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1900 Iowa House, Joplin, Mo.

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Clarke, William G. Senator _____

Represented Woodbury County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 1853 Newport, Maine

2. Marriage (s) date place

Lillian A. Hale June 1886

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He was admitted to the bar in 1881

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Lawyer

4. Church membership _____

5. Sessions served 23rd General Assembly 1890

6. Public Offices

A. Local Justice of the Peace; Woodbury County Attorney

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death _____

8. Children William G. Jr.

9. Names of parents _____

10. Education _____

11. Degrees *In 1878 he graduated from Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island with a B.A. degree*

12. Other applicable information _____

Democrat

- He lived in Minnesota from 1856 - 1870

- After leaving Brown University, he moved to Sioux City, Iowa where he studied law with Isaac Pendleton



Willis G. Clarke

has taken an active part in politics. Mr. Murphy has devoted his entire life to his profession, and has won merited success.

JACOB W. MYERS, banker, Le Mars, was born December 15, 1833, in Trumbull county, Ohio, a son of John and Matilda (Warren) Myers. He received a common-school education in Ohio, and completed it at the Allegheny college at Meadville, Pa., after which he located at Detroit, Mich., where he remained four years in the employ of a mercantile firm. In 1855 he was engaged on government land surveys, and the following year was appointed an U. S. deputy surveyor, with headquarters at St. Paul, Minn.

In 1878 he located at Le Mars, Iowa, and became identified with the Plymouth county bank, as its cashier, and when, in 1882, the Plymouth county bank was converted to the First National bank, he was its cashier for several years, and later its vice-president until 1889, when he resigned to take the presidency of the German American Savings bank of Le Mars. In 1858 Mr. Myers married Mary L. Kimberly, daughter of James and Sirphrona (Earl) Kimberly. He has been a consistent republican since the organization of the party.

AMOS HALE is a traveling salesman for the wholesale grocery house of Sprague, Warner & Co., of Chicago, Ill. He is fifty-six years old, and for the last twenty years has followed his present occupation. He has the longest continuous record as a commercial traveler of any man traveling from this city.

He came to Sioux City in 1871 as salesman for the wholesale grocery house of H. D. Booge & Co. He is a native of New York, and has had varied experiences in pioneer life in the northwest in its early days. His face is familiar to the grocery trade within a radius of 100 miles of Sioux City, and he is looked upon by the commercial travelers, as the patriarch of their fraternity, in this locality. He is married and has two daughters: Mrs. Willis G. Clarke, and Miss Adaline.

HON. WILLIS G. CLARKE, of Sioux City, was born at Newport, Me., in 1853. He comes of a family which bore an active and honorable part in the American Revolution, and his father was a union soldier. He lived in Minnesota from 1856 to 1870, and in 1878 graduated from Brown university, Providence, R. I., with the degree of A. B. Removing to Sioux City he studied law with Judge Isaac Pendleton, and was admitted to the bar in 1881.

He was elected justice of the peace the following year, as a democrat, the balance of the party ticket being defeated. In 1884 and 1885 he was appointed county attorney.

In June, 1886, he married Lillian F., daughter of Amos Hale, of Sioux City. At the election of November, 1889, Mr. Clarke was elected by nearly

one thousand majority to represent Sioux City and Woodbury county in the Twenty-third general assembly of Iowa, of which he is now a member.

WILLIAM STEPHEN FOLLIS, real estate dealer, Sioux City, was born in Dubuque, this state, on New Year's day, 1847, and is a son of Patrick and Margaret (Conway) Follis, natives of county Kilkenny, Ireland. When William was six weeks old the family moved to Prairie Spring township, Jackson county, where they settled on a farm. In 1868 they removed to Sioux City, where the mother now resides, and where the father died March 6, 1888, aged seventy years. He had taken a homestead in Johnson township, Plymouth county, which is still held by the estate.

Our subject is the eldest of their four living children. His only schooling was furnished by the district school in Jackson county, which has been well supplemented by the practical experiences of life. In 1868 Mr. Follis took a homestead in Johnson township, Plymouth county, which he still retains, and he is now the possessor of several city lots. For ten years he was clerk of the Sioux City house, conducted by his father, and since 1881 he has engaged successfully in the real estate business.

He is secretary of the Lincoln Park association, now Lincoln Park company, and of the Julia Mica Mining company, of Custer county, S. D. For the past five years he has been secretary of the Mechanics' Building association of this city, having previously served three years as director. He was one of the charter members of the Excelsior Hook and Ladder company, the first volunteer company, organized in 1870, and which was the nucleus of the present fire department, and he served as the secretary of the company several years, and also served the longest period of any active member of the company, having served fifteen years, and is now on the honorary roll. He also served as secretary and treasurer of the Sioux City fire department, for the years 1883 and 1884.

He is a member of the A. O. H., and of the Roman Catholic church, and in politics affiliates with the democratic party. In 1878 he was elected county recorder and served two years. He served as justice of the peace in 1883 and 1884, and made a satisfactory magistrate, but refused to be again a candidate. In September, 1890, he formed a partnership with J. A. Bernard in the abstract of title business for Sioux City and Woodbury county.

On June 2, 1885, Mr. Follis married Mary A. Mulady, a native of Sun Prairie, Wis., of Irish descent. They have three sons, named respectively: William Joseph, Lawrence Gregory and Emmett Patrick.

A. R. T. DENT, real estate and loans, Le Mars, was born in London, England, in 1861, a son of "Lady Dent," 20 Thurloe square, London. He received his education in England, and graduated from an engineering school. In 1880 he came to America, and located at Le Mars, where he became a



1880 United States Federal Census

Name:	Willis G. Clarke						
Home in 1880:	Sioux City, Woodbury, Iowa						
Age:	26						
Estimated birth year:	abt 1854						
Birthplace:	Maine						
Relation to head-of-household:	Self (Head)						
Father's birthplace:	Maine						
Mother's birthplace:	Maine						
Neighbors:							
Occupation:	Lawyer						
Marital Status:	Single						
Race:	White						
Gender:	Male						
Cannot read/write:							
Blind:							
Deaf and dumb:							
Otherwise disabled:							
Idiotic or insane:							
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Sioux City, Iowa Directories, 1889-90, 1892-93

Name:	Willis G Clarke
Location 1:	410 Fourth
City:	Sioux City
State:	IA
Occupation:	lawyer
Year:	1889, 1890
Location 2:	702 Nebraska

Source Information:

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