

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative _____ Senator Harrison,
Merritt H. - Represented Buchanan and Delaware Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 25 June 1844 Seneca, Ohio

2. Marriage (s) date place

Martha Carter 24 Dec 1872 Hickinton, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He practiced law at Independence, Iowa for 54 years; admitted to
the bar in Nov 1869

B. Civic responsibilities Mason; G.A.R.; public library board for
45 years

C. Profession Attorney; teacher; postmaster

4. Church membership Presbyterian

5. Sessions served 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 24th, 25th General Assemblies 1876, 1878,

6. Public Offices 1880, 1882, 1892, 1894

A. Local First vice president of First National Bank of Independence; deputy
postmaster in Independence 1868-1869; Independence school board 18 years;

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 12 Aug 1924 New Miami, Buchanan Oak Grove Cemetery; Independence, Iowa

8. Children Ray C.; Jessamine L.

9. Names of parents Merritt and Minerva Allen (Walker) Merritt

10. Education He was educated in Lansing, Michigan and later in
Dubuque, Iowa

11. Degrees He studied at Lenox College, Hopkinton, Iowa being one of the first
students at the college staying until spring 1862

12. Other applicable information

- Military service - Civil War - Company K, 21st Iowa Infantry
- He moved with his family to Lansing, Michigan in 1848 being one of the
- founders of the college, where he attended, closed temporarily since so many students went to
the war in 1862
- After the war he moved to the South to enter employment of the Mobile and Ohio
Railroad. He spent a year in Mobile, Alabama.
- He came to Buchanan County, Iowa 18 Dec 1866. There for 2 years he
taught school.
- He began practicing law with Colonel Jed Lake 11 Feb 1870 which continued
until Colonel Lake's death 11 June 1914.
- His wife, Maria, died 6 Feb 1916.

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
- C.A.R records		✓	
- ancestry.com (accessed 3/27/07)		✓	
- familysearch.org (accessed 3/27/07)		✓	
- Death notice - The Des Moines Daily Capital, Des Moines, Iowa			Wed. Aug. 13, 1924, p. 5, col. 7, 8
- Obituary - The Independence Bulletin Journal, Independence, Iowa			Thurs. Aug. 14, 1924, p. 1, col. 5, 6
- Funeral article - The Independence Bulletin Journal, Independence, Iowa			Thurs. Aug. 14, 1924, p. 1, col. 4
- History of Buchanan County, Iowa 1887, p. 70			
- History of Buchanan County, Iowa 1914, p. 6, 7, 8			

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MERRITT W. HARMON, PIONEER IOWAN, DIES

Merritt W. Harmon, a pioneer of Iowa, died last evening at Mercy hospital at the age of 80 years.

He was a member of the Iowa senate from 1878 to 1892, a member of Royal Arch chapter of Masons and First Presbyterian church of Independence.

Mr. Harmon was a civil war vet-

eran, having served as a quartermaster sergeant in the 21st Iowa infantry.

He was a prominent attorney in this state, having practiced law at Independence, Ia., for 54 years. He was also first vice-president of the First National bank of Independence. He was active until his illness six weeks ago, since which time he has resided with his son, R. C. Harmon, 3323 Ingersoll avenue.

His son and one daughter, Jessie

L. Harmon, of Independence, survive him.

His body will lie at Harbach's all day today.

Funeral services will be held at Independence, Ia., Thursday.

Marriage Licenses

William H. Kramer, Greenfield, to	23
Elizabeth N. Fort, Stuart	17
Kenneth K. Robinson, Greenfield, to	23
Marion D. Fort, Stuart	19
Henry W. Russel, city, to	84
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BOATS TO RETURN FRIDAY

TRIP NEAR DECORAH

Interesting Time Near That
Beautiful City During Last
Ten Days.

Boy Scouts of Independence
under charge of Prof. Paul Schoen-
maker Henderson, acting
camp near Decorah. They are
on a shelf of a hill, where
is almost as smooth as a
floor, due to sheep grazing on
the land. There are some
about. Everything is high,
clean as a whip. They had
camp at another nice low
land and flat, but the high
soaked it up and they have
to go. The Scouts are having
a fine time. Under the guidance
of Prof. Henderson and Acting Scout-
master they have a regu-
lar camp each day, including the
"k. p." in regular order.
Prof. Henderson is of great
value for the camp and we
are glad that she has gained an
excellent reputation as a superb cook.
The Scoutmaster for the De-
corah, has a cottage nearby, at
which Henderson is domiciled.
The Scoutmaster and Mrs.
Henderson have done much to make the
camp stay pleasant and
enjoyable in seeing the ice
springs and the won-
derful lake, 7 miles from
Decorah, which is about 3 miles
west of the city of Decorah.
The Scouts also have made
show the boys a good time.
The boys have been free from
illness and it has been
pleasant and enjoyable ten
days. They are to return
tomorrow.
A number of Independence
attended the camp, among them
were, Paul G. Miller, Mr. and
Mrs. Ernie and daughter Pearle,
Mr. and Mrs. Ballou and son and
Mrs. Sam Kaplan
Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Boody,
Mrs. W. B. Coltman and
Lenore, R. Hertzberg and
Hintz.

Decorah is one of real
It is a trip of about 10
by the best roads between

M. W. HARMON PASSES AWAY IN DES MOINES

DEATH THERE TUESDAY NIGHT

Had Been in Hospital There of Late
Weeks—Funeral Here This After-
noon—Was Pioneer Attorney and
Beloved Citizen.

Hon. M. W. Harmon, aged 80, dean
of the Buchanan county bar, former
state senator, and practicing attorney
here since 1869, passed away in Mercy
hospital, Des Moines, Tuesday night.
Word of his death was received here
yesterday morning. Mr. Harmon had
gone to the home of his son, Ray Har-
mon, in Des Moines the latter part of
June. He had been in failing health
for several years but he retained full
possession of his faculties and con-
tinued the practice of his profession
up to the time he went away. He had
a wonderful memory of events, both
long past and of recent occurrence,
his failing health having no effect
upon his mental capacity. He went
to the Des Moines hospital in hopes
that a rest from hard work would be
beneficial. A letter received from
Ray Harmon by R. B. Raines Tuesday
stated that his father was comfort-
able and they had some hopes of being
able to build up his system. Other
letters received yesterday, however,
from the son and daughter, Miss Jess-
amine, who has been in Des Moines
with her father, stated that his con-
dition was not so favorable, and they
felt that he could not survive long.
He retained consciousness to the end.

The remains, accompanied by rela-
tives, will arrive here from Des
Moines this (Thursday) afternoon at
2:55 o'clock over the Illinois Cen-
tral. They will be taken from the
train direct to Oak Grove cemetery,
where interment will be made. The
services will be under the auspices
of the Masonic fraternity, of which
Mr. Harmon was a longtime, prom-
inent member, Rev. R. V. Gilbert, of
the Presbyterian church, will have a
part in the committal service. Mem-
bers of the G. A. R. will also attend
as an escort. The officers, directors
and employees of the First National
bank, of which Mr. Harmon had been
vice president for many years, will

BOUND OVER TO THE GRAND JURY

CHARGE IS TAKING WATER PIPE

Local Man Admits Charge, Implicates
Waterloo Man in Late Saturday
Night Deal.

John Brimmer, of this city, has been
in the county jail this week on a
charge of taking three lengths of
water main pipe, 12 feet in length and
6 inches in diameter, which the city
had laid along a certain street in
Wauneta Heights, preparatory to in-
stalling a new main in that section
of the city. He was taken before
Justice Carsey Monday on the above
charge, waived preliminary and was
held to the grand jury under \$300
bonds, which had not been furnish-
ed up to yesterday noon.

The water mains turned up missing
during Saturday night and an in-
vestigation resulted in Brimmer mak-
ing a confession to Mayor O'Brien
and Marshal Donovan, implicating one
Joe Wilbur, of Waterloo, in the deal.
The two officials and Brimmer went
Monday over the entire route which
the men are alleged to have taken
when they hauled the pipe away late
Saturday night or early Sunday morn-
ing. The officers state that the pipe
was loaded onto a wagon with an ice
rack at the rear, hauled by way of
Otterville to the stone quarry this
side of Jesup. There it was broken
into small chunks, later loaded into
a buggy borrowed of a Jesup man, and
taken to Waterloo. In the vicinity of
a soap factory in that city, not far
from the packing house, the pipe was
unloaded in a ravine and left. When
the officials arrived there Monday
somebody had the pipe all piled in
boxes for some purpose or other. As
each of the lengths of pipe weighs over
300 pounds it was a real job to load
it, haul it away and break it into
smaller pieces, the pipe is valued at
over \$30. It is said that the sale
price of the broken pipe would have
been not over \$4.

Sheriff Bushby and Deputy Willey
also were notified and made a search
for Wilbur, but he was not to be found
having disappeared when the officers
went to his home.

He had been vice president of
the First National bank since 1911

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Presbyterian church, will have a part in the committal service. Members of the G. A. R. will also attend as an escort. The officers, directors and employes of the First National bank, of which Mr. Harmon had been vice president for many years, will attend in a body, as will also the members of the Buchanan county bar. The bank will be closed for the afternoon from 2 o'clock. The Masons are notified to meet at their hall at 2

will be in the family lot in the local cemetery by the side of his wife, who died July 6, 1916.

Merritt W. Harmon was born June 25, 1844, in Seneca county, Ohio, a son of Merritt, Sr., and Minerva (Walker) Harmon. He was the third in a family of five children. His father was a Presbyterian minister and preached until he attained the age of 94 years. The family moved to Lansing, Mich., in 1848, when M. W. was 4 years of age. There he attended school and later continued his education in Dubuque county, Iowa. Still later he became a student in Lenox college at Hopkinton, established in 1859. He was one of the college's first students, spending two years there, or until the spring of 1862. He was one of the Lenox students who enlisted for service in the Civil war, so many of the students enlisting that the college had to be closed temporarily. Mr. Harmon joined the Twenty-first Iowa infantry in July, 1862, as a private. He then was 18 years of age. He was made sergeant of Company K. He lacked but two days of serving three years and although often in the thickest of the fight and exposed to all kinds of dangers and hardships he never was wounded or confined to the hospital by illness. He participated in the sitge of Vicksburg in 1863 and in the siege of Mobile in 1864-5. He was mustered out at Baton Rouge, La., July 15, 1865, and returned to his home state, Iowa, with a most creditable military record. Soon afterward he went to the South to enter the employ of the Mobile & Ohio Railroad company, spending one year in Mobile, Ala. His parents had moved to Cascade in 1856 and to Hopkinton later, where the father, who was a veteran of the latter part of the War of 1812, died in 1892 and the mother passed away there in 1895.

Mr. Harmon came to Buchanan county November 18, 1866, and for two years taught school in this county. He then became deputy postmaster in Independence in 1868, a position he filled for two years. He was admitted to the bar in November, 1869. He entered upon the practice of law in this city, forming a partnership with Col. Jed Lake on July 11, 1870, which continued until the death of Col. Lake here practice and an enviable reputation as attorneys. Mr. Harmon

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library and for industrial school purposes. He had been vice president of the First National bank since 1914 and a director therein since 1907. and a director therein since 1907. For many years he had been referee in bankruptcy for Delaware and Buchan-

Mr. Harmon was united in marriage with Miss Maria Carter December 24, 1872, with whom he lived in happy companionship until her death. To them were born two children, Ray C., of Des Moines, and Miss Jessamine, of this city.

Mr. Harmon was a longtime member of the First Presbyterian church of this city. He was ever an earnest, conscientious Christian gentleman, who endeavored to live up to the teachings of his church in every thought and deed. He was prominent in the G. A. R., of which he had been one of the early members, his meetings with the old Comrades being happy occasions in his later life. He was one of if not the oldest Mason in Independence. He had been a member of the order for nearly fifty-six years and until his death took an active part in its work and lived up to its teachings. He was initiated as a member of Independence lodge No. 87, A. F. and A. M., September 2, 1868, passed October 7, 1868, and raised November 11, 1868. He was worshipful master of the lodge in the years 1872, 1873 and 1874.

For many years he had been an active worker in Aholiab chapter No. 21, R. A. M. He had an unusual record in R. A. M. circles in the state. He was elected most excellent high priest of the chapter in 1887 and had served continuously in that official capacity since that time, or for an unbroken period of thirty-five years. His presence and ability and good counsel will be greatly missed in that branch of the order, to which he devoted so much of his time and talent for so many years. He also took the R. and S. M. or council degree many years ago.

The death of Mr. Harmon, who was one of the oldest practicing attorneys in this section of the state, is mourned by Buchanan county people generally, as well as by friends all over the northeastern section of the state. In his law practice he demonstrated his ability in clear and cogent reasoning, logical deductions and correct application of legal principles. He was an indefatigable worker, a man who never would give up in any undertaking in which he engaged. He was a thorough Christian gentleman, a man who was the soul of honesty and integrity. He was plain and unassuming in nature, endeavoring al-

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 his death, which leaves E. M. Thomp-
 son as the veteran member. Natural-
 ly a man of Mr. Harmon's character
 and ability would be called upon to
 service his fellow citizens. He was
 honored by election to the state senate
 by this district in 1875, in which of-
 ficial position he served faithfully and
 well for eight years. He was a mem-
 ber of the important ways and means
 committee for eight years, when Gov-
 ernor Larrabee was its chairman. He
 was chairman of the judiciary and
 military committees and a member of
 the committee on penitentiaries and
 other minor committees. He was a
 member of the Independence school
 board for ten years. At his death he
 had served as a member of the public
 library board for about forty-five
 years. He had been president of the
 board for a great many years. His
 interest in the library never flagged.
 Just before he went to Des Moines, he
 went to the library building with a
 check for the monthly salary of the
 librarian and called attention to the
 next meeting date of the board. He
 also was a member of the Munson
 building committee, having charge of
 the Munson building, used as a public

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 grand old man, coupled with a genu-
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 to the bereaved family. One is better
 for having known a man like Mr.
 Harmon. The memory of his goodness,
 his many ennobling deeds, will long
 survive. He lived to a ripe old age,
 honored and beloved by everyone.

Miss Nellie Campbell, of Hopkinton,
 a niece of Mr. Harmon, arrived yes-
 terday afternoon at the home of How-
 ard Miller, a nephew, to attend the
 funeral service.

M. W. Campbell, of Rock Island, a
 nephew, arrived from that city this
 morning to attend the funeral.

All banks of the city are to close at
 2 o'clock this afternoon for the fu-
 neral.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Ireland were in
 Chicago last week.

city, manual training; C. G. Morrison, West Union, physical training and agriculture; H. L. Ferree, Oskaloosa, science; Paul Schoenoff, Menomine, Wis., printing; Lenore Siliman, Cedar Falls, commercial; Margaret Stephenson, Cedar Falls, history; Clarence Wolin, city, domestic science; Ruth Rowser, Stanwood, English; Eleanor Bosserman, Northwood, geometry and English; Ruth Mahachek, Cedar Falls, girls physical training and geography.

Supervisors—Music, Elsie Byvank, Waterloo; penmanship and art, Josephine James, city.

Lincoln—Grammar grades, Maude Whillis, Cedar Falls, principal, history; Ethel Hunter, Winthrop, English; Kathryn O'Toole, city, arithmetic; Lillian Thein, Garnavillo, geography; Fifth and Sixth grades, Marie Mitchell; Third and Fourth, Helen Schloeman, Norway; First and Second, Dorothy Richey, Laurens.

Hawthorne—Kate Bray, city, Sixth; Myrtle Batcheler, city, Fifth, principal; Ethel McArdle, Clear Lake, Fourth; Wilda Bright, city, Third; Clara Scoggin, city, Second; Kathryn Willis, Decorah, First.

Washington-Emerson—Harriet Mason, Sixth, principal; Edith Elledge, city, Fifth, principal; Emma Olsen, Cedar Falls, Fourth; Jean Huber, Cedar Falls, Second; Esther Winger, Calmar, First.

A large proportion of the teaching force will be the same as last year. There are four new instructors in the High school, Misses Filean, Palmer, Bosserman and Mahachek. Miss Thein is a new teacher in the Junior High. New ones in the Hawthorne school are Misses McArdle and Willis. Miss Ginther is the only new teacher in the Washington-Emerson.

As one party remarked, "it seems but a few weeks ago since the schools closed for the spring term, and after having had but little real summer (from the weather standpoint at least) it is nearly time for the opening of the fall term.

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Independence, Iowa, August 19, 1924. To the patrons of our public schools:

The Independence public schools will open for regular work in all departments Tuesday morning, September 2. The need of a good High school education beyond that of the common school is becoming more and more generally recognized. The slogan now is "Back to School." Let me urge that the pupils under your supervision be present the first day, prepared for work. Let me also urge that your boys and girls are in school every day, and on time. Regular attendance and punctuality are absolutely necessary for successful school work.

Please note the following announcements: High School Registration—High school registration will take place in

with the new organization and there are a goodly number of younger people, male or female, who are of the same mind. Independence has been without a band for a number of years. It is time we had one, and there should be some way of giving it the support it is entitled to. Other towns much smaller than this city have good bands. It is up to this city to show its colors.

FUNERAL OF SENATOR HARMON

Held Under Masonic Auspices at Oak Grove Friday.

The funeral services of the late Hon. M. W. Harmon were held in Oak Grove cemetery Thursday afternoon, following the arrival of the remains from Des Moines over the Illinois Central that afternoon at 2:55 o'clock. The services were very largely attended by friends who gathered to show their regard for a man whom all had held in the highest esteem. A large delegation of members of Independence lodge No. 87, A. F. and A. M., attended in a body, as did also members of the Buchanan county bar, the G. A. R. and W. R. C. Many Masons and attorneys from other towns were present. The Masons, where

Rev. R. V. Gilbert offered the opening and closing prayers. J. L. Cherny officiated as acting worshipful master in the Masonic burial service, also paying a fine, brief tribute to the memory of the man who, himself, had so often officiated in the capacity at the funeral obsequies of departed members in the years gone by. There were some beautiful floral offerings, including designs from the various Masonic and other organizations.

Among the out-of-town Masons who attended were G. M. Miller and J. N. Smith, of Hazleton; Dr. H. A. Housholder, of Winthrop; Mr. Megow, of Oelwein; Dr. H. M. Bradley, deputy grand custodian of the Iowa grand chapter, R. A. M., Roy Waltherlem, high priest of the R. A. M. chapter at Manchester, and N. R. Sargent, of that city. Among the Manchester members of the bar in attendance were Judges E. B. Stiles and G. W. Dunham, E. M. Carr, M. J. Yorlan, Henry Bronson and Walter Cooley.

The remains of Senator Harmon were accompanied from Des Moines by his son, Ray C. Harmon, and daughter, Miss Jessamine L. Harmon. Other relatives who came were a niece and a nephew, Miss Nellie Campbell, of Hopkinton, and M. W. Campbell, of Rock Island.

Spuds and More Spuds.

The past week it looked like County Superintendent Jewett's office was to be turned into a potato commission house. The boys and girls of the county who were in on the potato

the next day after harvest was stated.

Last dispatch for westbound will be on Rock Island train a. m. and will leave Iowa City by plane at 9 p. m., same day stopping points of planes w here are: Omaha, Nebr., 12:05 North Platte, Nebr., 3:15 a. m.; enne, Wyo., 5:10 a. m.; Rawlins 7 a. m.; Rock Springs, Wyo. a. m.; Salt Lake City, Utah, 1 m.; Elko, Nevada, 12:25 p. m. Nevada, 3:20 p. m.; San Fra Cal., 5:45 p. m. Mail for these or on railroad connections them, deposited in postoffice before 10:45 a. m., will reach points next day at time state

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SCOUTS RETURN FROM CAMP

Have a Fine Time for Nine Days in Decorah.

The Independence Boy Scouts had been in camp near Decorah nine days, arrived home Friday Saturday. Two auto loads each day in the Lewis Quass and Sam Roberts cars, Mr. Roberts going on that day to bring home some boys. Saturday the truck with load of tents and paraphernalia other members of the camp came home in the Paul G. Mill. The Scouts had a great outing picturesque country. Scout Bucknell of the Decorah Scouts much to make their stay pleasant the Decorah Scout boys Paul Schoenoff was in charge camp and he handled the job in capable manner, while Walkerderson, acting Scoutmaster, efficient in that capacity. Miss or Henderson was chef at the and she won fame as a capable She was a guest at the cot Scoutmaster and Mrs. Bucknell the camp, during the nine days.

The Scouts saw the many interesting sights while there, including cave, the springs, and the wonderful underground lake, 7 miles

on the 29th of November, 1907. He had long survived his wife, who died August 7, 1871. Mrs. Campbell was the third in order of birth in their family of five children and by her marriage became the mother of four children. The eldest, Alonzo, resides at the old home in Independence. He is the owner of several farms and is also proprietor of an implement, wagon and buggy business and a creamery. He operates his farms with the aid of tenants. Anna, the second of the family, died in 1901, at the age of twenty-three years. Lillian died in infancy. Doris Eleanor resides with her mother. For three years after her husband's death Mrs. Campbell resided in Dubuque, but returned to Independence to take up her permanent abode here, being the owner of one of the well appointed homes of the city.

In his political views Mr. Campbell was a republican and kept well informed on the political situation of the country but never sought nor desired office. From the period of his early identification with the west he was closely associated with the material progress and upbuilding of Buchanan county and his worth as a man and citizen is widely acknowledged. He possessed many sterling traits of character, which won for him high regard and secured for him the friendship of those with whom he came in contact.

HON. MERRITT W. HARMON.

Hon. Merritt W. Harmon, lawyer and lawmaker, who has been prominently connected with public affairs in Buchanan county not only as a member of the bar and as representative of his district in the state senate but also in connection with business affairs which have to do with the substantial upbuilding and progress of the community, was born in Seneca county, Ohio, June 25, 1844, a son of Merritt and Minerva (Walker) Harmon. The father's birth occurred in Vermont, March 25, 1797, and the mother was born in Warsaw, New York, March 30, 1810. In early manhood Merritt Harmon, Sr., went to western New York, but afterward returned to Vermont to attend college and when twenty-eight or thirty years of age he entered the ministry of the Presbyterian church. Going again to the Empire state, he was there married and afterward removed to Seneca county, Ohio, where he continued in the work of the ministry. He preached until ninety-four years of age. About 1848 he removed to Lansing, Michigan, where he resided until February, 1855, when he brought his family to Iowa, residing at Cascade, Dubuque county, until 1856. He was afterward located at Hopkinton, Delaware county, where he spent his remaining days, his death occurring in April, 1892, while his wife survived until June, 1895. During the latter part of the War of 1812 he was on active military duty with the Vermont state troops and his father was a captain in the army.

Merritt W. Harmon of this review was the third in order of birth in a family of five children. He first attended school in Michigan and afterward continued his education in Dubuque county, Iowa. Still later he attended the Hopkinton (Ia.) College, which was established in the fall of 1859. Mr. Harmon was among its first students, spending two years there, or until the spring of 1862. In July of that year he joined the Twenty-first Iowa Infantry as a

private and was made sergeant of Company K. He lacked but two days of serving three years and although he was often in the thickest of the fight and was exposed to all kinds of dangers and hardships he was never wounded nor was he confined in the hospital by illness. He participated in the siege of Vicksburg in 1863 and in the siege of Mobile in 1864-5. He was mustered out at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on the 15th of July of the latter year and returned to Iowa with a most creditable military record, having proven his valor and loyalty on many a southern battlefield. Soon afterward he again went to the south in the employ of the Mobile & Ohio Railroad Company, spending one year in Mobile, Alabama.

On the 18th of November, 1866, Mr. Harmon arrived in Buchanan county, Iowa, and for two years thereafter engaged in teaching school. He then became deputy postmaster of Independence, in 1868, which position he filled for two years, and was admitted to the bar in November, 1869. He entered upon the practice of law in Independence, forming a partnership with Colonel Jed Lake on the 11th of July, 1870. For more than a third of a century this partnership was continued and was terminated only in the death of Mr. Lake on the 11th of June, 1914. They engaged in the general practice of law and the firm sustained a most enviable reputation. In his practice Mr. Harmon prepares his cases with great thoroughness and care and seems ever ready for not only attack but also for defense. His ability is manifest in his clear and cogent reasoning, in his logical deductions and in his correct application of legal principles. It is a well recognized fact that the lawyer is more often called to public office than any other class of men and the reason for this is obvious, for the preparation which qualified him for the bar also prepares him in large measure for other duties, enabling him readily to analyze and understand a situation. It was but natural, therefore, that Mr. Harmon was called to public office, being elected a member of the state senate in 1875, in which connection he did able service in safeguarding and promoting the best interests of the commonwealth. He was on the ways and means committee for eight years, Governor Larrabee being chairman, and was chairman of the judiciary and military committees. He was also on the committee on penitentiaries and other minor committees. He has filled various local offices, including that of member of the school board for ten years and has been a member of the public library board for thirty years or more.

Aside from his practice Mr. Harmon is a director of the First National Bank of Independence and at different times has been connected with other business affairs, but has severed his connection therewith in order to concentrate his efforts upon his law practice.

On the 24th of December, 1872, Mr. Harmon was married to Miss Maria Carter, a native of Ohio, as were her parents, Samuel G. and Mary (Houk) Carter, who came to Iowa about 1861, settling in Buchanan county, where her father followed the occupation of farming and spent his entire life, removing to Independence upon retiring from farm life. To Mr. and Mrs. Harmon have been born two children: Ray C., an electrical and mechanical engineer residing in Des Moines; and Jessamine, at home.

In Masonry Mr. Harmon has taken the degrees of the lodge, chapter and council. He belongs to E. C. Little Post, No. 54, G. A. R., and thus maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades. He is a member of the Presbyterian church and guides his life by its principles. He owns considerable city

property in Independence and this is the tangible evidence of a well spent life, in which devotion to his profession and careful management of other business affairs have brought their merited reward. His record is that of a man who has ever been faultless in honor, fearless in conduct and stainless in reputation.

COLONEL JED LAKE.

The-number of those surviving who were in reality pioneers in the state and who, through unremitting toil and the brave endurance of hardships, took possession of the wild prairies years ago in the name of civilization, whether as farmers, professional men or merchants, is fast decreasing, but the memory of their heroic lives will remain as a stimulus to endeavor as long as the great state which they founded endures. Colonel Jed Lake, who passed away at Independence on the 7th of June, 1914, was a man who, coming to this country in the early days, suffered the discomforts of pioneer life and also knew the stern pleasure that comes from persevering in a worthy work and from performing faithfully a duty. He was one of the first attorneys of the county and rose to a position of leadership at the local bar, which he retained until the infirmities of age compelled him to largely retire from practice.

His birth occurred in Cortland county, New York, on the 18th of November, 1830, and his parents were Jedediah and Patience (Church) Lake. The father was born in 1798, in Montgomery county, New York, a son of Henry Lake, who served under General George Washington in the Revolutionary war, enlisting when a boy of seventeen years and serving for four years. In 1822 Jedediah Lake settled in Virgil, Cortland county, New York, and there his marriage to Miss Church occurred. She was a native of Windsor, Vermont, and by her marriage became the mother of four children, of whom the subject of this review was the third in order of birth. The father died when the Colonel was but three years of age, leaving the mother with four children, the eldest of whom was but seven years old.

Colonel Lake attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education, and worked at whatever he could find to do in order to partly provide for his own support. At one time he drove a team on the Erie canal for thirteen dollars a month and as soon as he had received sufficient education he engaged in teaching school. He also worked as a farm hand for some time and as he was determined to continue his studies he lived as economically as possible and saved his earnings and in this way accumulated a sufficient sum to enable him to attend the New York Central College at McGraw, New York. While a student there he worked in his spare time and thus paid part of his expenses. He later attended Homer Academy, taking an advanced course in mathematics, but as his health had partially failed he left school and turned his attention to outdoor work.

In 1855, when a young man of twenty-five, Colonel Lake came to Buchanan county and for two years worked upon a farm in Buffalo township but at the end of that time came to Independence and began the study of law. He was admitted to the bar in the spring of 1859 and immediately entered upon practice.

HON. M. W. HARMON was born in Seneca county, Ohio, June 25, 1844. His parents removed to Ingham county, Michigan, in 1849, to Dubuque county, Iowa, in March, 1855, to Hopkinton, Delaware county, Iowa, in June, 1856, where they now reside. In the fall of 1859 he entered the Collegiate institute at Hopkinton, where he remained three years. July 28, 1862, he enlisted as a volunteer from Delaware county, Iowa. His company was mustered into United States service August 23, 1862, as company K, Twenty-first Iowa volunteer infantry; was private eight months, corporal two months, and sergeant. He served during the war and was discharged with his regiment July 26, 1865. He went south in the fall of 1865 and lived a year at Mobile, Alabama. He came to Buchanan in November, 1866. Here he taught school two years, reading law at the same time. He was deputy postmaster at Independence under Captain Little, from April 1, 1868, to April 1, 1869. He then entered the law office of Hon. W. G. Donnan and was admitted to the bar in October, 1869. July 1, 1870, he formed a partnership with Colonel Jed Lake, with the firm name of Lake & Harmon, which partnership still continues. Mr. Harmon was married in December, 1872, to Miss M. C. Carter of Independence, Iowa, by whom he has one son, Ray. At the general election in 1875, Mr. Harmon was elected State senator from Buchanan county for four years, and was reelected in 1879. His present term expires January 1, 1884.

J. E. COOK, ESQ., was born in Grafton county, New Hampshire, July 8, 1847. His parents removed to this county in 1856. Young Cook graduated at the Iowa State University in 1870; studied law with O. Miller, at Watertown, and was admitted to the bar in 1871. He practiced at Jesup until 1877 when he came to Independence. He formed a partnership with J. S. Woodward February 1, 1879. He was married to Bessie P. Johnson, from Decovah, Iowa, September 3, 1874. He has one child—Roy. Mr. Cook and wife are members of the Presbyterian church. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity.

D. W. BRUCKART, ESQ., was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, April 23, 1851. He was one of a family of eight boys. At the age of twelve he commenced to work in the iron mines. He was afterwards newsboy on the streets of Lancaster. He began teaching when fifteen years of age. In the fall of 1869 he entered Lafayette college, Pennsylvania, remaining there two years. He graduated at the law school of the Iowa State university in June, 1872, and the following fall opened an office at Independence. He was married May 11, 1875 to Miss Sarah Williams, of Independence, and has one child living.

M. R. EASTMAN was born in Hopkinton, New Hampshire, in 1839. He was graduated from New Hampshire seminary, July 20, 1859. He was admitted to the bar in New Hampshire in April, 1864. He removed to Waterloo, this State, in 1865; practiced law there until 1868, when he removed to Jesup, this county. He practiced in Jesup until the ninth day of May, 1874, when he

came to Independence, and has practiced here ever since.

C. E. RANSIER was born in New Woodstock, Madison county, New York, April 4, 1854. His parents removed to Independence October 9, 1867. He took the full course in the high school of this city; commenced to read law April 4, 1874, on his twentieth birthday, with James Jamison; was admitted to the bar in May, 1876, and has practiced law in this city ever since, being the successor of James Jamison. He was married March 8, 1881, to Miss Delpha Tryon. He was city solicitor for three years, and is a member of the Masonic fraternity.

DANIEL SMYSER was born May 29, 1839, in Wayne county, Ohio. He removed with his parents to this county in 1851. He studied law with James Jamison, and was admitted to the bar September 10, 1877. He was married July 9, 1878, to Miss Arvilla McFadden. They have one son—Walter B.

SETH NEWMAN was born in Herkimer county, New York, December 7, 1836, and was educated at Fairfield academy; studied law two years with Horace Boies, and two years with Lawing & Lockwood at Buffalo, and was admitted to the bar November 15, 1860. He practiced with Boies at Buffalo until 1861, when he was compelled, by disease of the lungs, to relinquish the practice for several years. Having recovered his health, he returned to the practice in Independence in 1876, and was elected justice of the peace the same year, which position he held until January, 1880, when he resigned and entered into partnership with W. H. Holman. He was married March 14, 1866, to Miss Laura F. Hewell, and has but two children, Sarah F. and Lizzie B.

JOHN J. NEY, esq., was born at Sandusky, Ohio, June 8, 1852. He was educated at Notre Dame, Indiana, graduating in 1875. He afterwards pursued a law course at that institution. In 1875 he came to Independence, and entered into partnership with Lake & Harmon. He continued in that firm until the following year, when he formed a partnership with D. W. Bruckart.

In the spring of 1879 he withdrew from that firm, and opened an office alone.

He was city attorney for Independence in the year 1876. In the spring of 1877 he was elected mayor of the city by the Democratic party.

He was married October 3, 1878, to Miss Emily F. Colby, of Chicago. They have one child, Marion F.

CAPTAIN H. W. HOLMAN was born in Erie county, Pennsylvania, August 22, 1841. He was in the army from April, 1861, to August, 1865, enlisted as a private and rose to lieutenant and signal officer. He removed to Allamakee county, Iowa, in 1865. Was admitted to the bar in 1868, and practiced at Wankon for two years, then removed to Waterloo, Iowa, and formed a law partnership with Lichty, which continued for two years. In 1872 he was appointed reporter of the district court of the nineteenth judicial district, which position he held until April, 1877. He then resigned and commenced the practice of law at Independence. In 1881 he was elected captain of the Independence guards. He was

I am sure that if I had had the pleasure of a personal acquaintance with the senator I would have found many lovable characteristics in his life.

The resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

MERRITT W. HARMON

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee which was appointed to report resolutions commemorating the life, character, and services of the late Merritt W. Harmon, begs leave to submit the following report, and moves its adoption:

Merritt W. Harmon was born June 25, 1844, in Seneca county, Ohio, and died at the home of his son, Ray Harmon, in the city of Des Moines, August 14, 1924. His parents were Merritt, Sr., and Minerva (Walker) Harmon.

He was the third in a family of five children. His father was a Presbyterian minister and preached until he attained the age of 94 years. The family moved to Lansing, Michigan, in 1848, when Mr. Harmon was four years of age. There he attended school and later continued his education in Dubuque county, Iowa. Still later he became a student in Lenox College at Hopkinton, Iowa. He was one of the first students of that college, spending two years there until 1862. There he enlisted for service in the Civil War; so many of the students enlisting that it was necessary to close the school temporarily. He was 21 years of age at that time, and soon became sergeant of Company K of the Twenty-first Iowa Infantry. He lacked but two days of serving three years, and although in the thickest of the fight and exposed to all kinds of dangers and hardships, he was never wounded or confined to the hospital by illness. He participated in the siege of Vicksburg in 1863, and in the siege of Mobile in 1864-5.

He was mustered out at Baton Rouge, La., July 15, 1865, and returned to his home state with a most creditable record.

Soon afterward he went to the South to enter the employ of the Mobile & Ohio Railroad Company, spending one year in Mobile, Ala. His parents had moved to Cascade in 1856, and to Hopkinton later where the father, who was a veteran of the War of 1812, passed away in 1892, and the Mother in 1895.

Mr. Harmon came to Buchanan county in 1866, and for two years taught school in the county. He then became deputy postmaster of Independence in 1868, and served for two years. He was admitted to the bar in November, 1869. He built up a large practice, and an enviable reputation as an attorney. Mr. Harmon was the oldest member of the Buchanan County Bar at the time of his death. Naturally, a man of Mr. Harmon's character would be called upon to serve his fellow citizens. He was honored by election to the State Senate of Iowa by his district in 1875, and served in that capacity in the Sixteenth, Seventeenth, Eighteenth, Nineteenth, Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth General Assemblies. He was a member of the Ways and Means Committee for eight years, when Governor Larrabee was its Chairman. He was a member of the

school board for ten years, and a member of the public library board for forty-five years. He had been Vice-President of the First National Bank of Independence, Iowa since 1914, and a director since 1907, and for many years was referee in bankruptcy for Buchanan and Delaware counties.

Mr. Harmon was united in marriage to Miss Maria Carter December 24, 1872, with whom he lived in happy companionship until her death. To them were born two children, Ray C. of Des Moines, and Miss Jessamine of Independence. He was prominent in the G. A. R., of which he had been one of the early members, and his meetings with the old comrades being happy occasions in his later life. He was a member for nearly fifty-six years. He was a member of Independence Lodge No. 87, A. F. and A. M. and was Worshipful Master of the lodge in the years of 1872, 1873 and 1874.

Mr. Harmon was a long time member of the First Presbyterian Church of Independence. He was ever an earnest, conscientious Christian gentleman, who endeavored to live up to the teachings of his church in every thought and deed.

The death of Mr. Harmon, who was one of the oldest practicing attorneys in the state is mourned by Buchanan county people as well as by friends all over the northeastern part of the state. Plain and unassuming, he sought to keep out of rather than in the limelight, but by always doing his full share in any movement for the common good he won the respect of all. Senator Harmon always put principle before ambition.

Whereas, his record as a man, a legislator, and citizen has been of the highest character; therefore

Be It Resolved, That the Senate take this occasion to express its high appreciation of the splendid character and honest public service, and adopt this memorial in the name of the people of the State of Iowa as a tribute to his name and memory.

Also, Be It Further Resolved, That this resolution be spread upon the record of the Senate and that the same be engrossed and copies thereof sent to his son Ray Harmon of Des Moines, Iowa, and to his daughter Miss Jessamine Harmon of Independence, Iowa.

GEO. F. SLEMMONS
W. E. MCLELAND
I. N. SNOOK

Committee.

Senator Slemons spoke in part as follows:

MR. PRESIDENT, and SENATORS, it certainly affords me great pleasure to make a few remarks in this memorial for Senator Harmon. It was my privilege to have had the acquaintance of Senator Harmon since I can remember. It was also my privilege to attend the same college and associate with those who were his friends since early life. In that way I came to know him perhaps better than many. From this intimate knowledge and association I came to respect, honor and love him more and more as the years went by.

Senator Harmon was a man who always put principle before ambition. No one knows how many litigations have been affected by his strong personality. He was a quiet unassuming man with a pleasant

Individual Record

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Merit W. Harmon

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Birth: 25 Jun 1844
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Death: 12 Aug 1924
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Burial: 14 Aug 1924
Oak Grove Cemetery, Independence, Iowa

Parents:

Father: [Re verend Merit Harmon](#) Disc #115 Pin # 31679

Mother: [Minerva Allen Walker](#) Disc #115 Pin # 31687

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Spouse: Marcia Carter (AFN:)

Marriage: 24 Dec 1872
Hopkinton, Delaware, Iowa

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1860 United States Federal Census

Name: **Merritt W Harmon**
 Age in 1860: 16
 Birth Year: abt 1844
 Birthplace: Ohio
 Home in 1860: South Fork, Delaware, Iowa
 Gender: Male
 Post Office: Hopkinton
 Value of real estate:

Household Members:	Name	Age
	<u>J W Lannis</u>	33
	<u>Jane A K Lannis</u>	28
	<u>Ada Lannis</u>	5
	<u>Mary G Lannis</u>	2
	<u>Ella Lannis</u>	6.12
	<u>Mary G Gordon</u>	33
	<u>Merritt Harmon</u>	62
	<u>Minerva Harmon</u>	49
	<u>Sarah J Harmon</u>	20
	<u>Merritt W Harmon</u>	16
	<u>Ellen L Harmon</u>	13
	<u>Clara Harmon</u>	8

Source Citation: Year: 1860; Census Place: South Fork, Delaware, Iowa; Roll: M653_308; Page: 271; Image: 471.

Source Information:

Ancestry.com. 1860 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: The Generations Network, Inc., 2004. Original data: United States of America, Bureau of the Census. *Eighth Census of the United States, 1860*. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1860. M653. 1,428 rolls.

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1910 United States Federal Census

Name: **Merritt W Harmon**
 Age in 1910: 65
 Estimated birth year: abt 1845
 Birthplace: Ohio
 Relation to Head of House: Head
 Father's Birth Place: Vermont
 Mother's Birth Place: New York
 Spouse's name: Marie C
 Home in 1910: Independence Ward 3, Buchanan, Iowa
 Marital Status: Married
 Race: White
 Gender: Male
 Neighbors:
 Household Members:

Name	Age
Merritt W Harmon	65
Marie C Harmon	60
Ray C Harmon	36
Jessamine L Harmon	27

Source Citation: Year: 1910; Census Place: Independence Ward 3, Buchanan, Iowa; Roll: T624_293; Page: 121; Enumeration District: 69; Image: 1349.

Source Information:

Ancestry.com. 1910 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: The Generations Network, Inc., 2006. For details on the content of the film numbers, visit the following NARA web page: NARA Original data: United States of America. Bureau of the Census. *Thirteenth Census of the United States, 1910*. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1910. T624, 1,176 rolls.

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Iowa Cemetery Records

Name: **Merritt W. Harmon**
Death Date: 12 Aug 1924
Page #: 175
Birth Date: 25 Jun 1844
Cemetery: Oakwood
Town: Washington
Level Info: *Buchanan County Burial Records*

Source Information:

Ancestry.com. *Iowa Cemetery Records* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: The Generations Network, Inc., 2000. Original data: Works Project Administration. *Graves Registration Project*. Washington, D.C.: n.p., n.d.

Description:

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Department of Iowa
Grand Army of the Republic

Name	Harmon, Merritt W	Membership	
Residence	Independence - Lawyer	Post No.	Name Location After Date Joined Je 1902
Born	June 25 1844, Seneca Co. Ohio	E.C. Little	54 Independence Before 1902
Died	Aug 12 1924, Des Moines Hosp.	Judge Advocate Dept Iowa	1919/20; 1923/24
Buried	Oakwood Cem. Independence Ia	1916 /16	
War Record:	Rank Company Regiment State		
	Sgt K 21 Iowa Inf		
Roster Iowa Soldiers:	Harmon, Merritt W. Age 21. Residence Hopkinton, nativity Ohio. Enlisted July 28 1862. Mustered Aug 23 1862. Promoted 5th Sgt. July 1 1863. 4th Sgt Feb 4 1865. Mustered out July 15 1865, Baton Rouge La.	Offices of Honor in G. A. R.	
Graves Reg:	Sgt K 21 Iowa Inf. Res. Hopkinton. Age 21. Enl July 28 1862. at Dubuque. Disch July 15 1865 at Baton Rouge, La. Service 3 yrs	Des Moines Tribune Ag 13, 1924, p.1, col. 8	
		Merritt W. Harmon former State Senator, Pioneer of Iowa died at Mercy Hospital last night	
		Was member Iowa Senate 1878-1892, a Royal Arch Mason, 1st Presb Church Independence.	
		Practiced law at Independence 54 yrs. - 111 Gwk	
		Sources: Ex-Soldiers in Iowa in 1886:-	
		Harmon, M.W. Sgt K 21 Iowa Inf. Res. Independence/Desc Book Post #54 (154)/	
		Graves Reg: Harmon, Merritt W.; Name; dates; burial; war record; family/	

Personal History Harmon, Merritt W.

Father Merritt

Mother Minerva

Wife Maria

Children

Ray C. - Des Moines Ia
Jessamine - Independence, Ia

Places of Residence and Occupation

Never wounded or in the Hospital in the War. Was in the Siege of Vicksburg and the siege of Mobile. Came to Buchanan Co. Nov 18 1866 and for two years taught school in the county. He then became Deputy Post Master at Independence in 1868 for two years. He was admitted to the Bar in Nov 1869 and began the practice of law in this city in partnership with Col. Jed Lake on July 11 1879 which continued until the death of Col. Jed Lake, June 11 1914. Mr. Harmon was the oldest living member of the Buchanan Co. Bar at the time of his death.

Sources: