

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Marison, James Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Represented Iowa

1. Birthday and place 26 July 1837 Perth, Scotland

2. Marriage (s) date place

Martha Annanta Hoge 10 Feb 1859 Hamilton, Wentworth, Ontario, Canada

3. Significant events for example:

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

B. Civic responsibilities Mason

C. Profession Farmer; merchant; newspaper-owning manager of  
The Iowa Star newspaper; sometimes in Iowa, Iowa; blacksmith

4. Church membership \_\_\_\_\_

5. Sessions served 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies 1890, 1892

6. Public Offices

A. Local Member of the first city council of Iowa; Iowa mayor for 2 terms  
served as secretary to James Pollock (James Fin) who was Secretary of Agriculture

B. State \_\_\_\_\_

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

7. Death 13 Jul 1915, Sterling, Colorado; buried Buckingham Cemetery, Iowa, Iowa

8. Children Frank Harold; Rufus John; Richard James (died in Chicago in 1901)

Norman R.

9. Names of parents James and Christina (Ramsay) Marison

10. Education \_\_\_\_\_  
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## 12. Other applicable information \_\_\_\_\_

Democrat

- He moved with his parents near Hamilton, Canada at age 4. There he grew to manhood, having come from Perth, Scotland.
- He engaged in the mercantile business in Montreal at an early age.
- In 1868 he moved to Dubuque, Iowa, <sup>in Jackson County, Iowa</sup> and then settled in James County, Iowa in spring 1870.
- He farmed in Crystal Township of James County until 1873 when he moved into the town of Iowa, Iowa. There he engaged in the mercantile business until retirement in 1886.
- His wife, Martha A., died in 1893. After her death he moved to Washington, D. C. where he lived for nearly 20 years. He had a winter home in Florida for 30 years at Palm Beach.
- He died at the home of his son, Frank H. in Sterling, Colorado.



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COMMERCIAL CLUB IS ACTIVE

Factory Proposition and Alley Improve-  
ment Given Attention

The meeting of the Traer Commer-  
cial club in the new parlors Monday  
evening was attended by about sixty  
of our business men. It was decided  
that the club should take out incorpor-  
ation papers with an authorized capi-  
tal of \$2,500. Sixty-five members have  
subscribed for stock. The shares are  
\$10 each payable on demand. Matters  
concerning street improvement were  
discussed at length and it was decided  
to request the council to enforce regu-  
lation for bettering the condition of  
the alleys in the business section and  
see that rubbish is not allowed to ac-  
cumulate at the rear of lots. A propo-  
sition for the establishing of a manu-  
facturing enterprise was considered  
and the matter referred to a commit-  
tee. After the business session the  
club adjourned for an hour of social  
enjoyment. Ice cream and cake were  
served and a plentiful supply of cigars  
was offered.

Farm for Sale: Eighty acres with-  
out buildings, in central Howard  
township. For price and terms apply  
to Lyman Freet, Traer, Iowa. 15-1f

The car carrying the Taylor party  
was attached to the National Editorial  
train and the party enjoyed the cour-  
tesies extended by the western cities.  
Frank Wignall was not to be bluffed  
out of a good thing, so he put on an  
intelligent look and posed as the rep-  
resentative of the Toledo Chronicle.  
Frank actually made good. The  
Chronicle is publishing his letters on  
its front page. They are good too!  
We noticed a lot of big words, several  
of thirteen letters or more.

For Sale: A complete threshing  
outfit in good running order. For full  
particulars write F. F. Weber, Buck-  
ingham. 24-1f

Judge Willett and wife, of Tama,  
came over by auto Monday. They  
were accompanied by two sisters of  
Mrs. Willett, Mrs. S. E. Dippe, of  
Pasadena, Cal, and Mrs. Bruce Rice,  
of Pomona, Cal. Mrs. Rice, who was  
formerly Miss Hette Stoner, has nu-  
merous acquaintances here. Her hus-  
band was a Traer boy. The party  
called on Mrs. Theo. Cohrt, Robert  
Wood family and others.

You need Woolley, if you need Glass  
es. Remember the name H. M. Wool-  
ley, Exclusive Optometrist, Traer  
Iowa. 14-1f

Mrs. Elizabeth W. Mowrer, of Cen-  
terville, Iowa, was here visiting her  
brother, Andrew Wilson, of southeast  
Traer. Her son Stephen accompanied  
her. Mrs. Mowrer is traveling in the

THE DEATH ROLL IS HEAVY

James Morison Dies at Sterling,  
Colo.; Body Brought Here.

FOUR EARLY SETTLERS ARE CALLED

Mrs. Elizabeth Perry, John Hull McNeal  
and Daniel Ross Mourned by  
Relatives and Friends.

James Morison was born in Perth,  
Scotland, July 26, 1837; removed with  
his parents to Canada in the vicinity of  
Hamilton, at the age of four, and  
there grew to manhood.

At an early age he engaged in the  
mercantile business in Freeton. In  
1858 he was married to Martha A.  
Gage in Hamilton, Canada, and of this  
union were born Frank H., of Sterling,  
Colorado; Rufus J., of Traer, Iowa;  
and Norman R., of Sterling, Colorado;  
another son, Richard James, died in  
Chicago in 1901.

In 1868 Mr. Morison moved to Sabu-  
la, Iowa, and settled in Tama county  
in the spring of 1870; traveling across  
the country in a covered wagon. He  
farmed in Crystal township until 1873  
when he moved to the town of Traer,  
just then starting, where he engaged  
in the mercantile business until 1886,  
when he retired. At the organization  
of the town of Traer he was elected a  
member of the first council, later ser-  
ving two terms as mayor. He was the  
last survivor of the original board.

He was elected Representative of  
Tama county, serving four years, or  
during the 22d and 23d General Assem-  
bly. With James Wilson he owned and  
managed the Traer Clipper for about  
four years.

During the major part of his resi-  
dence in Traer he was actively employ-  
ed as an auctioneer in Tama and the  
adjoining counties.

After the death of his wife, in 1893,  
he moved to Washington, D. C., where  
he resided for nearly twenty years.  
Mr. Morison had his winter home in  
Florida for the past thirty years.

His death occurred Tuesday morn-  
ing, July 13th, at the home of his son,  
Frank Morison, in Sterling, Colorado.

The body was laid to rest in Buck-  
ingham cemetery, Thursday afternoon,  
July 15th, beside his beloved wife who  
died in 1893. Funeral services were  
conducted by the Masonic lodge of  
Traer, of which Mr. Morison was a life  
member.  
John Hull McNeal

John Hull McNeal was born in

PURELY PERSONAL MENTION

Going and Coming of People in Traer  
and Vicinity for the Week.

Mrs. Harve Carrick spent a week  
Iowa Falls.

Miss Ruth Bennett, of Reinbeck  
spent a week with Zenaide Kahler.

Jean McCreath, of Primgar, Iowa  
is visiting relatives in this vicinity.

Mrs. Mavis Champe, of Waterloo,  
visiting at the B. C. Glosser home.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Seda spent the  
week end with relatives at Iowa Falls.

Miss Ruth Ray, of Hampton, Iowa  
has been visiting her cousin, A. J. Nel-  
son.

Miss Grace Wilson, of Grinnell, Iowa,  
visited relatives here the fore part of  
the week.

Iva and Harold Glosser came from  
Minneapolis this week for a visit with  
their father, Will Glosser.

Miss Olga Schafrenburg, of Cedar  
Rapids, is visiting her parents, J.  
and Mrs. Wm. Scharfenburg.

Miss Ruth Kober, of Waterloo, made  
a two weeks' visit at the Charles D.  
Lavey home, returning Wednesday.

Miss Adah Bomer, of Waterloo, Iowa,  
returned home Saturday after a four  
weeks' visit at the C. A. Pratt home.

Mrs. Lizzie Edwards, of Waterloo,  
is visiting with her Traer relatives  
the S. P. Smith and Wilson families.

Mr. and Mrs. James Myers and  
Martindell, of Reinbeck, visited at  
Lyman Freet home early in the week.

Mrs. Joe Kladio and daughter  
Mrs. Frank Kvidera, were over Sunday  
day guests of relatives in Cedar Rapids.

Mrs. Harry Buhmann and little  
son of Waterloo, were over Sunday  
visitors with the former's sister, Mrs. A.  
Gates.

Tom Bannon, of Chicago, has been  
visiting his sister, Mrs. O. H. Fir-  
Mr. Bannon is a reporter for the Chi-  
cago Herald.

Mrs. John Hannas is enjoying  
week's visit from her sister, Mrs. J.  
Kucera, and her three children, of  
Cedar Rapids.

Mrs. S. P. Maynard and Miss  
went to Clear Lake to spend  
weeks. They will join relatives in  
Marshalltown.

Henry Kesler, of Vinton, is making  
a visit at the Sberm Thompson home  
in Crystal. Mr. Kesler is a brother  
Mrs. Leusch.

Fred Tasmay went to Waterloo  
last Saturday to spend a week with  
Glenn and Grant Johnson, who

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Mr. Kellogg married, in June, 1903, Minnie Aves, born in Jasper county, Iowa, April 6, 1870. She is a daughter of William and Susan (Bromley) Aves, both natives of England. The former was born in 1838 and came to the United States in 1861, and his wife was born in 1846 and came to the United States in 1857. They met and were married in Rochester, New York, and came west, locating first in Jasper county, Iowa, and they now reside in Marshall county. Mr. and Mrs. Kellogg became the parents of six children, namely: James, Louiza, Helen, Emma, Putnam, Jr., and the baby, who has not yet received a name.

RUFUS J. MORISON, a prominent citizen of Traer, was born at Sabula, Iowa, in 1869, and is a son of James and Martha (Gage) Morison. The mother died in 1893. James Morison was born in Perth, Scotland, in 1838, a son of James Morison, who settled in Canada in 1842, and there resided until his death. James Morison, Jr., left Canada about 1865, after his marriage, and settled in Jackson county, Iowa, where for a time he followed the trade of blacksmith. In 1869 he removed to Tama county, and settled on a farm in Crystal township, which he carried on until the founding of Traer. He was one of the earliest settlers in Traer, locating there in September, 1873, before there was a railroad, and helped lay out the town; he started one of the first general stores. Mr. Morison was also an auctioneer and cried sales all over that section and many other parts of the state; he followed this occupation until about 1893 and cried sales for the Milwaukee railroad, including those of town sites, etc. He continued his store until about 1885, when he, in company with James Wilson, for a time conducted a paper at Traer, known as *The Clipper*, later consolidated with the *Star*, now the *Star-Clipper*. He has lived a life retired from active business since 1895. Mr. Morison has been very successful financially and in all other ways. Some years ago he served as secretary to James Wilson, secretary of agriculture. Mr. Morison owns a home at Washington, also a winter home at Palm Beach, Florida. He is a staunch Democrat and served in the state legislature two terms, from 1888 to 1892; he was a candidate for senator, but was defeated by a small majority. He still owns some farm lands in Tama county, and is well known and universally respected in that region. Socially, he is a member of the Masonic order, and is a Knight Templar in the order.

James Morison is the father of four children, namely: Frank H., Rufus J., James Richard and Norman R. Frank H. Morison lives at Estherville, Iowa, where he has for several years been engaged in the real estate business; from 1886 to 1893 he conducted a grocery store at Traer. James Richard Morison spent nine years in college, having graduated from college and nearly finished two years' hospital course at St. Luke's Hospital, Chicago, when he died, in January, 1901, aged twenty-seven years. Further mention is made of Norman R. Morison at the close of this article.

A few months after the birth of Rufus J. Morison his parents removed from Sabula to Tama county, Iowa, locating in Crystal township. He was reared at Traer, and in 1893 went into business for himself, conducting a grocery until 1901; in that year he sold out to his brother, Norman R., and has since devoted his time and attention to real estate. He is the owner of several farms in Dakota and eastern Colorado, and has been very successful in his operations. He owns a fine home at Traer, furnished with modern conveniences.

Politically, Mr. Morison is a Democrat, and he has served in various

town offices, serving nine years as a member of the city council of Traer. He belongs to the Masonic order, and has attained the degree of Knight Templar; he is also a member of Vinton Commandery of El Kahir Shrine, at Cedar Rapids. Both he and his wife are members of the Order of Eastern Star at Traer, and also attend the Congregational church.

Mr. Morison married Clara, daughter of John R. and Rebecca (Thomas) Felter, who was born in Crystal township. Her parents were among the first white settlers of Tama county, and her uncle, Lyman Felter, was the first white child born in Crystal township; he has made three trips around the world. Mr. and Mrs. Morison have four children, all born in Traer, namely: John G., Martha, Alice and Donald; all except the last named are at school.

Norman R. Morison was born in 1876, at Traer, and there received his primary education; he graduated from the high school and then attended the State University, from which he graduated in the class of 1897. He returned to Traer and entered the employ of his brother, Rufus J. Morison, and in 1901 purchased the business of his brother, since then conducting a grocery and shoe store. He is a prominent citizen, and in 1908 was elected to the office of mayor, in which capacity he is still serving. He is also president of the Commercial Club. Politically, he is a Republican, and his wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Morison married, in 1901, Carrie, daughter of Joseph Allard, a pioneer farmer, who located in Tama county in 1857. They have one son, Richard. Mr. Morison is master of the Masonic lodge, and belongs to the Knights of Pythias and other orders.

HENRY PUSTEOSKA, who conducts a well cultivated farm on section 31, Toledo township, is a good example of the success which has been achieved by many Bohemian-Americans in the West. His parents, Jacob and Veronica Pusteoska, emigrated from their native Bohemia in 1852, after a voyage of eight weeks on the ocean, landed in New York, and came directly west to Iowa City, Iowa. After remaining there six years, in 1858, the father purchased forty acres of land in York township, this county, and after clearing it of timber, successfully cultivated the land for many years. As he was also a mason by trade, and followed this in connection with agricultural pursuits, he was able to make substantial progress in the new country.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Pusteoska became the parents of five children, all of whom are living, as follows: Tena, now the wife of James Egan, a resident of Worth county, Iowa; Mrs. C. H. Jones, Toledo, Iowa; Henry, of this sketch; Frank, who resides in York township; and James, a resident of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The mother of the family died in March, 1897, at the age of seventy-two years, and the father is still living in York township at the age of eighty-six years.

Henry Pusteoska, of this sketch, received only a meager education, and at the age of sixteen years left home and located at Toledo, this county, where he was employed in the meat market. Here he remained until he was of age, when he established a meat market of his own, which he conducted with good financial results for eighteen years. He then disposed of his establishment and moved to his fine seventy-acre farm in section 21, which he had already purchased and partially improved. He still resides upon the original tract, and has added to his land in possession from time to time until now he owns some two hundred and twenty acres in Toledo township, and one hundred and sixty acres in Marshall county, South

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**James Morison**

Male

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**Event(s):****Birth:** 26 JUL 1837 Perth, Perth, Scotland**Christening:****Death:** 13 JUL 1915 Sterling, Logan, Colorado**Burial:**

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**Marriages:****Spouse:** [Martha Araminta Gage](#)[Family](#)**Marriage:** 10 FEB 1859 Gore District Or, Hamilton, Wentworth, Ontario

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Children (4)

Frank Harold Morison	B: 1863
Rufus John Morison	B: 1869
Dr. James Richard Morison	B: 1874
Norman R. Morison	B: 1876

**James M Morrison**

**B:** 1839 in Perth, Scotland  
**D:** 1915 in Iowa, U. S. A.

**Martha Araminta Gage** B: 15 May 1838 in Wellington, , Ontario, Canada

Parents

James Morrison

Christena Ramsay

Ontario, Canada, Marriages, 1801-1928

Name: **M. A. Gage**  
 Birth Place: **Canada**  
 Residence: **Hamilton Township**  
 Age: **20**  
 Estimated Birth Year: **abt 1839**  
 Father Name: **Asahel Gage**  
 Mother Name: **Nancy McCallum**  
 Spouse Name: **James Morrison**  
 Spouse's Age: **20**  
 Spouse Birth Year: **abt 1839**  
 Spouse Birth Place: **Scotland**  
 Spouse Residence: **West Flamborough**  
 Spouse Father Name: **James Morrison**  
 Spouse Mother Name: **Christena Ramsay**  
 Marriage Date: **11 Feb 1859**  
 Marriage County or District: **Wentworth**

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## James M Morrison

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Perth, Scotland

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11 Feb [Wentworth, Ontario, Canada](#)  
Age: 20

**1868** [Immigration](#)  
1 Jul [Iowa, U. S. A.](#)  
Age: 29

**1915** [Death](#)  
Age: 76 [Iowa, U. S. A.](#)

**1920** [civil](#) [1 source citation](#)

[Also Known As](#)  
[Buckingham Cemetery, Town of Perry Iowa, USA](#)

[Residence](#) [1 source citation](#)  
[West Flamborough](#)

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No comments have been added yet.

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[James Morrison](#)

[Christena Ramsay](#)

#### Spouse & Children

[Martha Araminta Gage](#)  
1838 – 1893

[Frank Harold Morison](#)  
1863 –

[Rufus John Morison](#)  
1869 – 1947

[Dr. James Richard Morison](#)  
1874 – 1901

[Norman R. Morison](#)  
1876 – 1940

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 Death: 1915

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 Martha A. Morison (1838 - 1893)\*

Children:  
 Frank H. Morison (1863 - 1945)\*

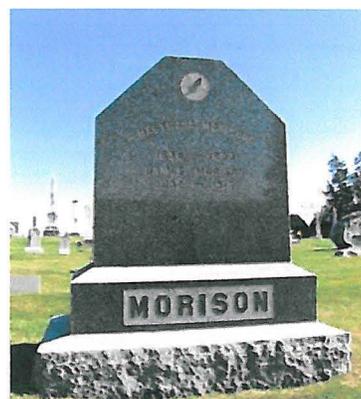
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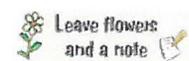
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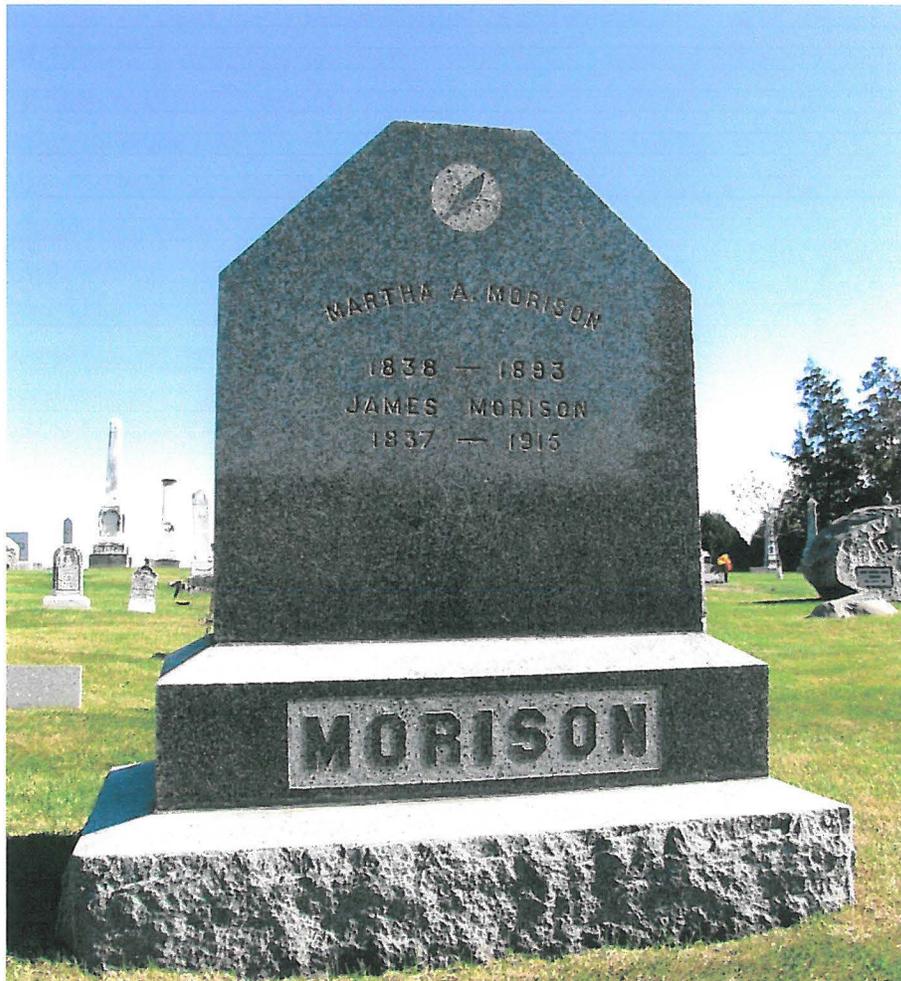


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