industry and economy he gained a competence. He was well known, and respected alike by young and old, rich and poor. At his death the township lost one of its best citizens, the family a kind father and loving husband, and his acquaintances a noble friend.

JOHN ELLIOTT, M. D., one of the well-known practicing physicians of Mt. Pleasant, was born in Jefferson County, Ohio, Sept. 17, 1832, and is a son of Elisha and Susan (Carter) Elliott, both of whom were natives of Ohio, where the former had been engaged in farming for many years. They were the parents of six children, of whom the following are now living: Thomas, a resident of Canton, Stark Co., Ohio; Charles, living in Rome, this county; George, in Carroll County, Ohio, and Dr. John. The father died in 1840, and Mrs. Elliott subsequently married William Felson, by whom she had one child, Mary, now the wife of John Watt, of Carroll County, Ohio. Mrs. Felson, who was a life-long member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, died in Carroll County in 1880.

On the death of his father the subject of this sketch was taken to rear by an aunt. He received

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Thomas Wright
Male

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Event(s):

Birth:

28 Dec 1804
1810 , , ~~USA~~ *Hocking County, Tennessee*

Christening:

Death: 1878 , Henry, Iowa

Burial:

Marriages:

Spouse: [Susan Wright](#)

[Family](#)

Marriage: 16 NOV 1829 Hocking, , , Tennessee

Messages:

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