

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Wilson, Silas Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Represented Cass County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 16 May 1846 Marshall County, West Virginia

2. Marriage (s) date place

Edna Aylesworth 29 Sept 1875 Cass or Madison County, Iowa  
(1853 - 1933)

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business \_\_\_\_\_

B. Civic responsibilities G.A.R.

C. Profession Nurseryman; farmer; teacher

4. Church membership Presbyterian

5. Sessions served 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> General Assemblies 1886, 1888, 1890

6. Public Offices

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

B. State 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of Farmers & Horticultural Society for 3 years, President of the State and District Societies for 2 years

C. National 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of the American Association of Nurserymen for 2 years

7. Death 29 Dec 1925 San Diego, California; buried in Mount Hope Cemetery, Lawsville, California

8. Children Fred W.; William D.

9. Names of parents Samuel and Charlotte (Montgomery) Wilson



## Sources Log For Legislation Entries

## Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
- <u>History of Cass County, Iowa 1884, p. 845</u>			
- <u>rootsweb.com (data not proven)</u>		✓	
- <u>G.A.R. Records</u>		✓	
- <u>FINDAGRAVE.com (accessed 30 July 2009)</u>			
- <u>Biographical Sketches of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Iowa Assembly, Iowa 1888, p. 118-119</u>			
- <u>Cass County, Iowa 1980, p. 8, 626</u>			
- <u>Portrait</u> The original portrait is located at the State Historical Library, 601 E. Grand, Des Moines, Iowa.			
- <u>ancestry.com (accessed 5/13/2009 and 2/14/2009, also 30 July 2009)</u>			
- <u>Obituary - San Diego Union, San Diego, California</u> <u>Wed Dec 30, 1925, p. 5, col 6 and Fri. Jan. 1, 1926,</u> <u>p. 5, col. 7</u>			

WILSON, SILAS

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Charles C. Lord, a native of Missouri,  
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MATHENY—At the family residence,  
4078 Louisiana street, Dec. 27, 1925,  
Julius Matheny, husband of Evelyn  
Matheny, father of Gerald and Ruth  
Matheny; a native of Washington, aged  
26 years 3 months 2 days.  
Friends are invited to attend funeral  
services at 1:30 o'clock p. m. Wednes-  
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ANDRO—In this city, Dec. 29, 1925, John  
Andro; a native of Austria, aged 54  
years 2 months 14 days.  
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taking Co.

CRAIG—In this city, Dec. 24, 1925, Aas  
A. Craig, husband of Louisa Craig,  
father of Mildred, Grace, Violet and  
Howard Craig of Spokane, Wash.,  
brother of Mrs. Slater of New York; a  
native of Michigan, aged 65 years 4  
months 2 days.  
Announcement of services will be made  
later by the Davis Undertaking Co.

LA MAY—At the residence, 621 Twelfth  
street, in this city, Dec. 28, 1925, David  
William LaMay, husband of Cora La-  
May, father of Harold LaMay and  
Mrs. Tillie Lovejoy of San Diego, Calif.,  
son of Emma LaMay, brother of John,  
Harry, Albert LaMay of Auburn, N. Y.,  
Mrs. Harry Hartman of Schenectady,  
N. Y., Mrs. Jack Hamilton and Mrs.  
Tom Farrell of Philadelphia, Pa.; a  
native of New York, aged 52 years  
11 months 18 days.  
Members of the Knights of Columbus,  
Lathers Union and friends are invited  
to attend services from Our Lady of  
Angels church, where mass will be said  
Thursday, Dec. 31, at 9 a. m. Interment  
Holy Cross cemetery. The Davis Under-  
taking Co. in charge.

WILSON—In this city, Dec. 29, 1925,  
Silas Wilson, husband of Edna Wilson,  
father of Fred W. Wilson of San Diego,  
Will H. Wilson of Kuna, Idaho, grand-  
father of Max and Dorothy Wilson of  
San Diego; a native of West Virginia;  
aged 79 years; a member of Datus E.  
Leon Post No. 33, G. A. R.  
Announcement later by Bradley &  
Woolman.

LEAMING — In this city, Charles F.  
Leaming, aged 87.  
Private funeral services at the Smith,  
Goodbody & Dunn Funeral Home, Third  
street at Ash, at 3:30 p. m. today (Wed-  
nesday), Dec. 30. Interment in Green-  
wood Memorial park.

SMITH—In this city, Dec. 26, 1925,  
Nathaniel T. Smith; a native of New  
York, aged 62 years.  
Friends are invited to attend funeral  
services at Bradley & Woolman's chapel,  
C street, corner of Seventh, Wednesday,  
Dec. 30, 1925, at 2 o'clock p. m., Rev.  
Mr. Faust officiating. Cremation strictly  
private, Greenwood crematory.

## 30th & University Coronado East San Diego

### DEATHS

BROWN—In National City, Dec. 29, 1925,  
Mrs. Beulah M. Brown, wife of Lemuel  
S. Brown, mother of Virginia, Mary  
Elizabeth, Norman and Richard Brown,  
229 East Third street, National City,  
and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse  
E. Morgan, sister of Howard P. Brown,  
all of National City, and sister of  
Mrs. Marguerite Brown of Chicago,  
Ill.; a native of Illinois, aged 37 years  
10 months.

Announcement of funeral service will  
be made later by the Dawson Funeral  
Home of 607 National avenue, National  
City.

HATHAWAY—In this city, Dec. 28, 1925,  
Dr. John Richard Hathaway, husband  
of Clare Hathaway of San Diego, Calif.,  
father of Mrs. Maude Sawyer of Port  
Angeles, Wash.; a native of Maine,  
aged 77 years 10 months.  
Friends are invited to attend services  
from the chapel of the Davis Undertaking  
Co., 1752 Fourth street, Wednesday, Dec.  
30, at 2:30 p. m., Rev. Charles L. Barnes  
officiating. Cremation.

ENCIDO—In this city, Dec. 28, 1925,  
Agapito Encido, father of Elizabeth  
Encido of San Diego; a native of Co-  
vite, Philippine Islands, aged 35 years.  
Friends are invited to attend funeral  
from the Smith, Goodbody & Dunn Fu-  
neral Home, Third street at Ash, at 9:30  
a. m. today (Wednesday), thence to Our  
Lady of Guadalupe church, corner of  
Eighteenth and Kearney streets, for ser-  
vices at 10 o'clock. Interment in Holy  
Cross cemetery.

OPPERMAN—In this city, Dec. 28, 1925,  
August Opperman, father of Mrs. Ger-  
trude Dodd and Arthur Opperman, both  
of this city; a native of New York,  
aged 55 years 5 months 2 days.  
Friends are invited to attend funeral  
services to be held at the Bonbough  
funeral parlors, corner of Seventh and  
Date streets, Friday, Jan. 1, 1926, at 10  
o'clock a. m. Cremation, Bonbough  
crematory.

## Glen Abbey Memorial Park

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PERSONS, AND BIOGRAPHIES OF OLD SETTLERS AND  
REPRESENTATIVE CITIZENS

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HISTORY OF IOWA,

EMBRACING ACCOUNTS OF THE PRE-HISTORIC RACES, AND A BRIEF REVIEW  
OF ITS CIVIL, POLITICAL AND MILITARY HISTORY.

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of years ago. Mr. Prall and family are members of the Christian church.

John F. Reesman, one of the prominent men of Cass county, is a native of Clinton county, Pennsylvania, and was born on the 21st of January, 1821. He was reared and educated in Pennsylvania, and in 1853 he removed to Ogle county, Illinois, where he remained about two years, when he went back to Pennsylvania, and there remained about five years, when he came to Carroll county, Illinois. He then went to Stephenson county, and in 1871 he came to Cass county, and settled in Atlantic township, where he bought four hundred and thirty-five acres of good land, of John Keyes, but when surveyed lacked twenty acres, which he lost. He raises some of the finest cattle in the county. He has some full blood Shorthorn cattle, and Poland China hogs. He was married on the 13th of September, 1844, to Christina Reber, a native of Pennsylvania. They have two children living—Aaron A. and Benjamin F. Both married. They had four children who died in infancy. Mr. Reesman's father died in 1876, in Pennsylvania, and is buried in Hamburg, Clinton county. His mother died in 1844 and is buried in the same grave yard at Hamburg.

Junius Childs, was born in Bureau county, Illinois, on the 8th of November, 1844, his parents being H. A. and Elizabeth (Franks) Childs. He was reared and educated in his native county, and in the fall of 1870 he came to Iowa, and settled on section 18, Atlantic township, Cass County. He has continued a resident of this township ever since, and is

one of the successful and enterprising farmers of the county. He built a nice residence soon after coming, and now has an artificial grove of four acres, and a fine orchard. He has three hundred and eighty-six acres of land, all under cultivation, and has a large stock of cattle and Poland China hogs. Mr. Childs was married in Bureau county, on the 17th of February, 1870, to Sophronia A. Studyvin, a native of Illinois. They have been blessed with three children—Harry E., Grace L. and Alice E. Mrs. Childs is a cousin to Miss Hall, who was held in captivity by the Indians at the first settlement of Bureau county. Mr. Child's father died in April 1853, and his mother is now living at Creston, Union county.

Silas Wilson, in company with S. W. Wilson, established the nursery at Grove City, in 1871, the name of the firm being Wilson and Wilson. In 1877 they dissolved partnership, Silas taking the wholesale, and S. W. Wilson the retail department. Mr. Wilson has eighty acres of nursery stock on section 11, and some lots of seven acres in Grove City. He has, altogether, one hundred and twenty acres in trees. He has a grape nursery of seventy acres, the largest one in the United States. His trade extends into every State and territory in the Union. He does exclusively a wholesale business, and employs from twenty-five to thirty men constantly. He grew and shipped, last year, (1883), eight hundred thousand grapevines. He grows a general variety of seedlings, but makes a specialty of grapevines and apple seedlings. Mr. Wilson was born in Marshall county, West Vir-

ginia, May 16, 1846, and is a son of Samuel and Charlotte (McIntyre) Wilson. He obtained his education in his native county, and in Washington county, Iowa, where he went in 1865. He went from Washington county to Madison county, and commenced the nursery business near Winterset. He removed to this county, as before stated, in 1871. He was married in September, 1875, to Edna Aylesworth, a native of Lake county, Illinois. He is a leader in the Republican party, and is at present chairman of the county central committee.

Henry Bell was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, February 23, 1834, his parents being Richard and Sarah (Crooks) Bell. The latter is still living in Guernsey county, Ohio; the former died in Ohio in February, 1874. His parents moved to that State when he was about six years old, where Henry was brought up and educated in the common schools of the county, and the instruction thus received was supplemented by a course of study at Madison college. In 1865 he came to Guthrie county, remained nearly two years, and then came to this county, locating in Atlantic township. His present improvements are substantial, and the old, original house still stands. He was married in Guernsey county, Ohio, to Margaret Jane Shipman. They have had five children—R. R., John S., Mary Almeda, Moses A. and George Henry. His first wife died during the spring of 1869. In December of that year, he was again married to Jane Ann Tweed, a native of Henderson county, Illinois. By this marriage there were eight children, six of whom are now living—Sarah A., Rosa

May, Maggie A., James William, Oscar P. and Lulu Pearl. He and his sons have nine hundred and fifty-seven acres of land well improved.

Thomas Hardenbergh was born in Ulster county, New York, on the 13th of March, 1813, his parents being Nicholas and Margaret (Cronk) Hardenbergh. His father participated in the war of 1812, and always lived in the place where Thomas was born. Thomas enlisted, in 1837, in company D, First United States Artillery, and was wounded in the hand at Mosquito Swamp, Florida. He removed to Illinois in 1857, and was there engaged in the nursery business until 1859, when he came to Cass county, Iowa, and located at Lewis. In 1864 he removed to his present location, on section 17, Atlantic township. He was married in New York, on the 10th of March, 1842, to Fanny C. Nieur. Their union has been blessed with six children, all born in New York—Mary, married to William Raeny, now living in Atlantic; Georgia, married to Warren L. Dean, now living in Pottawattamie county; Alice, married to R. G. Phelps, of Atlantic; Theodore W., now in Peoria, Illinois; Asa, married to Sadie Moreland; Ada, married to F. D. Clues. Mr. Hardenbergh owns eighty acres of good land, and has an orchard of eight hundred bearing trees, also a small vineyard. He was a member of Columbia lodge, A. F. and A. M., at Tuttle town, Ulster county.

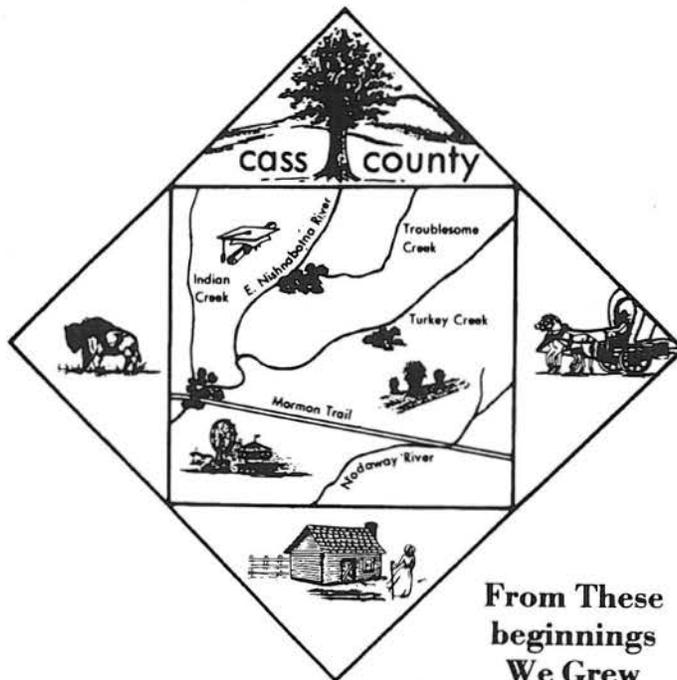
David D. Morris was born six mile from Rochester, in Monroe county, New York, January 1, 1816. His parents, Anson and Hannah (Pearson) Morris, removed in 1826, to Trumbull county, Ohio, where Anson Morris followed his trade,

# CASS COUNTY IOWA

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**From These  
beginnings  
We Grew**

Dedicated

- To the pioneers who first settled on the unclaimed land —
- To those who successfully toiled and cultivated the soil —
- To those who collectively built their communities into towns; their services into businesses and industries —
- To the progression of families who call it home —
- As a written and pictorial record of this evolution for those who follow.
- By Those Who Care.

covered wagon, then by railroad. By 1866, Iowa was bisected by its first railroad: Council Bluffs became the eastern terminus of the great Union Pacific, and Iowa was now a key link in the transcontinental railroad — much as it is today with the interstate highways.

The men and women who came to live on and work Iowa's soil originated from many places. The eastern states provided much of Iowa's early population, but eventually Iowa developed a rich ethnic background. Settlers included communi-

ties of Dutch, Norwegian, Czech, Swedes, Irish, and German.

Agriculture has always been Iowa's primary endeavor, but from the beginning Iowa has had industry. At first the state was known for its mining and then for its lumber industry. Logs were floated down the Mississippi from the immense forests in Minnesota and Wisconsin to be processed in Iowa. When these forests were depleted around the turn of the century, lumber was

shipped by railroad from all over the country to be milled in Iowa.

By World War II, Iowa emerged as an industrial state in its agricultural-related activities. Sitting on the rim of the great agricultural Prairie-Plains, Iowa produced much of the nation's agricultural machinery, and in turn processed much of the nation's agricultural output.

By: *Wendell Pellett*

## CASS COUNTY SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES 1878-1979

	SENATOR	ADDRESS	OCCUPATION	REPRESENTATIVE	ADDRESS	OCCUPATION
1878	Lafayette Young	Atlantic	Publisher	Oll Coomes	Wiota	Farmer
1880	Lafayette Young	Atlantic	Publisher	Oll Coomes	Wiota	Farmer
1882	Cephas B. Hunt	Greenfield	Farmer	Wm. Baughman	Griswold	Farmer
1884	Cephas B. Hunt	Greenfield	Farmer	Jacob Kuhn	Anita	Unknown
1886	Lafayette Young	Atlantic	Publisher	Silas Wilson	Atlantic	Horticulturist
1888	Lafayette Young	Atlantic	Publisher	Silas Wilson	Atlantic	Horticulturist
1890	W.F. Cleveland	Harlan	Banker	Silas Wilson	Atlantic	Horticulturist
1892	W.F. Cleveland	Harlan	Banker	J.S. Crawford	Atlantic	County Officer
1894	Julian Phelps	Atlantic	Lawyer	M.J. Davis	Lewis	Druggist
1896	Julian Phelps	Atlantic	Lawyer	M.J. Davis	Lewis	Druggist
1898	J.M. Emmert	Atlantic	Physician	M.N. Baker	Anita	Farmer
1900	J.M. Emmert	Atlantic	Physician	M.N. Baker	Anita	Farmer
1902	J.M. Emmert	Atlantic	Physician	John Pipher	Griswold	Druggist/Farmer
1904	James Bruce	Atlantic	Banker/Lawyer	L.L. DeLano	Atlantic	Lawyer
1906	James Bruce	Atlantic	Banker/Lawyer	C.A. Meredith	Atlantic	Lawyer
1907	James Bruce	Atlantic	Banker/Lawyer	C.A. Meredith	Atlantic	Lawyer
1909	James Bruce	Atlantic	Banker/Lawyer	C.A. Meredith	Atlantic	Lawyer
1911	Thomas Smith	Harlan	Lawyer	Denis Hogan	Massena	Banker
1913	Thomas Smith	Harlan	Lawyer	John Peterson	Anita	Farmer
1915	John Voorhees	Anita	Banker	Charles Smith	Griswold	Farmer
1917	John Voorhees	Anita	Banker	Ed L. Newton	Anita	Farmer
1919	Julius Nelson	Atlantic	Farmer	Ed L. Newton	Anita	Farmer
1921	Julius Nelson	Atlantic	Farmer	C.W. Huff	Massena	Farmer
1923	Julius Nelson	Atlantic	Farmer	C.W. Huff	Massena	Farmer
1925	Julius Nelson	Atlantic	Farmer	C.W. Huff	Massena	Farmer
1927	Charles Booth	Harlan	Farmer	C.W. Huff	Massena	Farmer
1929	Charles Booth	Harlan	Farmer	L.B. Shannon	Wiota	Minister
1931	Charles Booth	Harlan	Farmer	C.E. Malone	Atlantic	Farmer
1933	Charles Booth	Harlan	Farmer	C.E. Malone	Atlantic	Farmer
1935	C.E. Malone	Atlantic	Farmer	G.T. Kuester	Griswold	Farmer
1937	Frank Pelzer	Marne	Farmer	G.T. Kuester	Griswold	Farmer
1939	Frank Pelzer	Marne	Farmer	G.T. Kuester	Griswold	Farmer
1941	Frank Pelzer	Marne	Farmer	G.T. Kuester	Griswold	Farmer
1943	Frank Pelzer	Marne	Farmer	G.T. Kuester	Griswold	Farmer
1945	Ed S. White	Harlan	Lawyer	G.T. Kuester	Griswold	Farmer
1947	Jay Colburn	Harlan	Insurance	G.T. Kuester	Griswold	Farmer,
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				Speaker of the House 53rd G.A.		
1951	Jay Colburn	Harlan	Insurance	G.T. Kuester	Griswold	Farmer
1953	Jay Colburn	Harlan	Insurance	G.T. Kuester	Griswold	Farmer
1955	John Shoeman	Atlantic	Veterinarian	G.T. Kuester	Griswold	Farmer
1957	John Shoeman	Atlantic	Veterinarian	Les Kluever	Atlantic	Lawyer
1959	John Shoeman	Atlantic	Veterinarian	Les Kluever	Atlantic	Lawyer
1961	John Shoeman	Atlantic	Veterinarian	Les Kluever	Atlantic	Lawyer
1963	John Shoeman	Atlantic	Veterinarian	Les Kluever	Atlantic	Lawyer
1965	John Shoeman	Atlantic	Veterinarian	Les Kluever	Atlantic	Lawyer
1967	Joseph Flatt	Winterset	Businessman	Les Kluever	Atlantic	Lawyer
1969-1970	Joseph Flatt	Winterset	Businessman	Les Kluever	Atlantic	Lawyer
1971-1972	Jim Briles	Corning	Auctioneer	Wendell Pellett	Atlantic	Farmer
1973-1974	Karl Nolin	Ralston	Farmer	Bill Hutchins	Guthrie Center	Businessman
	Jim Briles	Corning	Auctioneer	Wendell Pellett	Atlantic	Farmer
1975-1976	Karl Nolin	Ralston	Farmer	Bill Hutchins	Guthrie Center	Businessman
	Jim Briles	Corning	Auctioneer	Wendell Pellett	Atlantic	Farmer
1977-1978	Bill Hutchins	Guthrie Center	Businessman	Ernie Gilson	Bayard	Teacher
	Jim Briles	Corning	Auctioneer	Wendell Pellett	Atlantic	Farmer
1979-1980	Bill Hutchins	Guthrie Center	Businessman	Jim Anderson	Brayton	Farmer
	Jim Briles	Corning	Auctioneer	Wendell Pellett	Atlantic	Farmer

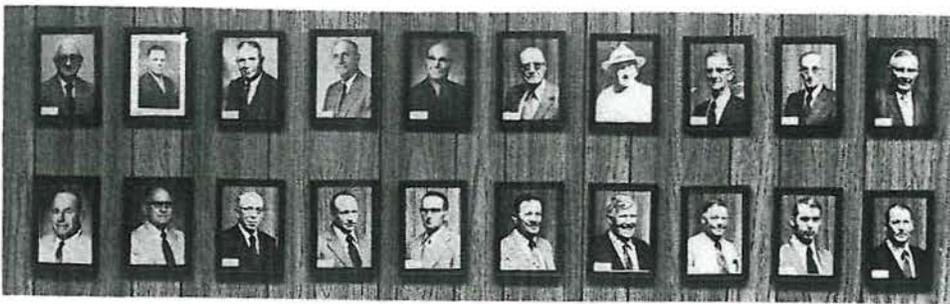
### A CAPSULE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES

It is customary for people to pinpoint the beginning of the United States as a rather instant happening that initiated in 1776. Actually, there have been many other beginnings — some earlier and at least several later — for this country that many people call simply "America". As late as the 1400s, America's only inhabitants were Indians and Eskimos. Then, for the next two hundred years, America became the destination for people from several European countries. These people

came for many reasons, namely gold, fame, and/or religious freedom (for their religion only). It was chiefly British Colonists who settled along the eastern coast of North America in the area that now extends from Maine to Georgia. These people were hard-working and built permanent settlements out of the wilderness lands. It was their outrage, in the period between 1754 and 1783, that the thriving colonial economy was theirs, and theirs alone — not to be taxed or regulated or limited from expansion by a British Parliament that seemed no longer to be anything but an exploiter of the American scene — that led to

the American Revolution.

1776 is the date that we celebrate as the adoption of the Declaration of Independence that formed these United States of America; but 1781 is probably equally important, because it was then that Americans defeated the British at Yorktown, Virginia — and that was the last major battle of the Revolutionary War. At this point, however, the U.S.A. was only a loose confederation of colony-states. These new states were soon to learn that they needed other powers than the one they had just gained — that of the right to separate from the mother country. It was in 1787, at the



way in the west edge of town. This is the current home of ASCS.

At the present time the office employs three full-time girls, a manager and a part-time compliance supervisor. The main programs are commodity loans, grain reserve, feed grain, storage facility loans and ACP.

### SOIL CONSERVATION

The Cass County Soil Conservation District was chartered by the State of Iowa on August 25, 1942 at a time when Districts were being organized in nearly all parts of the state. The purpose of the District is to provide technical assistance to landowners to apply conservation practices on the land to control soil erosion.

The first official meeting of the District was held on July 9, 1942. The individuals present at the first meeting were: Joe Lawton, Clarence Pellett, Lester Clapp of Ames, Ross Oliver, and Lester Soukup who was the County Agent. Clarence Pellett was elected as the first district chairman with Lester Soukup as secretary, and Carl Euken as the third commissioner.

Soon after the District was organized, a request was made to the USDA-Soil Conservation Service to provide trained personnel to carry out the day-to-day functions of the District. Gilbert Wehrman began as Work Unit Conservationist in December 1942 and served the district until his retirement in June, 1973. Bill Willis became the Conservationist in September, 1973, with the working title changed to District Conservationist.

Terrace construction began early in the life of the District. Plows, disks, and V-drags were commonly used to build the first terraces. The early terraces were built level or with a slight grade and were designed to fit the two-row equipment common to that period of time.

Parallel terraces to improve farmability were first constructed later. Parallel terrace construction was refined further with introduction of tile-outlet, grassed backslope terraces in the early 1970s.

Diversions and ponds became important practices early in the history of the District. Many farm ponds have been built with District assistance to provide livestock water, gully control and recreation.

The first P.L. 566 watershed project to provide gully and flood control was in Crooked Creek Watershed. Construction began in May, 1958, with waterways, tile drainage, and concrete grade stabilization structures as the primary measures. The watershed encompasses 22, 656 acres in Cass, Audubon, Guthrie and Adair Counties.

The Turkey Creek Watershed project began in 1965 and consists of ten floodwater retarding structures, and 93 gully control structures in the 86,121 acre drainage area. A watershed project began on Troublesome Creek Watershed in August, 1972. This watershed originates in Audubon and Guthrie County and enters the Nishnabotna River at Atlantic. There are 33 structures planned in the Cass County portion of the watershed with two sites scheduled for construction in 1979.

Applications for planning and construction assistance have been submitted for the West Nodaway River in the Massena area and for Indian Creek in the northwest part of the county. These

applications have not been authorized and no action has been taken.

Accurate records have been maintained of conservation practices installed on farms in Cass County. The following is a list of practices and amounts of each since 1942:

Farm ponds	207
Terraces	7,864,690 ft.
Grassed Waterways	4403 acres
Conservation tillage	81,233 acres
Diversions	475,964 ft.

By: Gilbert Wehrman

### FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE

Federal Crop Insurance Corporation came into being in 1939 with insurance on wheat. The insurance guarantees a set amount of bushels per harvested or unharvested acre from damages to crops from drought, frost, hail, freeze, insects, plant diseases, wild life, or any unavoidable cause.

Three-price-per bushel elections are offered per each insured crop in Iowa. Premium rates per acre vary with each per-bushel election. An indemnity is paid when the number of bushels falls below the guarantee.

Farmers' premiums for the most part pay the indemnities. Iowa Federal Crop Insurance Premiums may pay California grape losses, or the reverse may be true. One thing is certain, losses do occur.

The Atlantic Federal Crop Insurance Office serves Audubon, Cass, Guthrie, and Shelby counties.

### FMHA

Farmers Home Administration (FmHA), an agency of the USDA, makes loans to farmers, families of low-to-moderate income and rural

communities. In Cass County, there are 308 families and 13 communities receiving credit assistance from Farmers Home Administration.

The loan assistance in Cass County is categorized as follows:

Farm Ownership Loans	56 families	\$2,263,000
Operating Loans	38 families	\$1,093,000
Emergency Loans	91 families	\$1,704,000
Recreation Loan	1 family	19,000
Soil and Water Loans	2 families	8,000
Rural Housing Loans	120 families	2,136,000
Rental Housing Loans		9 projects
(140 Apts.)		\$1,358,000
Water and Sewer Loans to		
Communities	4 projects	\$826,100
Nishna Valley Recreation Area, serving nearly		
300 families,		\$170,000.

### EARLY HORTICULTURE

Around 1892 Silas Wilson had a nursery in Grove City. It consisted of a ten acre apple orchard and a large vineyard. Twelve thousand pounds of grapes were harvested within five days when the vineyard was at its best. This nursery was managed by the late I.N. (Newt) Brown, father of Mrs. Irwin Pellett.

About 1903 Mr. Wilson sold to Stark Bros. Nursery of Louisiana, Mo. Mr. Brown continued as foreman. They raised apple tree seedlings which were grafted and shipped in car loads to Louisiana where they were sold to smaller nurseries. Numerous pieces of land were rented for this operation, one being north of Atlantic cemetery, another near the eight-cornered house, and also what is the Zurfluh Addition now. The block from 7th to 8th between Cherry and Plum streets had two buildings, each 300 feet long. One was used for packing and storing, the other for the teams and equipment.

Several men were employed yearly. During the summer numerous boys were hired to do weeding. After several years, Stark Bros. found labor much cheaper in the south and discontinued this operation.

Mr. Brown then established the Brown Nursery and Small Fruit Farm, retaining the locations of Plum and Cherry Streets and the Zurfluh Addition, also the block from Mulberry to Cherry.

General nursery items were handled but strawberry and raspberry plants were raised and sold both retail and wholesale. Many were kept for the fruit, and the picking provided jobs for many. At the peak of the season as many as 100 crates per day were shipped by rail to surrounding towns besides those sold locally.

This business was discontinued around 1925.



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Grand Army of the Republic

Veteran's name - Wilson, Silas

War

Residence

Battles, etc.

Occupation Nurseryman

Nearest relatives

Date birth Place W. Va., Marshall Co.

Father

Nativity

Date death  
Cause

Place  
Place burial San Diego, Calif

Mother

Nativity

War record Pvt. A 7 W.Va. Inf.  
Rank Company Regiment State Organization

Wife Edna

born Ill

Children

W. Va. Dept Archives and History: Silas Wilson  
Enlisted Co A 7 W. Va Infantry from Wheeling  
Date Place

Alford  
William H

Age 18, Mar 29, 1864. Must into service at  
Wheeling, W. Va. Farmer; born in Marshall Co.,  
W. Va. Recruit. Wounded Oct 27, 1864. Must out  
from Hospital at Grafton, W. Va. per General  
Order, #77, War Dept. A. G. O. series of 1865.  
Discharged June 29, 1865  
Date Place

Sources Ex-Soldiers Living Iowa 1886: Atlantic  
Graves Reg.: Burial place-no record

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Veteran's name Wilson, Silas

Record Membership and Dues Paid

Offices of honor in G. A. R.

Post name	Post No.	Place	Date Joined
Sam Rice	6 (138)	Atlantic	14 N 84

Member-at-Large

Year	Date Paid	Amount
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Year	Date Paid	Amount	Year	Date Paid	Amount
Iowa	Census 1895,	Cass Co.,	Atlantic,	p. 310	
Wilson,	Silas,	age 49,	born W. Va.,	nursery,	United
Presbyterian.	Prvt A 7	W. Va.;	wife, Edna,	age 41,	
Alford,	16,	born Cass	Co., Ia.;	Wm H,	age 12, b.No.

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Name: **Silas Wilson**Side Served: **Union**State Served: **West Virginia**Service Record: **Enlisted as a Private.****Enlisted in Company A, 7th Infantry Regiment  
Virginia.****Mustered Out Company A, 7th Infantry Regiment  
Virginia on 29 Jun 1865.**Sources: **304,60****Source Citation:** Side served: *Union*; State served: *West Virginia*,.**Source Information:**Historical Data Systems, comp., *American Civil War Soldiers* [database on-line]. Provo, USA: The Generations Network, Inc., 1999. Original data: Data compiled by Historical Systems of Kingston, MA from the following list of works.Copyright 1997-2000  
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Name:	<b>Silas Wilson</b>
Side:	Union
Regiment	West Virginia
State/Origin:	
Regiment Name:	7 West Virginia Infantry.
Regiment Name Expanded:	7th Regiment, West Virginia Infantry
Company:	A
Rank In:	Private
Rank In Expanded:	Private
Rank Out:	Private
Rank Out Expanded:	Private
Film Number:	M507 roll 13

**Source Information:**

National Park Service. *U.S. Civil War Soldiers, 1861-1865* [database on-line]. Provo, UT: The Generations Network, Inc., 2007. Original data: National Park Service, Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System, online <<http://www.itd.nps.gov/cwss/>>, acquired 2007.

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- **ID:** I2259
- **Name:** Silas WILSON
- **Sex:** M
- **Birth:** 1844 in Marshall Co WV <sup>1</sup>
- **Death:** WFT Est. 1880-1935 in Cass Co., Iowa
- **Fact 1:** On 80 Acres of grew & shipped
- **Fact 2:** Grapes & 120 Acres had Apples Trees
- **Fact 3:** 1883 Shipped 8,000 Grapes Seedling
- **Fact 4:** Shipped Apples Seeding

**Father:** Samuel WILSON b: 26 MAR 1803 in Washington Co., PA

**Mother:** Charlotte MCINTYRE b: 1 JUN 1806 in Armstrong Mills, Belmont CO., OH

**Marriage 1** Eda AYLESWORTH b: WFT Est. 1836-1858 in Lake Co., ILL

- **Married:** SEP 1875 in Cass Co., Iowa

**Sources:**

1. Edna Teagarden "John Wilson History" History Of Cass County Iowa 1884 Historial Library, Atlantic, Iowa

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**Silas Wilson**

**Born:** 1844  
Marshall, [county], West Virginia, USA

**Died:**  
[city], Cass, Iowa, USA

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**Born:** [city], Lake, Illinois, USA

**Died:**

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### Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925

Name:	<b>Silas Wilson</b>	
Birth Year:	<b>abt 1848</b>	
Birth Place:	<b>WV</b>	
Gender:	<b>Male</b>	
Marital Status:	<b>Married</b>	
Census Date:	<b>1885</b>	
Residence State:	<b>Iowa</b>	
Residence County:	<b>Cass</b>	
Locality:	<b>Atlantic</b>	
Roll:	<b>IA1885_159</b>	
Line:	<b>14</b>	
Family Number:	<b>140</b>	
Neighbors:	<a href="#">View others on page</a>	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	Silas Wilson	<b>37</b>
	Edwa Wilson	<b>30</b>
	Alfred Wilson	<b>6</b>

**Source Information:**

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

**Description:**

This database contains Iowa state censuses for the following years: 1856, 1885, 1895, 1905, 1915, and 1925. It also includes some head of household censuses and other special censuses from 1836-1897. Information available for an individual will vary according to the census year and the information requested on the census form. Some of the information contained in this database though includes: name, age, gender, race, birthplace, marital status, and place of enumeration. [Learn more...](#)



You searched for **Silas Wilson** in **Iowa**

## 1900 United States Federal Census

Name: **Silas Wilson**

Home in 1900: **Atlantic, Cass, Iowa**

Age: **54**

Birth Date: **May 1846**

Birthplace: **West Virginia**

Race: **White**

Ethnicity: **American**

Gender: **Male**

Relationship to Head of House: **Head**

Father's Birthplace: **Pennsylvania**

Mother's Birthplace: **Pennsylvania**

Spouse's Name: **Edna**

Marriage Year: **1876**

Marital Status: **Married**

Years Married: **24**

Residence : **Atlantic City, Cass, Iowa**

Occupation: [View on Image](#)

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Household Members:	Name	Age
	Silas Wilson	54
	Edna Wilson	45
	Fred Wilson	21
	Amanda Ailsworth	80
	William H Wilson	17
	Robert Harris	20

**Source Citation:** Year: 1900; Census Place: Atlantic, Cass, Iowa; Roll T623\_422 Page: 19B; Enumeration District: 33.

**Source Information:**

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- ID: I021
- Name: Silas WILSON
- Sex: M
- Birth: 1846 in VA.
- Note:

Name: Charlotte Wilson  
 Age: 44  
 Estimated birth year: abt 1806  
 Birth place: Oo  
 Gender: Female  
 Home in 1850  
 (City,County,State): District 33, Marshall, Virginia  
 Page: 338  
 Roll: M432\_959

Name: Silas Wilson  
 Age in 1860: 14  
 Birthplace: Virginia  
 Home in 1860: Not Stated, Marshall, Virginia  
 Gender: Male  
 Value of real estate: View image  
 Post Office: Woodland  
 Roll: M653\_1360  
 Page: 127  
 Year: 1860  
 Head of Household: Samuel Wilson  
 Household

Name: Edna WILSON  
 Age: 27  
 Estimated birth year: <1853>  
 Birthplace: Illinois  
 Occupation: Keeping House

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