

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative McFarland, William M. Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Represented Dickinson, Emmet and Palo Alto Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 1 Apr 1849 Posey County, Indiana

2. Marriage (s) date place \_\_\_\_\_

Margaret Narcissus Conaway 3 Apr 1879 Brooklyn, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He was the founder of the "Brooklyn Chronicle" newspaper  
Brooklyn, Iowa; admitted to the Iowa bar in 1875

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

C. Profession Newspaper editor; real estate business; insurance  
business; lawyer

4. Church membership Methodist Episcopal

5. Sessions served 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly 1888, 1890

6. Public Offices

A. Local \_\_\_\_\_

B. State Secretary of State 1890-1897

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

7. Death 15 Jan 1905, St. Paul, Minnesota; buried IOOF Cemetery, Brooklyn, Iowa

8. Children Margaret; Hilma

9. Names of parents Archibald and Eliza

10. Education

11. Degrees

Graduate of Iowa Wesleyan University, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa  
in 1872. Followed law course at State University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa  
graduating in 1880

12. Other applicable information

Republican

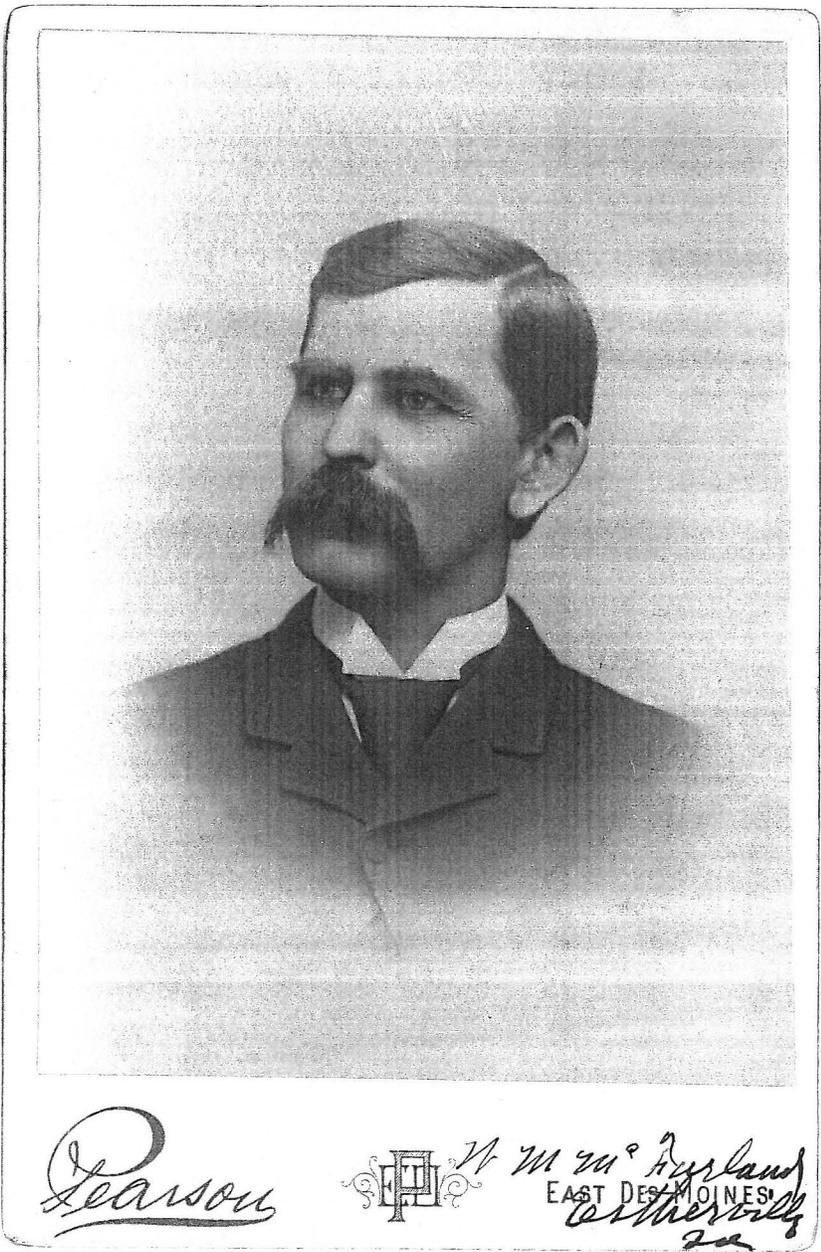
- He established the Brooklyn Chronicle newspaper in 1876 until 1884 when he moved to Estherville and established the Estherville Vindicator newspaper
- About two years ago he wrote a series of editorials for the Homestead in Des Moines, but the connection with the paper was short.
- At age 6 he moved with his parents to Van Buren County, Iowa, settling on a farm near Birmingham, Iowa.
- Two years later the family moved to Mt. Pleasant where he graduated from college.
- After his graduation he engaged 2 years as a Professor of mathematics in a college at Cape City, California. While there he was admitted to the bar.
- In 1875 he moved to Brooklyn, Iowa where he founded the Brooklyn Chronicle newspaper.
- In 1880 he moved to Estherville, Iowa and practiced law.
- Later he became the editor of the Estherville Vindicator newspaper.

McFarland, William M.

### Sources Log For Legislation Entries

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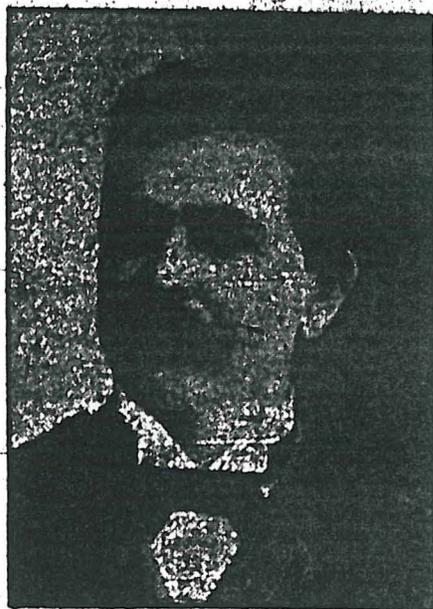
**TRIBUTE TO W. M. MCFARLAND**

by J. H. CONLOGUE  
 MASON CITY, Ia., July 10.—To the  
 Editor:

Oh, way should the spirit of mortal be  
 proud?  
 Like a fast fleeing meteor, a swift flying  
 cloud.

A flash of lightning, a break of a wave,  
 His career from life to rest in the grave.

The true but sorrowful sentiment of  
 the above couplet flashed through my  
 mind upon reading in this morning's pa-  
 per of the untimely death of the Hon.  
 William M. McFarland, late secretary of  
 state for our great commonwealth, and  
 for many years prominent in the turbu-  
 lent politics of Iowa. In the year 1892 I  
 was honored by the then buoyant and  
 fearless democracy to contest, with Mr.  
 McFarland for the office of secretary of  
 state. By arrangement made by the  
 state central committees of the republi-  
 can and democratic parties, the chair-  
 man of the former being the Hon. J. H.  
 Blythe of Mason City, Ia., and the chair-  
 man of the latter being the Hon. C. A.  
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 cussions between Mr. McFarland and



W. M. MCFARLAND.

myself were held in each of the state  
 congressional districts. By local ar-  
 rangements we gave two or three dis-  
 cussions aside from those assigned to us  
 by the state central committees. As far  
 as I was concerned, these discussions  
 were enjoyable and beneficial, and I  
 learned to know Mr. McFarland very  
 well, and formed acquaintances over the  
 state which are now and always will be  
 very dear to me. I found Mr. McFarland  
 adroit in dispute, eloquent in the presen-  
 tation of his side of the questions up for  
 debate, and cordial and considerate in  
 his treatment of me. We presented to  
 the people for consideration the economic  
 questions in which in that year all classes  
 were deeply interested. We addressed  
 large gatherings at all our meetings, and  
 perhaps never in this state were the peo-  
 ple more earnestly desirous of learning  
 and dispassionately hearing both sides of  
 the questions. The State Historical Society of Iowa  
 has a collection of these papers and  
 that year.

There was one little incident that, at  
 the time it came to me, might have  
 marred the friendship.

**MEN OF AFFAIRS—MARVIN**



**THE NEXT GOVERNOR.**

Grinnell Gazette: While selecting, why  
 not put a man at the helm that is pro-  
 gressive and looks to the future, as well  
 as to give strength to that which already  
 is? To lose sight of the future is to  
 retrograde.

Rockwell Phonograph: If the Sioux City  
 Journal, the Cedar Rapids Republican  
 and the Burlington Hawkeye really want  
 harmony, let them unite in the support  
 of Webb Byers, Abe Funk or Tom Healy  
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in Minneapolis. But as he is his residence in Oskaloosa he is a boy in 1883, is a graduate of the University of Michigan, began his law as the partner of P. Gad Indianola, and afterwards as the Judge William H. Seever's law firm from the supreme court. I was appointed general attorney of the Iowa Central railway. Mr. Seever has been a successful lawyer and in the profession and in the conduct of his employers has been due to his successful work. His present position is one of the most desirable professional standpoint that could be had in Iowa.

the boys have been haled before the juvenile court in Des Moines, for burglary. What the juvenile court is an experienced mother's right arm.

the figure of 94 in the shade has a reflect on the dignity of shirt.

the "Hamlet" to be the greatest in history Governor LaFollette to have overlooked the fate of our own stalwarts.

the man is to have charge of the crop reports. The trouble for the rest of the country is the estimates based on Iowa's

the girl summering at the lake has set a record by swimming. It's one of the few in the record of a pretty girl getting a suit wet.

**3 THEY LIKE IT.**

the Journal: Ten persons were on Coney Island by lightning from the reputation of Coney would take lightning to shock them.

the press: A gust of wind scattered a bookmaker's money around at the Brighton Beach every dollar of it was returned to those people all had gone to the hope of finding money.

the Inquirer: What talking in Kansas before his voice does not seem to have had. He does better with the

the Times: The oldest member of the F.Y.M. is the oldest friend the oldest man of the week in Rock Island, Ill.

the Iowa: Emperor William will give the czar a course of private mail on being a world

the old Peary has started right, going after the north pole and "Roosevelt"—a name to fail of getting what it

**A Free Field.**

the Democrat: The Des Moines Leader gives the alarm report that William Randolph established a farm journal in

of Webb Byers, Abe Funk or Tom Healy for governor, and see what a delightful brand will be secured. This "harmony" dodge has been worked by the standpatters till it is out at the elbow and down at the heel. After "fixing" the candidates and arranging the slate, then all that is wanted is "harmony," and the politicians will do the rest. The republicans of Cerro Gordo county became intimately acquainted with the jug-handled harmony of the standpatters in the pre-convention campaign of a year ago. They remember how the emissaries of James E. Blythe plotted and slated up a state delegation, leaving off such men as "Tom" Way, "Joe" Clark, Charlie McNider, "Dunc" Rule and other stalwart friends of the common people. They will remember, too, how sweetly the Globe-Gazette and the Republican warbled of the beauties of "harmony" after they had been in at the "fixing." It will also be remembered that at about this time William Gray of the Clear Lake Mirror said "darn harmony," and the people took up the glad refrain resulting in a smashed slate and the worst lambasting the corporation machine in Mason City ever got. The republicans of the state are getting in a mood to say "darn harmony" if harmony means a surrender of the principles for which the progressive element of the party contends.

There was one little incident that, at the time it came to me, might have marred the friendship which was growing up between Mr. McFarland and myself, and I mention it now, because I think an injustice had been done him. After we had met in several joint discussions I was informed that Mr. McFarland was a member of an organization which was then doing more or less mischief in politics, and which was antagonistic to my religious convictions. I never alluded to the matter in any of my addresses, nor did I intimate to Mr. McFarland at the time of any knowledge I had concerning him and the organization in question. I went upon the theory that if he possessed any feeling against me on account of my religious views he would manifest it sooner or later, but during all our close relations traveling together, eating together at the hotels, I never saw anything in his manner or treatment of me that would lead me to believe that Mr. McFarland thought less of me because I was of a different creed from himself. Some time after election I met him in Des Moines, and he vehemently denounced the report as being false and was equally earnest in denouncing the principles promulgated by the organization in question. He had learned in some way that such a report had been circulated, and that I had knowledge of it. This is why he broached the subject to me. I can say now that Mr. McFarland, in conversation with me and in dispute and argument before the people, never showed any antagonistic feeling to the church of which I am an humble member. As I have said before, I found Mr. McFarland generous in sentiment, sincere in his political attachments, eloquent and able in presenting the doctrines of his party to the people. He might have been a little ambitious; he might have been a little irritable towards some of the leaders of his party, but I think he was honest in believing that in this he was justified.

It has been a source of regret to me that Mr. McFarland was unfortunate in his political aspirations, and that he did not reach the goal of his ambitions, but was forced to withdraw from political affairs in Iowa and pass into the Valley of Death unnoticed and unassisted, even by those for whom he had strenuously contended for years. Like many able Americans, he sacrificed ease, comfort and competency to satisfy political ambitions and to promote the political desires of others. When one looks over the field and sees the political wrecks on every side, the sentiment in the poetic quotation which I place at the head of this article becomes more manifest. Another of Iowa's foremost citizens has answered the final call. He played well his part, but fate had decreed he should never reach the summit of greatness. With an unselfish heart and sorrow at his political failure and his untimely taking away, I lay on the bier of William M. McFarland this tribute of respect and trust that his political career will be a lesson to those who may follow, not to be led from the path of simple but safe success by the alluring star of ambition that, often, like the will-o'-the-wisp, leads us into the mire of disappointment.

**STORIES PICKED UP.**

A distinguished Irish lawyer, always in impoverished circumstances, once took Chief Justice Whiteside to see his magnificently furnished new house in Dublin.

"Don't you think," he said, "with a complacent look, that I should be a great credit for this?"

"Yes," the judge answered dryly, "and you appear to have got it."

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Cedar Rapids Gazette: Geo. D. Perkins seems to be receiving the support of several men who would "rather have him for governor than some other fellow." The lack of warm affection in such support will never be noticed, however, by a politician able to make Diana experience a chill.

Creston Daily Advertiser: There is neither necessity nor demand for an emasculated platform or a colorless candidate. Neither is there necessity for a platform purposely aggravating to one faction or the other, nor for a candidate who has been measured by the rule of the factionalism which has prevailed in the state.

Guthrie Guthrie: The Hon. George D. Perkins of the Sioux City Journal objects to the manner in which The Register and Leader is threshing out the good wheat from the chaff in the republican party of the state. The Register and Leader is consistently advocating principles, while just at the present the Hon. George D. is engaged in boosting men. The questions that are engaging the public mind of Iowa today are of such importance that the voter will not care to submit the enactment of vital laws to hands that are unfriendly to them. The next governor of Iowa will be, in the opinion of the Guthrie, a man that is known to be steadfast in his support of the enactment of foreign trade relations through reciprocity, and federal control of railroad freight rates. The next governor of Iowa, to succeed Governor Cummins, will be in full sympathy with his views upon these questions, faction or no faction. The Register and Leader, the Sioux City Journal, and other organs of the party, are crying factions and deprecate them, and borrow worry over their fancied injury to the administration at Washington? Our good President Roosevelt has demonstrated his capacity to take care not only of himself, but also the country as well. This being true, why should not The Register and Leader advocate the nomination of a candidate that is in sympathy with President Roosevelt, Governor Cummins and the plain people of the state of Iowa?

Iowa City Republican: Those who urge harmony within republican ranks do not ask men to sacrifice principles. But they are asking the State to surrender to a few men which Iowa republicans cannot settle. Next year the state will elect eleven congressmen, and their duty will be to re-

that the name Perkins has strong candidate. It has announced its intention of the state of its late announced that Perkins standard bearer to has suspiciously he thirty with what it dialogue so far has Register and Leader and as far as we at this stage of the navy people to get Boone Daily Register and Bernard M. the fact that Kan Oklahoma have gov newspaper men.

**TO CAPTAIN H.**

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So, Harry, it is up to

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# MR. MCFARLAND DIES SUDDENLY IN ST. PAUL

FORMER IOWA SECRETARY OF  
STATE IS STRICKEN.

HEART FAILURE THE CAUSE

WAS BOARDING PRIVATE CAR  
IN ST. PAUL UNION DEPOT.

ON HIS WAY TO HIS HOME

From Land Buying Expedition Into  
Canada With a Party of Iowa  
Business Men.

ST. PAUL, Minn., July 18.—Hon.  
Wm. M. McFarland, ex-secretary of  
the state of Iowa, died suddenly of  
heart disease as he was boarding a  
private car in the St. Paul union  
depot just before midnight. Mr. Mc-  
Farland had been touring the Canada  
northwest with a party of Iowa bus-  
ness men and was on his way to his  
home, which is at Indianola, Ia. Mr.  
McFarland was 57 years of age and  
leaves a wife and two daughters.

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—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

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### M'DIVITT IS VICTIM ATL ACCIDENT.

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# RUN DOWN BY CAR; WILL DIE

## TH M'DIVITT IS VICTIM FATAL ACCIDENT.

### TELEPHONE OPERATOR

### RN AND MANGLED UNDER WHEELS ON INGERSOLL LINE.

#### Man On Way to Work at 8 o'clock Stepped in Front of Moving Car.

from Mercy hospital at 8 o'clock morning stated that Miss was still alive. She was however, and no hopes were for her recovery.

McDivitt, aged 25 years, at the Mutual Telephone company as a result of wounds being knocked down and trampled under an Ingersoll avenue street car first street and Ingersoll at 8 o'clock yesterday morning. She lives with her sister and Jordan, at 3029 Ingersoll on her way to the Mutual office and was hurrying to when the accident occurred. She was run beneath the wheels and thirty feet before the car stopped to a stop, both her feet and one arm mangled and several bruises being made in her

She had just left her home to go to work. She was riding to board an east-bound street car when the accident occurred. She was riding in a west-bound car, No. 127, at the place, and she waited until the car had stopped, then stepped to the sidewalk and it squarely in front of her. She was riding in a car, No. 108, which was moving at a high speed. The motor man in charge of the east-bound car, who had applied the brakes, but too late, saw her from beneath the car. She had it approaching, but had a distance from the place, at a few feet in front

...WHICH IS AT INDIANOLA, Ia. Mr. McFarland was 57 years of age, and leaves a wife and two daughters.

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As a member of the legislature, secretary of state, joint author of the present income tax law and prominent republican candidate for governor at the time of Governor Drake's nomination, Mr. McFarland's connection with Iowa politics was unusually active.

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Mr. McFarland was elected a member of the Twenty-second General assembly from Emmet county, was re-elected, and in 1890 was chosen for his first term as secretary of state. He made his home in Des Moines during the years he remained in office. Since that time he has lived in Indianola, although spending much of his time in traveling in pursuance of his business.

Mr. McFarland is survived by his wife and two daughters, Misses Frances and Wilma McFarland. The family was planning to move to Des Moines in the near future, as Miss Frances had been elected to a position in West High school.

Mr. McFarland's brother, Dr. J. F. McFarland, was for a time president of the Iowa Wesleyan university and is now in charge of the Sunday school publication of the Methodist Episcopal church, with headquarters in New York.

A telephone message received at the Conway home yesterday announced that a visit from the Misses McFarland today would be postponed on account of word which had been received that Mr. McFarland would reach home this morning.

Some two years ago Mr. McFarland wrote a series of editorials for the Homestead in Des Moines, but did not continue his connection with that publication for any length of time.

## KENTUCKY FEUD CLAIMS THREE LIVES

### Father and Two Sons Are Shot Down to Gratify the Hatred of Another Family—Self-Defense Claimed.

LEE CITY, Ky., July 15.—Three men were killed on Holly Creek here today as the result of a believed feud of long standing. The dead are Frank Smith, aged 60, and his two sons William and Manfred, aged respectively 20 and 21.

Scott McQuinn is said to have admitted that the shooting is not known, though it is believed to have been the result of bad feeling between the McQuinn and

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### THE GREAT LAND FRAUD THE EARLY '40S

### HOW SETTLERS WERE

### LANDS CONFISCATED AND NEERS DRIVEN FROM

#### L. F. Andrews Tells of the Ences of the Early Settlers in Des Moines.

BY L. F. ANDREWS

One of the greatest wrongs upon an honest people were the being out of the Des Moines river ment project, whereby the pioneers not only denied all means for justice and equity, but robbed spoiled of their homes and drove them like wild beasts.

The pioneers, as is well known along the rivers and creeks quite a numerous population had listed along the Des Moines as as the Raccoon fork, at which influx of settlers was growing indicating it would become the trading point for a large territory for a long time. The Des Moines river was navigable only at certain seasons of the year and as the

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NEWS AND COMMENT

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now is the time to buy or sell  
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Wm. M. McFarland Dead.

Wm. M. McFarland, founder of the Chronicle and ex-Secretary of State of Iowa, dropped dead at the Union Depot at St. Paul, Minnesota, at 11:25 last Saturday evening. He had accompanied a party of land seekers to Canada, and had reached Minneapolis on his return. In company with a Mr. Moon he stepped off the train at Minneapolis and the train went on, leaving him. They took a street car to St. Paul, and arrived there two or three minutes ahead of leaving time of their train, but had several blocks to make before getting to the station. Mr. McFarland, who was without luggage and did not wear a coat, ran a little less than two blocks. He did not run rapidly, and Mr. Moon, who was ahead saw that they would have plenty of time for their train and waited for him, and they walked on together. Suddenly Mr. McFarland fell, and died without a struggle and evidently without pain.

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His body was brought to Brooklyn for burial Monday, July 17, 1905, and was buried from the M. E. church on the following day. His former college mate and pastor, Rev. Wilson, and his brother, Dr. J. T. McFarland, Corresponding Secretary of the Methodist Sunday School Union, were present and made fitting remarks. He was buried in the Odd Fellow cemetery. His funeral notice appears in the last number of the thirtieth volume of this paper which he founded.

He is remembered here as a young man of character, ability and great energy. The bereaved family have the sympathy of the entire community.

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Miss Gladys Condon, of Des Moines, spent the past week at the home of her aunt, Mrs. A. W. Manatt.

Miss Mabel Stearns returned to her home in Montezuma, Monday, having spent a week with friends here.

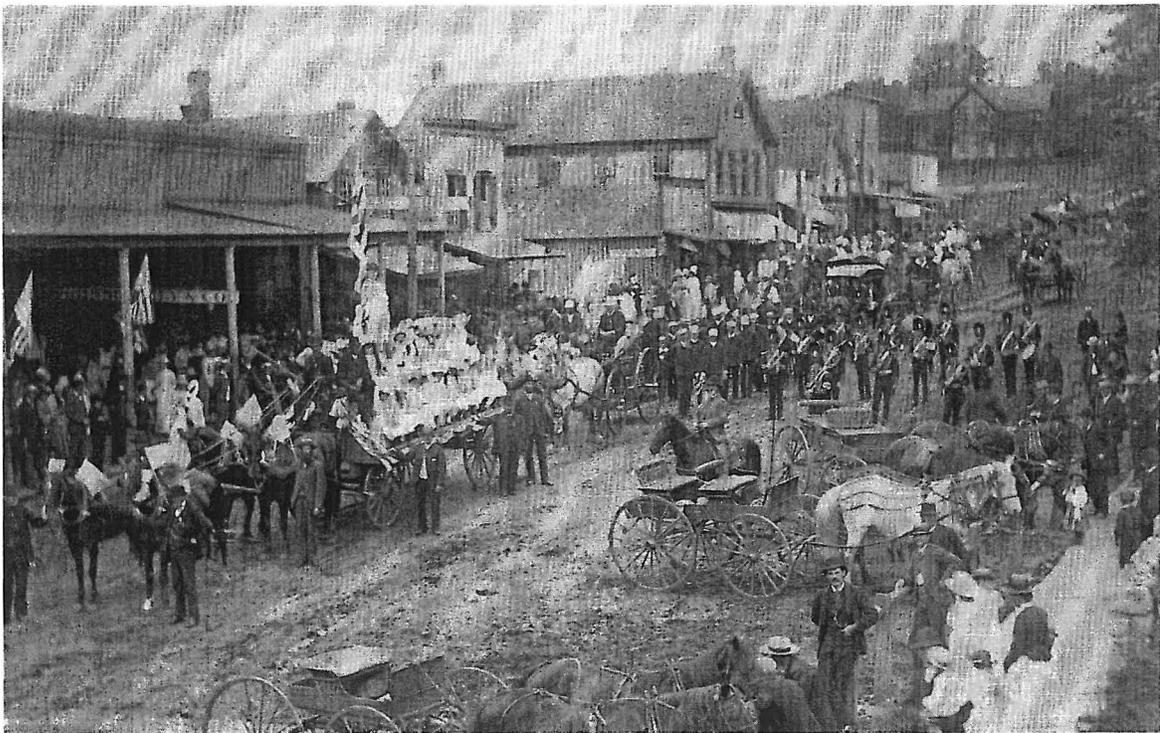
Mrs. Pierson came down from Grinnell, Friday morning, to spend a few days at the W. G. Pierson home.

Mrs. Landes and Evalona Erickson returned from Denver, Monday morning. They report a most enjoyable trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Stras Overman, of West Liberty, visited several days this

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early history. She was married to Orange Fuller Dorrance, dry goods merchant and later president of Poweshiek County Savings Bank. After her sudden death of pneumonia at age 55 in 1906, O. F. moved away; he died in 1924.

Freeman Conaway, only son of John Conaway, was editor of the *Brooklyn Chronicle* for 13 years. He became Iowa State Printer in 1894, and was secretary of the Iowa Commission to the Louisiana Purchase Exposition in St. Louis in 1903-04. In later years he was editor of newspapers in Ames and Mason City,

and secretary to the Cedar Rapids Chamber of Commerce. He died in 1923.

Florence Conaway McFarland, daughter of John Conaway, was a juvenile probation officer in Des Moines in the years around 1910; she was married to William McFarland, who was the *Chronicle's* first editor, and served as Iowa Secretary of State, 1890-97.

Dr. C. D. Conaway, brother of John Conaway, came to Brooklyn in 1867. He studied medicine under his brother and after a year's formal schooling in Ohio, returned to Brooklyn to become a partner with him in 1869. He had been a classmate of General George Custer when they were both young boys in Ohio.

The Coon Family – Andrew L. Coon came to Brooklyn in 1861 from Indiana; he had a harness shop and ran the Brooklyn Hotel on East Des Moines Street for a year before purchasing a farm north of town. He retired and moved to a house on north Jackson in 1908. His 10 children included George, a local contractor and carpenter; Charles, a farmer of the family homestead; and Estelle, an 1891 BHS graduate and rural school teacher who served 23 years as Poweshiek County Superintendent of Schools. She was Brooklyn postmistress for 15 years; she died in 1963.

Cummings, Bradish – A dry goods and grocery store owner, he came to the area in 1855. He was a charter member and first ruling elder of Brooklyn Presbyterian Church; died in 1881. At least four of his descendants taught in the Brooklyn schools. His daughter, Mary Frances, was one of the earliest teachers in the first schoolhouse; his granddaughters, Dora and Margaret Cummings, taught in the high school around 1900, and his great-granddaughter, Winifred Cummings, taught there from 1927-35, serving four years as principal.



O. F. Dorrance

Cunning, Michael – Master carpenter who built many early Brooklyn houses and first school on Pleasant Street. He came in 1857; was brother of Mrs. John Conaway, and married to Matilda Newkirk. He moved to California in 1902.

The Davidson Family – John Davidson Sr. settled one mile north of Brooklyn in 1855, where his descendants still live. Several sons became prominent residents and businessmen of

situated). In early years it was named the Overman House; after Mrs. J. H. Hull purchased it in 1912 from George Woods it was referred to as the Hull House. The outline of the structure can be seen in the "birdseye view" in the flyleaf of this book.

*"The Chronicle has been through two fires but has never lost an issue since the first number in 1875. Although badly disfigured at the present and without a home, it makes a bow to its constituents and enters on its 20<sup>th</sup> year."*

*Brooklyn Chronicle, 1894*

□ **Hotel Brooklyn** Nowadays when we speak of Brooklyn hotels, most natives automatically recall the handsome red Italianate house facing the railroad tracks on Front Street. It is surprising to many that this building was originally constructed as a private home, although used as a hotel during most of its many years. Built in 1875, it was first used as a hotel around 1890, and was called variously the Brooklyn House and the Stephenson House and later, Hotel Brooklyn. In 1905 Dr. Charles Busby and his family lived there, and for some years the upstairs was used as a hospital for his patients. Then in 1925 it again became a hotel, managed by several different owners, including Robert Lawson from 1941 to the mid-1970s, when his daughter-in-law Kay Lawson took over. (See more about the Hotel in Chapter 4.)

□ **As For Now...** As of 2000, the nearest lodging available to the Brooklyn area is Santoro's Bed & Breakfast, located east of town on Old 6, west of the Highway 21 junction. It was established in 1993 by owner Fran Santoro Hamilton and is managed by Kathi Santoro Roberts. The 1876 farmhouse has been owned by five generations of descendants of Robert Manatt Jr., the great-grandfather of the late Faith Mason Santoro. She was the daughter of State Senator Dan Mason. During the 1940s, when then-Highway 6 was a busy transportation route across Iowa, Mason operated a small motel called Mason's Cabins and a gas pump on the front part of the property.

## PRINTERS' INK

**T**he Brooklyn Chronicle, first published in 1875, is the town's oldest business establishment, a couple of decades short of being as old as the town itself. Except for a few weeks in 1981, Brooklyn has never been without a weekly newspaper since the Chronicle was founded in 1875.

□ **Chronicling The News** The original *Chronicle* editor and owner was W. M. McFarland, a Republican supporter who later moved on to Estherville, where he became a state representative and then served as Iowa's Secretary of State from 1890 to 1897. When he first came to Brooklyn in 1877, McFarland purchased from T. J. Homes a lot on the south side of Front Street, and built a two-story building (where later the second Town Hall stood, and today the post office). The first *Chronicle* offices were established on the second floor.

Freeman Conaway, the son of Dr. John Conaway, took over the paper in 1881 and published one of the best written of the earlier papers. O. F. Dorrance, who later was bank president, managed the paper for several years in the late 1880s while Conaway was in Arkansas. When he was elected state printer in 1894, Conaway sold the paper to Robinson, Crain & Company. Robinson at the time was also the superintendent of Brooklyn schools.

area called Snook's Grove, later commonly known as Talbott's Grove. In the early 1850s a cabin on Robert Manatt Sr.'s homestead one half-mile west of the Talbott's was converted to a schoolhouse; this then became the Methodists' meeting place on Sundays.

When the school building was moved into the young village in the mid-1850s, to the northwest corner of Center and Middle Streets, the Methodists followed and established the first Sunday School classes. Dr. John Conaway served as superintendent and Mrs. Isabell Farquar (daughter of John J. and Mary Talbott) as assistant. The new congregation continued to meet in the young town's schoolhouse until 1862, when members dedicated the town's first church. It was a frame building erected at the southeast corner of Center and Spring Streets at a cost of \$2,800.

In 1873 William Manatt donated to the church the northeast corner of Clay and Pershing Streets, and the frame church was moved there. In the winter of 1876-77, the pastor, Rev. W. G. Thorn, began a series of revival meetings that came to have a significant impact on the town of Brooklyn and all of its churches. Later known as the Thorn Revival, it was a time of spiritual uplift, adding more than 100 members to the Methodist congregation, and also inspiring new memberships in other local churches.

A large new brick structure replaced the frame building in 1877. Its distinctive design, coal furnace heat and fashionable oil lamps were a source of comfort and pride to the congregation. The first wedding solemnized there was that of Florence Conaway and William McFarland; he was the founder of the *Chronicle* who became Iowa Secretary of State, and she was the daughter of Dr. John Conaway. The early frame church, just 16 years old, was moved two blocks north to be a residence. (See Chapter 4, Houses That Moved.) The *Chronicle* later recalled that "within its portals transpired some of the most joyous and sorrowful occasions of the early days, among the latter being the (memorial) services of our martyred president Abraham Lincoln."

The Methodist Iowa Annual Conference met at the local church for a 12-day session in 1878, with a number of bishops and national church leaders among those who attended.

Within the next several decades, the technological changes and advances enjoyed in major cities were being brought to small towns in middle America. In 1914 the Brooklyn congregation decided to build a modern structure with electrical wiring, which was just coming into use in the town. The members also wanted an area for gatherings that included a lower level for kitchen, dining and indoor rest room facilities. Thus the English Gothic-style church with its red-tiled roof was built, and was dedicated Feb. 21, 1915. A day-long service was held for the dedication, and although continuous rains had made local roads muddy and almost impassable, more than 500 attended the event. That day, the last \$12,000 of the \$36,000 construction costs were raised, and the congregation rejoiced in dedicating the building free of debts.

During the construction of the new building, the church's pipe organ was carefully disman-



The bell in the south tower of the Methodist Church has tolled to announce the close of wars and the deaths of presidents. Brass-ringed hitching rails on the south side were removed in 1953, along with a row of large trees.

Opposite page. The grand pipe organ in the Methodist choir loft was played for countless weddings, funerals and worship services. Leo Shuler, a longtime organist, was seated at the organ behind a school choir for an Easter Cantata, circa 1934. (See Appendix for names).



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**Died:** 15 JUL 1905  
**Cemetery:** I.O.O.F.  
**Location:** BROOKLYN  
**County:** POWESHIEK CO. - IOWA  
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**Name:** William M Mcfarland

**Birth Year:** abt 1849

**Birth Place:** Indiana

**Gender:** Male

**Marital Status:** Married

**Census Date:** 1885

**Residence state:** Iowa

**Residence County:** Emmet

**Locality:** Estherville

**Roll:** IA1885\_183

**Line:** 11

**Family Number:** 58

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