

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Benjamin **Senator** McCoy
Represented Mahaska County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 22. Mar 1846 Jefferson County, Indiana

2. Marriage (s) date place
Mary Dixon 1 Jan 1870

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Member of the Mahaska County Bar Association; admitted to the Iowa bar in 1871.

B. Civic responsibilities G.A.R.; Mason; Knights of Pythias

C. Profession Lawyer

4. Church membership Christian

5. Sessions served 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd General Assemblies 1884, 1886, 1888, 1890

6. Public Offices

A. Local Ordinance city solicitor 1876; judge of the 6th judicial district of Iowa

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 24 Aug 1920 Oskaloosa Iowa buried First Country Oskaloosa, Iowa

8. Children John M.; Hugh B.; Eva L. (Mrs. Leonard A. Blue);
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9. Names of parents James and Louisa (Nicholson) McCoy

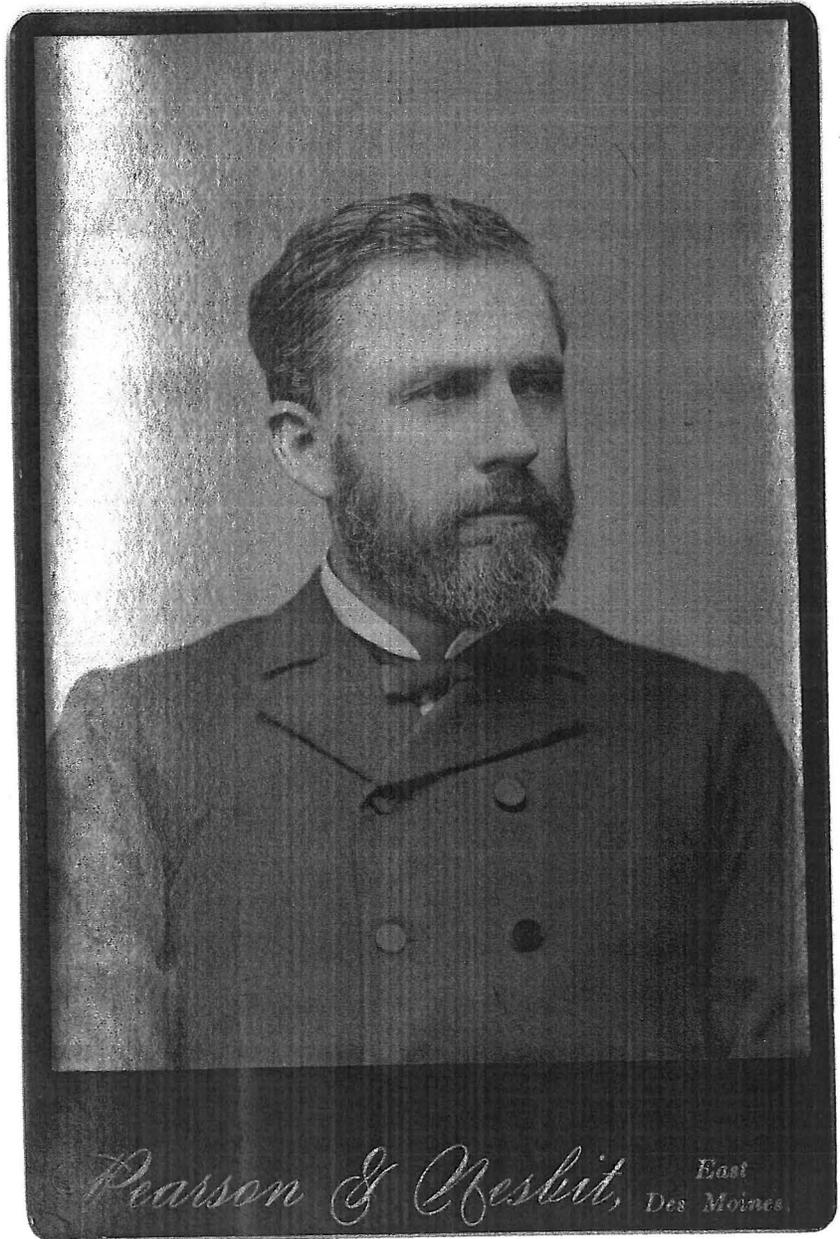
McCoy, Benjamin

10. Education He was educated in public schools in Jefferson County, Indiana, Mitchell County, Iowa and Macdonald County, Iowa until age 17.

11. Degrees He attended Cornell College, Mount Vernon, Iowa, graduating with Honors in 1868.

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He was a member of the law firm of Bolton and McCoy and later the firms of Bolton, McCoy and Bolton, even later McCoy and McCoy (father and son)
- Military service - Civil War - Company H, 46th Iowa Infantry
- He was age 10 in 1856 when he arrived in Iowa with his parents. The family first settled in Mitchell County, Iowa for a short time and then moved to Macdonald County, Iowa.
- After the war he attended college.
- In 1871 he entered the law office of Secor and Curtis and was soon admitted to the bar. He practiced law from 1871 to 1919. He was for several years a member of Bolton and McCoy Law Firm which had an extensive practice on central and southern Iowa.



church in Oskaloosa next Monday, August 30, for a seven-day session.

The meeting will be unusually busy this year and every hour of the week is occupied with the exception of Monday, the first official meeting being scheduled for the evening hours.

Attendance this year, outside of the usual representatives from the various meetings of the state is expected to be unusually large and numerous visitors from other meetings of the country will be in the city during the week.

Program of Sessions

The official program of the Yearly meeting is as follows.

MONDAY, AUGUST 30.

8:00 p. m.—Meeting on Ministry and Oversight. (Bible School room.)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 31.

8:00 to 9:00 a. m.—Missionary Study Period.

8:00 to 9:15 a. m.—Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

9:30 a. m.—Opening of Yearly Meeting. Roll Call of Representatives, Minutes of Visiting Friends, Reports from Quarterly Meetings, Foreign Epistles.

1:00 p. m.—Representatives meet in Bible School room.

2:00 p. m.—"The Rural Church." Rev. Peter Jacobs, Randolph, Iowa.

2:40 p. m.—Report on Nominations, Trustees Report on White's Manual Labor Institute, Penn. College Board of Trustees.

8:00 p. m.—Permanent Board meet in Argonaut Hall.

Evangelistic Meeting, Charles Lescault in charge.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1.

8:00 to 9:00 a. m.—Missionary Study Period.

8:00 to 9:00 a. m.—Devotional Meeting.

9:15 a. m.—Report of Peace Service Committee. Address by Albert J. Brown, Indianapolis, Ind. Reports on State of Church. Statistical Report.

11:00 a. m.—Meeting for Worship.

1:00 p. m.—Young Friends' Business Meeting.

2:00 p. m.—"The Rural Church"—Rev. Peter Jacobs, Randolph, Iowa.

2:40 p. m.—Foreign Missions Report and Program. Address by Frank and Blanche Conover, of Africa; H. Alma Swift, of Jamaica; Jennie Hoover, of Jamaica, and other missionaries home on furlough.

8:00 p. m.—Evangelistic Meeting. Chas. Lescault in charge.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2.

8:00 to 9:00 a. m.—Missionary Study Group

8:00 to 9:45 a. m.—Devotional Meeting.

8:00 to 9:45 a. m.—Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

10:00 a. m.—Report on Nominations for Standing Committees and Boards.

10:30 a. m.—Report of Bible School Board. Address by A. M. Locker. Supa. Field Work, International Sunday School Association, Chicago.

2:00 p. m.—Evangelistic and Church Extension Reports and Home Missions. Address by Enoch J. Harvey, Gen. Supt. Western Yearly Meeting, Noblesville, Ind.

8:00 p. m.—Evangelistic Meeting, Chas. Lescault in charge.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3.

8:00 to 9:00 a. m.—Devotional Meeting.

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a critical condition for days, and Ralph O'Hara, who has been ill only a short time with acute indigestion and heart trouble. Both men were pioneer residents of city and county and were widely known.

Ralph O'Hara.

Mr. O'Hara passed away at 10:12 o'clock Monday evening, August 23, 1920, at his residence, No. 709 High avenue east, at the age of 69 years, 10 months and 2 days.

The father, Samuel O'Hara, was a well known pioneer resident of the city and was an insurance representative before the son. Deceased was a brother of the late Frank P. O'Hara, a popular provision dealer of the city of a few years ago. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Mattie O'Hara, a brother, Jay, of Los Angeles, and four sisters: Lou, Mrs. F. M. Epperson, of Eddyville; Leila, Mrs. Mc Nerney, and Pet, Mrs. W. D. Bancroft, of Lincoln, Nebraska, and Mrs. Charlotte Lowden of Honolulu.

Judge Ben McCoy.

Ben McCoy was a member of the old Mahaska County Bar and a pioneer resident of county and town. He was 74 years, 2 months and 2 days old, was a member of the old law firm of Bolton & McCoy, and later of the firm of Bolton, McCoy & Bolton, later McCoy & McCoy, father and son. He was prominent in county, state and district politics in the republican party and was variously honored by citizens and associates. He was elected to the state senate and was a judge of the Sixth district. He was formerly one of the best known attorneys in the state and his name was mentioned in high places. He was a soldier of the Civil War and a member of the G. A. R., a Mason, and connected with other organizations.

He is survived by his widow, two sons, John N. and Hugh B. McCoy, both of this city, and by a daughter, Mrs. Eva Blue.

Death came to the relief of the sufferer about 12:30 o'clock this morning.

Funeral Arrangements.

Funeral service for the late Ben McCoy will be held at the Christian church Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, in charge of the G. A. R., with Rev. George E. Purdy and a former pastor, Rev. S. H. Zendt. Interment in Forest cemetery.

**Princess Monday
Anna Cornwall Tuesday**

"The Path She Chooses"
From the story, "VIRGINIA,"

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YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

New York 10; St. Louis 3.
Chicago 5; Boston 1.
Cincinnati 5; Philadelphia 3.
Brooklyn 3; Pittsburg 0.

GAMES TODAY.

New York at St. Louis.
Boston at Chicago.
Philadelphia at Cincinnati.
Brooklyn at Pittsburg.

WESTERN LEAGUE.

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Tulsa	71	51	.582
Wichita	71	53	.573
St. Joseph	6	59	.528
Omaha	62	58	.517
Oklahoma City	64	60	.516
Joplin	57	66	.463
Sioux City	53	70	.531
Des Moines	48	75	.390

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

Des Moines 5; Joplin 3.
St. Joseph 1; Tulsa 0.
Oklahoma City 7; Omaha 2.
Sioux City 6; Wichita 3.

GAMES TODAY.

Joplin at Des Moines.
Tulsa at St. Joseph.
Wichita at Sioux City.
Oklahoma City at Omaha.

THREE-I LEAGUE.

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"THE LOST CITY"

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"Putting It Over"

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"Me and Captain Kidd"

The Spine Is Responsible.

For tonsillitis, pharyngitis, sore throat, quinsy, adenoids, all catarrh of the nose, throat and infection of the digestive tract, clogged bowels, sluggish liver, sour and aching stomach, bad breath and diarrhoea, even such conditions as so called pneumonia, diphtheria, grippe, scarlet and typhoid fever, widely believed to be caused by germs. It is the nerve pressure at the spine which creates the tendency to such infection. Look to the matter of receiving sound health to the tissue through chiropathy.

Department of Iowa
Grand Army of the Republic

Veteran's name McCoy, Benjamin War
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 Occupation Attorney Nearest relatives
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 War record Pvt. H 47 Iowa Inf. Wife Mary Dixon m. Ja 1, 1870
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 Age 18 Res. Mahaska Co. Hugh B Oskaloosa, Ia
 Enlisted 14 My 1864 Place Eva Blue " " died 1906
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Source Roster Iowa Soldiers' List 1912 Post #40.-Member-liv. Oskaloosa / Post 40 Desc. Sk. / Graves Reg.; date birth, burial. Wife & ch.

Department of Iowa
Grand Army of the Republic

Record Membership and Dues Paid

Veteran's name McCoy, Benjamin
 Offices of honor in G. A. R.

Post name Post No. Place Date Joined
 Phil Kearney 40(130) Oskaloosa 19 Ja '86

Year	Date Paid	Amount	Year	Date Paid	Amount
Member-at-Large			Annual Encampment	1920	died Aug 24, 1920
			Graves Reg. Co. when 10 years old.	Born Mar 22, 1846	Moved to Mahaska
			While there vol. in Co H 47th Iowa Vol. Inf.		Attended Gornell College at Mt. Vernon
			Survived by wife and 2 sons & daughter, also a sister, Emma Harlan and a brother, Mark McCoy.		Admitted to the bar and practiced law in this county almost 50 years. Held many offices- On Oskaloosa School Board, City Atty, State Senator and Judge District Court. In 1896 was appointed Code Commissioner and also Railroad Commissioner both of which he declined. Was one of trustees of Cornell College for several years. Belonged to G. A. R., Masonix Lodge, K.P., Modern Woodmen, Active in Christian Church.
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when, having decided to fit himself for the legal profession, he went to Adel, Iowa, and became a law student and clerk in the office of Mr. Joseph R. Reed, now chief justice of the court of land claims, and in 1870 was admitted to the bar.

Mr. Woodin began his practice at Adel, and continued there with good success till his removal to Des Moines, in 1893. His partners at Adel were Mr. T. R. Worth and Mr. J. B. White. In 1894, in connection with Messrs. O. B. and William F. Ayres, he organized the firm of Ayres, Woodin & Ayres, which became widely known, by reason of its large and successful practice, and which continued till the death of its senior member in April, 1900. Mr. Edmond Nichols then came into the firm, the name changing to Woodin, Nichols & Ayres. Besides an extensive commercial practice, the firm has been called especially into matters involving questions of insurance and corporation law, and ranks with the best law firms of Iowa's capital city.

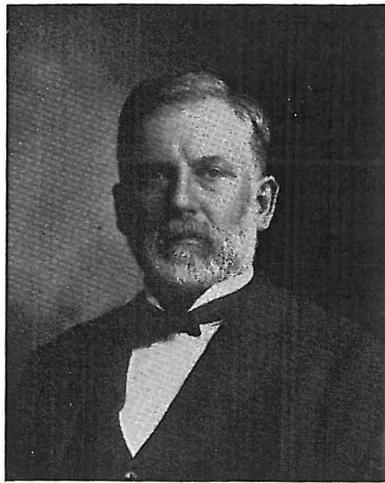
While practicing in Dallas county, Mr. Woodin served three terms as county attorney, and he is now attorney for numerous corporations and business enterprises. He is a member of Crocker Post, Grand Army of the Republic, at Des Moines.

In 1872, Mr. Woodin married Miss Mary E. Uncles, in Dallas county, and they have two daughters, Aura and Edith.

HON. BEN McCOY.

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Ben McCoy, member of the firm Bolton & McCoy & Bolton, was born in Jefferson county, Ind., March 22, 1846. He received his higher education at Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Iowa, and after leaving school was employed for some time as a surveyor and teacher. During the Civil War he served as a private in Company H, Forty-seventh regiment Iowa infantry. Judge McCoy was admitted to the bar in 1871, and located at Oskaloosa in 1874. He has served as State Senator from the Fourteenth district and as judge of the Sixth district of Iowa. Hon. G. S. Robinson, judge of the State Supreme Court, who has been quite intimate with him, professionally and politically, for eighteen years, gives the following estimate of Mr. McCoy's character:



BEN MCCOY.

"He is a man of absolute integrity, of fine ability, whose inclinations lead him to seek for and to do justice in all cases, even though matters of mere form have to be disregarded to attain that end. As a practicing lawyer, judge and legislator, he has attained high rank and achieved distinction. He is an exceedingly companionable gentleman of many excellent personal qualities, who deservedly stands high in the state."

HARRY O. WEAVER,

WAPELLO.

Harry Otis Weaver was born in Marshall township, Louisa county, in that state, April 20, 1866. He graduated from the collegiate department of the State University in 1891 and from the law school in 1892. He at once settled for practice at Wapello and almost immediately took a leading part in state politics. He has served as a member of Governor Drake's staff; as a representative of the twenty-fifth and twenty-sixth General Assemblies; upon the Republican state central committee from the first district of Iowa (since 1894) and at present is chairman of the Republican state central committee, with headquarters at Des Moines, Iowa.

GEORGE WAMBACH,

DES MOINES.

A native of France, George Wambach was born, in 1853, to George and Louisa Wambach, both natives of France, who immigrated to the United States in 1873 and settled at Buffalo, N. Y., where they spent the remainder of their lives, the father being a boot and shoe dealer.

Our subject was educated in his native land, and when nineteen years old (1872) came to this country and lived at Buffalo till 1879. Removing thence to Webster City, Iowa, he became a law student and clerk in the office of Judge N. B. Hyatt, of that place, and in 1885 was admitted to the bar and there began the practice of his profession. After practicing alone one year, he formed a partnership with Mr. Wesley Martin, under the name of Martin & Wambach, which was continued five years. He was afterward senior member of the firm of Wambach & Richards, his partner being Mr. J. H. Richards, and

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lieutenant and remained in military service until honorably discharged in June, 1865. For the first few years after the Civil War he was engaged in farming and teaching, until called to fill various official positions. Among the more important of these positions were those of county superintendent of public schools, which he occupied for four years, county auditor for a period of six years, and state senator for eight years. He was elected to the Senate in 1891 as a Democrat and began his service in the Twenty-fourth General Assembly and continued through the Twenty-fifth, Twenty-sixth, and Twenty-seventh. Among his colleagues in the Senate he was recognized as a man of sound judgment, marked integrity, and sterling worth. He was prominent in Masonic circles. His later years, except the last one of his life, were spent in Farmersburg, Iowa, where banking interests claimed his attention.—A. R. S.

BENJAMIN MCCOY was born in Jefferson County, Indiana, March 22, 1846, and died at Oskaloosa, Iowa, August 24, 1920. He was brought by his parents in 1855, on their removal to Indianapolis, Mahaska County, Iowa. He attended common school and Cornell College. In 1864 he enlisted as a private in Company H, Forty-seventh Iowa Infantry, and was mustered out at Davenport the same year. He was graduated from Cornell College in 1868, taught school, and was employed for some time as a surveyor. In 1871 he entered the law office of Seevers & Cutts as a student and was admitted to the bar the following year. He then removed to Sigourney and engaged in the practice of law as a member of the firm of Andrews & McCoy. In 1874 he returned to Oskaloosa and joined with J. B. Bolton as Bolton & McCoy. In 1876 he became city solicitor of Oskaloosa. In 1883 he was elected senator and was re-elected four years later, serving in the Twentieth, Twenty-first, Twenty-second, and Twenty-third general assemblies where he took an active part in the enactment of the important legislation of that period. He served as a district judge in the Sixth Judicial District from 1894 to 1898. On leaving the bench he associated himself in the practice with his two sons, John N. and Hugh B., which he continued until shortly before his death. He was a man of ability and was popular because of his many good qualities.

HAMLIN H. FREER was born at Ellsworth, Trumbull County, Ohio, September 9, 1845, and died at Mount Vernon, Iowa, August 26, 1920. In 1855 he emigrated with his parents to Illinois, and in 1856 to Iowa. The son of a Methodist preacher, after coming to Iowa his boyhood was spent at Le Claire, Camanche, Tipton, Independence, and Vinton, as his father's pastorates changed. He was graduated with the degree of B. S. from Cornell College in 1869, served one year as principal of schools at Chariton, and then went to Cornell College as a teacher in the academy. From then his entire life was spent at Cornell, although he re-

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display his abilities his fortunes began to rise, and he is now in the enjoyment of a large practice of the most desirable kind. Doctor Turner is a member of the Polk County Medical Society, the Iowa State Medical Society and the American Medical Association, and is a strict observer of the ethics, courtesies and amenities of his calling. He is a vocalist of power and ability and has been a member of the Northwestern University Glee Club, Chicago. Although he is normally a Republican, he is inclined to be somewhat independent in his political actions. He is regent of Iowa Council No. 1197, Royal Arcanum, medical examiner for the Yeomen, and a member of the Masonic fraternity and of the Naniboujou Club of Duluth, Minnesota. His religious faith is that of the Presbyterian Church.

In 1925 Doctor Turner was united in marriage with Marie F. Breuner, who was born at Adair, Iowa, and educated there and at Des Moines, a daughter of Jacob Breuner, who lives at Des Moines at the age of eighty-five years. By a former marriage Mrs. Turner has two children: Audrey Ericksen and Harry Ericksen. Doctor and Mrs. Turner are the parents of one child, Marilyn Joy, born November 6, 1927. Mrs. Turner is a member of St. Augustine's Catholic Church. Dr. Turner maintains well appointed offices in the Southern Surety Building, and is on the staff of Mercy Hospital.

HON. BENJAMIN McCoy was for nearly half a century a resident of Oskaloosa. His name stands high in the annals of the bench and bar of Iowa. He was a lawyer of fine mind, high character, and practically all the worthy distinctions of his profession and public life came to him or were within his reach. The Oskaloosa bar still has a prominent law firm known as McCoy & McCoy. For many years Judge Benjamin McCoy was a senior member of that firm, his associate being his son John. At the present time the firm comprises the two brothers, John McCoy and Hugh B. McCoy, and they carry on the practice and enjoy many of the traditions of the older firm.

Benjamin McCoy was ten years old when he came to Iowa. He was born in Jefferson County, Indiana, March 22, 1846. The McCoy family is of Scotch ancestry and was established in America in Colonial times. Several members of the family were soldiers in the war for independence from Great Britain. James and Lovisa (Nicholson) McCoy, parents of Judge McCoy, were born in Kentucky and were children when their respective families moved to Indiana. In 1856 James McCoy came out to Iowa and for a short time lived in Mitchell County and then in Mahaska County. Here Benjamin McCoy attended public schools until he was seventeen years of age, and shortly afterward, in 1864, joined the Union Army for service in the Civil war, enlisting in Company H of the Forty-sixth Iowa Infantry. After the war he entered Cornell College at Mount Vernon, Iowa, and graduated with

honors of his class in 1868. In 1871 he entered the law office of Seevers and Cutts, soon afterward was admitted to the bar, and from that time until his death in 1919 was known as a lawyer of fine attainments practicing in Oskaloosa. He was for several years a member of the firm of Bolton & McCoy, which enjoyed an extensive practice over Central and Southern Iowa.

Judge McCoy in 1876 was elected city solicitor of Oskaloosa. There were many positions of trust and responsibility to which he was called. For two terms he was state senator. For a number of years he was on the District bench as judge of the Sixth Judicial District of Iowa. In all relationships he was known as a man of sterling worth, fine mental attainments. He was a leader in the Republican party, and always enjoyed the ritual and fellowship of the Masonic fraternity, being a member of Hugh De Payens Commandery of Knights Templar at Oskaloosa, and also belonged to the Knights of Pythias. He was a member of Phil Kearney Post No. 40, Grand Army of the Republic. The religious connections of himself and family were with the Christian Church.

Judge McCoy married, January 1, 1870, Miss Mary Dixon, who died in 1920. Her father, John N. Dixon, was a pioneer horticulturist and at one time had one of the largest orchards in the State of Iowa. He also served as a member of the Iowa State Senate. Judge and Mrs. McCoy had four children, Eva L., John N., Ralph and Hugh B. Ralph is deceased. The only daughter married Leonard A. Blue, who was dean of the State College at Albany, New York, and since his death Mrs. Blue has become matron of Bowman Hall at Cornell College, Iowa. She has two children, Mrs. Edward Snyder and Leonard A. Blue, a student in Harvard University.

John N. McCoy, the oldest son of Benjamin and Mary (Dixon) McCoy, and now senior member of the law firm McCoy & McCoy at Oskaloosa, was born at Sigourney, Iowa, November 22, 1874. He completed his higher education in the University of Iowa, graduating A.B. in 1896 and LL.B. in 1897. He was admitted to the bar and has been in practice for over thirty years. In 1900 he joined his father in the law firm of McCoy & McCoy. Soon after beginning practice he enlisted for service in the Spanish-American war in 1898 and went to the Philippines. He served as city attorney of Oskaloosa from 1901 to 1903, and county attorney from 1905 to 1907. He is a member of the Iowa State and American Bar Associations, is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason and Shriner and a member of the Knights of Pythias and B. P. O. Elks.

John N. McCoy married, in 1914, Edith M. Garland, of Oskaloosa, where she had taught in the public schools. Mrs. McCoy takes an active part in the social and civic life of her home city. Her special hobby is fancy saddle horses, and she has two noted horses, April Showers and Jerry McCoy, both of which have won prizes in the



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America Royal Show at Kansas City. Mr. and Mrs. John McCoy have one son, Jerry.

Hugh B. McCoy, youngest son of the late Judge Benjamin McCoy, was born at Oskaloosa February 25, 1878. He graduated A.B. from Iowa Wesleyan University in 1901, completed his law course at the University of Iowa, and was admitted to the bar in 1904. He served as city attorney of Oskaloosa from 1911 to 1917. He is a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, the Iowa State Bar Association, is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason and a Shriner, member of the Knights of Pythias and B. P. O. Elks.

Hugh McCoy married, in 1914, Nina B. Burnham, of Illinois. They have two children, Nina June and Hugh Ben, Jr.

JOHN D. BROWN. Loyal and staunch in all the relations of a prolonged career of varied activities, Capt. John D. Brown is now one of the patriarchal and revered citizens of Missouri Valley, Harrison County, where he has maintained his residence more than sixty years and where his record has been one of large and benignant influence in connection with civic and material progress during the long intervening years. The Captain, honored by all who know him, is one of the few remaining Harrison County veterans of service in the Civil war. This publication has both a privilege and a consistent function when it accords a tribute to this sterling pioneer citizen.

Captain Brown was born at Uxbridge, Massachusetts, October 14, 1842, and though he celebrated in the autumn of 1929 his eighty-seventh birthday anniversary and though he has lived virtually retired during the past decade, he still retains splendid command of his mental and physical powers and continues to take lively interest in the communal affairs of the fine little city that has long represented his home. Captain Brown is a scion of sterling New England Colonial ancestry. He is a son of Pemberton and Paulina (Whitmore) Brown, both likewise natives of Massachusetts, where the former was born at Uxbridge, October 11, 1801, and where the latter was born at Grafton. Pemberton Brown was reared and educated in his native community, became a skilled blacksmith by trade and vocation and served as captain of the militia company at Uxbridge during several years, his death having occurred March 30, 1870, and his widow having passed the closing period of her life in the home of her son Capt. John D. at Missouri Valley, Iowa, where she died February 24, 1874, her birth having occurred April 19, 1807.

Elihu Brown, grandfather of Capt. John D. Brown, was born in Massachusetts on the 16th of August, 1761, and died October 25, 1840. He was but fourteen years of age when he volunteered for service as a soldier of the Continental Line in the war of the Revolution, before the close of which he had enlisted three times. He long followed the blacksmith trade at Uxbridge,

where his death occurred. He married Miss Sallie Sibley, who was a sister of the grandmother of Judge William Howard Taft, former president of the United States and later chief justice of the nation's Supreme Court.

Capt. John D. Brown was a child of three years when the family moved from Uxbridge to Northbridge, Massachusetts, and later removal was made to Millbury. He was eight years old when the family home was established at New Boston, and there he received the major part of his youthful education. As a young man he followed various occupations, and it is to be noted that he was eighteen years of age when, in December, 1860, he went to Holyoke, Massachusetts, and entered upon an apprenticeship to the trade of machinist. He was there residing when the Civil war was precipitated on the nation, and on the 8th of August, 1862, he enlisted in Company B, Fourth Connecticut Volunteer Infantry. With this command he continued in active service at the front until he received honorable discharge, April 15, 1864. He forthwith reenlisted as a veteran and was appointed captain of Company B, Forty-third United States Colored Troops, he having retained this command until the close of the war and until the reception of his final discharge. Captain Brown served under Generals Milroy, Butler and Burnside, in the Army of the Potomac, and he took part in many major engagements and campaigns, including the historic Wilderness campaign, and the sieges of Vicksburg, Petersburg and Richmond. June 30, 1864, he was wounded by a premature explosion of a mine before Petersburg, but he did not permit his injury to prevent his continued service. After the fall of Richmond, Virginia, the Confederate capital, where his company played an important part, he was soon sent with his colored troops to Texas, where he remained until November, 1865, he having returned to his home in Massachusetts in the following month.

After the close of his service as a gallant soldier of the Union in the Civil war Captain Brown attended a business college in Providence, Rhode Island, and in the spring of 1866 he found employment in a straw factory at Malden, Massachusetts, where he remained until June, 1867. He then set forth for the West, and he proceeded to Nebraska, from which state he came on horseback to Missouri Valley, Iowa, where he entered the service of the Sioux City & Pacific Railroad, the line of which was then under construction. He served as superintendent's clerk, as storekeeper, as paymaster, and finally as station agent. He continued with this railroad, now a part of the Chicago & Northwestern system, from August, 1867, to June, 1888, and his service as station agent at Missouri Valley continued from 1870 until 1888. During a part of this latter period he served also as agent for the other railroad entering Missouri Valley. He became agent for the Blairstown Lot & Land Company, the Iowa Railroad Land Company and the Missouri

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a number of years, always active and interested in the welfare of the boys in blue. While I know nothing about his work as a legislator, knowing the man, I feel and know that he took an active interest in all legislation which would interest the whole people and be for their welfare. In his departure the state lost a good citizen and the community lost a good neighbor and a good friend.

BENJAMIN MCCOY

Senator Caldwell, from a special committee, offered the following report and moved its adoption:

MR. PRESIDENT—Your committee appointed to prepare resolutions commemorating the life, character and public services of Benjamin McCoy, beg leave to submit the following report:

Benjamin McCoy, a member of the Twentieth, Twenty-first, Twenty-second and Twenty-third General Assemblies, was born in Jefferson county, Ind., March 22, 1846. He received his higher education at Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Iowa, and after leaving school was employed for some time as a surveyor and teacher. During the Civil War he served as a private in Company H, Forty-seventh regiment, Iowa infantry.

Judge McCoy was admitted to the bar in 1871, and located at Oskaloosa in 1874. He was a member of the law firm of Bolton, McCoy & McCoy, later of the firm of McCoy & McCoy. While acting as one of the judges of the district court of the sixth district, he was appointed as one of the code commissioners to revise the code, and was also appointed a railroad commissioner by Governor Frank Jackson, both of which latter positions he declined.

In 1920 he underwent a serious operation in Chicago, from which operation he never fully recovered and he died August 24, 1920, at his home in Oskaloosa, Iowa.

Hon. G. S. Robinson, judge of the state supreme court, who has been quite intimate with him, professionally and politically, for eighteen years, gives the following estimate of Mr. McCoy's character:

"He is a man of absolute integrity, of fine ability, whose inclinations lead him to seek for and to do justice in all cases, even though matters of mere form have to be disregarded to attain that end. As a practicing lawyer, judge and legislator, he has attained high rank and achieved distinction. He is an exceedingly companionable gentleman of many excellent personal qualities, who deservedly stands high in the state."

Whereas, The Honorable Benjamin McCoy, a member of the Twentieth, Twenty-first, Twenty-second and Twenty-third General Assemblies, has been called from this life, therefore,

Be It Resolved, That the Senate has heard with deep sorrow and regret of his death and that it recognizes the high character of his service to his state and in his death the state has lost a worthy and noble citizen, and,

Be It Resolved, further, that these resolutions be spread upon the journal, that an engrossed copy of the same be sent to the family of the deceased.

W. A. CALDWELL,
T. C. CESSNA,
JNO. R. PRICE,

The resolution was adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

In moving the adoption of the resolution Senator Caldwell spoke as follows:

Judge McCoy was a man who took deep interest in every movement for the advancement of the community in which he lived and his assistance was rendered in every cause that promoted good citizenship. His interest in public affairs was helpful, and in the community in which he lived for so many years, his memory is held in deep regard by the multitude of friends who knew him and appreciated his worth as a man, soldier, legislator, lawyer and public-spirited citizen.

T. W. BENNETT

Senator Tuck, from a special committee, offered the following report and moved its adoption:

MR. PRESIDENT—Your committee appointed to draft resolutions commemorative of the life, character and services of Doctor T. W. Bennett, beg leave to submit the following report:

Doctor T. W. Bennett, a member of the Thirty-third and Thirty-fourth General Assemblies, 1909-1911, died in Long Beach, California, February 2, 1920, age sixty-seven, the funeral services taking place on Thursday, February 7th, in Lenox, Iowa, in which place he practiced medicine for thirty-five years.

Doctor T. W. Bennett was born December 1, 1852, near the town of Crawfordsville, Washington county, Iowa; was educated at the university of Iowa, where he studied medicine. Also at the Rush medical college, Chicago. While a resident of Lenox, Iowa, he was president of the First National Bank and was prominent in civic activities. He served in two sessions in the Iowa state legislature. Dr. Bennett was a Mason, Knight Templar, and Shriner. He also was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of which he was an active member.

Besides a widow, Mrs. Emma Bennett, the decedent is survived by a son, Floyd, who resides in Long Beach, Cal.