

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative McArthur, William Corse Senator McArthur, William Corse - Represented Des Moines County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 22 Jul 1860 Burlington, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Harriet G. Hammer May 1882

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business President of the National Travelers Company;
admitted to that office in 1882

B. Civic responsibilities Elks; Des Moines Club

C. Profession Attorney; insurance company president

4. Church membership Episcopal

5. Sessions served 26th General Assembly 1896 - House of Representatives

6. Public Offices 27th and 28th General Assemblies 1898 and 1900 - Senate

A. Local Trustee of the Burlington Public Library

B. State

C. National Appointed Clerk of the United States District Court 1900 - 20 years

7. Death 10 Jul 1950 Des Moines, Iowa; buried Woodland Cemetery, Des Moines, Iowa

8. Children Virginia (Mrs. La Fayette Young, Jr.)

9. Names of parents Master Clerk and Virginia (Corse) McArthur

10. Education Educated in schools of Burlington, Iowa
and Institute College, Burlington, Iowa which was
preparatory for college

11. Degrees Attended Chicago University - one year in 1877; graduate
of Cornell University in 1881; Columbia Law School
Law degree 1882

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He practiced law in Burlington for 20 years after having
started practicing in July 1882.

- He was connected with the internal revenue service as a deputy
collector.

- He was a clerk in the office of Iowa Governors Jackson and Drake

two year in a sensational divorce battle with her wealthy husband, Mark, owner of a New York City messenger service.

Rattled Door.

State police said Gehr opened fire with a .22 rifle when his wife, a friend and four private detectives rattled the screen door of the cottage about 1:30 a. m.

Mrs. Gehr fell instantly. Two of the detectives are wounded slightly. Gehr and Mrs. Matthews drove rapidly away. They were arrested by town police of Armonk less than two hours later.

Police quoted Gehr as saying he fired because he thought the cabin was being approached by prowlers.

2 Daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Gehr have two daughters, Ingrid, 7, and Claudia, 4. Mrs. Gehr came here from Germany as a refugee 11 years ago. She and her husband had been living apart recently.

A New York judge last week dismissed Mrs. Gehr's separation suit as well as her husband's counter-suit for separation.

Matthews was awarded a divorce decree last year. He also received custody of their three children, Stephen, 11, Nancy, 7, and Jane, 6. Before the decree became final, however, Mrs. Matthews filed counter-charges.

The Matthews' divorce suit—each on grounds of adultery—reached a climax several months ago when she led a midnight raid on his Great Neck home and photographed Matthews in night clothes with the children's governess. Neither case has been decided.

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Tokyo headquarters reported American planes had dropped leaflets informing North Korean troops they could expect decent treatment if captured.

[The leaflets also said MacArthur "will expect similar treatment for American nationals and members of the armed forces of the United States" as well as of all other persons who might fall into North Korean hands.]

Death Takes McArthur, 89

Headed Insurance Firm Here.

William Corse McArthur, 89, pioneer Iowan who has been president of the National Travelers Insurance Co. here for more than 25 years, died Monday at his home, 4221 Harwood drive.

Services will be at 11 a. m. Tuesday at Dunn's funeral home. The body will be cremated.

Practiced Law.

Mr. McArthur was born in Burlington. He was graduated from Cornell university in Ithaca, N. Y., in 1881 and received his law degree from Columbia university in 1882.

He began the practice of law in Burlington. He represented the county in the state house of representatives in 1895 and in the state senate in 1897 and 1899.

Insurance Firm.

He became president of the National Travelers Insurance Co. in 1923 and held that position until his death. He was a member of the Des Moines club, the Elks club and St. Paul's Episcopal church.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Lafayette Young, jr., of Des Moines; two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

There's lots of exercise in red white pill for 36 holes under a broiling knee or twisting your complaining

Most persons exercise after they portion of the day's work. Experiments have shown that if you may overstrain the already fatigued take longer to recover.

And if you are doing "head work" the day, remember that the power is diminished. This is also true if you have

The Why of Muscles

You may ask, "Then what have The answer is this: primarily, to dangling.

Of course, muscles also are for pitch no-hit games; who would like boxing championship; who would like

Doctor—

Why Our Tin

Have you wondered why it's and the Far East a long time back Iowa? You have? If you'd like out, see the story on

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Monday's Market

STOCKS—TV stocks off; others firm.

BONDS — Quiet. Little changed.

HOGS—Up 25 to 75c; Iowa top, \$24; Chicago top, \$24.50.

CATTLE—Steady to 50c higher in Chicago; top, \$32.75.

CORN—Futures off 1/2 to 1c in Chicago.

WHEAT—Down 1/2c to up 1/8 on Chicago futures.

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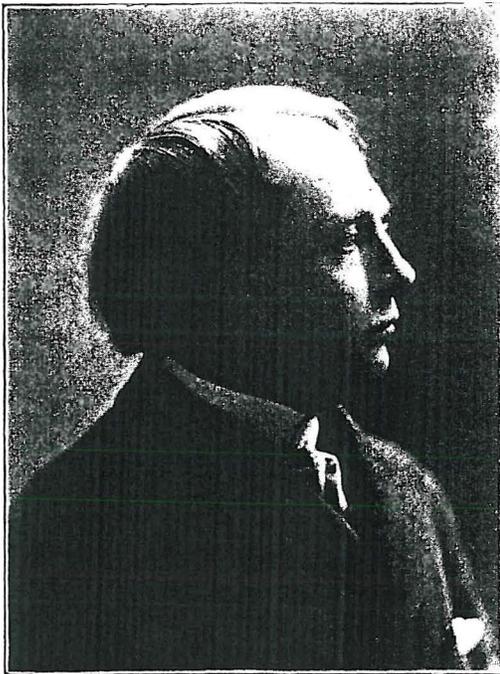
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engaged in the real estate, loan and abstract business, having purchased a one-half interest in the Pioneer Abstracting company of that county. In politics he is a republican, and has held the several offices heretofore mentioned, at the hands of that party. He is a Mason; has been warden, secretary and treasurer of his home lodge. In religion he is of the Protestant Episcopal faith. June 9, 1870, he was married to Miss Emma F. Seaman, and from that union there have resulted four children: Emma F., Mary E., Robert S., and Cary J. Allison.

MCARTHUR, WILLIAM CORSE, is an influential young lawyer and republican



politician of Burlington, the first republican to be elected to the state senate from that county in many years. Senator McArthur was born in the city of his residence and he comes from two historic families. His father, Martin C. McArthur, was one of the pioneers of Iowa, who opened up and developed the express lines of the northwest territory, acquiring a competency, and was for many years one of the leading citizens of Burlington. He was born in New York. The senator's mother, Virginia Corse McArthur, was a native of Illinois and is a sister of Gen. John M. Corse, of Allatoona fame, one of the most

distinguished soldiers Iowa contributed to the war of the rebellion. Her father was prominent in democratic state politics. Mrs. McArthur was deeply interested in religious and charitable work. The Corse family were French Huguenots and settled in Maryland in the Seventeenth century, afterwards going to Virginia and intermarrying with the Marshall family, of which Chief Justice Marshall is the best known. The family was prominent in the revolutionary and civil wars. The McArthur family was of Scotch origin. The parent branch settled near Edinburgh, Scotland. John McArthur, grandfather of the senator, was banished from Scotland on account of being a non-conformist, but through influence at court was pardoned. Being disgusted with that form of government which could deprive him of his natural rights, he came to America, and settled in New York.

Senator McArthur received his early education from his mother and did not enter school until after he was 8 years old. He was first sent to a German school and mastered that language. Subsequently he attended the Institute-college, of Burlington, where he prepared for college and entered the Chicago university in 1878; remaining there one year, he then went to Cornell university, at Ithaca, N. Y., graduating with the class of 1881. He spent the winter of 1881 and 1882 at Columbia Law school, in New York city, and was examined and admitted to the bar in Iowa in July following. He was orator of his class in the senior year of college and is a member of the Zeta Psi Greek letter fraternity. He entered upon the practice of law in Burlington in July, 1882, and has continued successfully in the practice since that time. He has always been an active republican and was connected with the internal revenue service as deputy collector. He served as a colonel on the staffs of Governors Jackson and Drake, and has long been a member of the board of trustees of the Burlington Free Public library. He was elected to the Twenty-sixth General Assembly in 1895, running 581 votes ahead of his ticket. During that session he took a leading part in securing the passage of a bill permitting the manufacture of liquor in the state, as its sale had already been authorized, and the business interests of his district demanded that an article which could be sold might also be manufactured. He introduced and secured the passage of a drainage bill redeeming

thousands of acres of low land bordering on the Mississippi river, and a bill preventing city councils from granting or extending franchises to quasi-public corporations, such as water and electric light works, without first submitting the same to a direct vote of the people; also one requiring street car companies to vestibule their cars for the protection of employes during the winter months, and making the liability of such corporations, in personal injury cases, the same as railway companies. He had an influential and prominent part in all the important legislation coming before the legislature during the special session when the new code was made. In 1897 he was elected to the state senate from Des Moines county as the personal representative of United States Senator John H. Gear, and his work in the upper body of the legislature fully bore out the reputation he had earned in the preceding general assembly, as a valuable legislator.

HAMILTON, JOHN D. MILLER, one of the best known and most successful lawyers of southeastern Iowa, lives at Fort Madison, and is attorney for the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway company, the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railway company, and other corporations. He comes of a good old family, his father, John S. Hamilton, having been a member of the legislature of two states, Pennsylvania and Iowa. The senior Hamilton was a lawyer, too, and lived in Pittsburg, where the subject of this sketch was born, July 18, 1851. His mother was Sara Miller, daughter of John D. Miller and Ruth Miller, Mr. Miller being a prominent coal merchant in Pittsburg. The Hamilton family is a historic one, first attaining fame in the north of Ireland, and the south of Scotland during the career of Mary Stuart. The Miller family is of German descent, coming from Strasburg, the capital of Alsace-Lorraine. The Hamiltons moved from Pittsburg to Fort Madison, Iowa, in 1854, and the father was killed by the accidental discharge of a cannon in Fort Madison, while celebrating the election of James Buchanan to the presidency. After his father's death, the young son received a common school education and then entered Knox college, in Galesburg, Ill. After completing the course there he went to St. Louis and graduated from the St. Louis Law school, one of the best in the country. He also studied law in the office of Hon. John Van

Valkenburg, at Fort Madison, and in 1876 was admitted to partnership with Mr. Van Valkenburg, continuing till 1890, when the latter died. Mr. Hamilton has been connected with much of the most important litigation of Lee county, and has continued in practice alone since the death of his partner. In 1878 Mr. Hamilton was elected to the Iowa legislature as a democrat, and he has always acted with that party. He is one of the most conspicuous figures in the party councils of the state. In 1886 he was chairman of the committee on resolutions of the democratic state convention. For four years he was city attorney of Fort



Madison and for six years held the office of mayor. He was a democratic candidate for presidential elector for the First district in 1880. Governor Sherman appointed Mr. Hamilton a member of the commission to locate and build the southwestern hospital for the insane, in 1884. The hospital was located in Clarinda, and Mr. Hamilton has been a trustee ever since, having been repeatedly elected by the legislature. Though he has been an active democrat all his life, Mr. Hamilton has not been an applicant for office. He has preferred to stick to his law practice, and though starting in life without means, he has acquired a fair competence and enjoys a very lucrative practice. Mr. Hamilton is a member of the Odd

WILLIAM CORSE McARTHUR, grandson of General John M. Corse, one of Iowa's most distinguished soldiers, is a native of Burlington. Mr. McArthur received his education at the Institute College of Burlington, Chicago University and Cornell University of New York, where he graduated in 1881. He took the law course at Columbia College and was admitted to the bar in 1882. Immediately he entered upon practice in his native city and was soon after appointed deputy collector of Internal Revenue. He served as colonel on the staffs of Governors Jackson and Drake. In 1895 he was elected on the Republican ticket to the House of Representatives of the Twenty-sixth General Assembly where he was a prominent supporter of bills to permit the manufacture of spirituous liquors in the State, to drain lowlands of the Mississippi valley and to prohibit city councils from granting franchises to quasi-public corporations. In 1897 he was elected to the State Senate where he served in the Twenty-seventh General Assembly. In 1900 Mr. McArthur was appointed clerk of the United States District Court.

CORNELIUS G. McCARTHY was born at Toledo, Ontario, January 29, 1843. He was educated in the common schools and in 1864 came to Iowa and taught school in Story County. In 1867 he located at Ames and became engaged in farming and stock raising. He was for many years connected with the Central Importing & Breeding Company which carried on a large business in importing French and English horses of the best breeds. In 1881 Mr. McCarthy was elected county auditor, serving four terms. In 1889 he was elected on the Republican ticket to represent Story County in the House of the Twenty-third General Assembly. During the same year he helped to organize the Iowa Savings & Loan Association of which he has long been president. In 1892 he was elected Auditor of State, serving by reflection three terms. He was instrumental in introducing many reforms in that important department. Mr. McCarthy acquired wide influence in the Republican party and became one of its most influential leaders. He has from the first been a warm supporter of Hon. A. B. Cummins for United States Senator, and was largely instrumental in securing his nomination for Governor in 1901.

EMIL McCLAIN is a native of the State of Ohio, having been born in Salem, November 25, 1851. His father removed with his family to Iowa in 1855, locating in Tipton where he had charge of the public schools. The son entered the State University at Iowa City in 1871, graduating in the Law Department in 1873. He studied law with Judge Wright of Des Moines, becoming his private secretary after he was chosen United States Senator and later was clerk of the Senate committee on claims. In 1877 he began to practice law in Des Moines and prepared "McClain's Annotated Statutes of Iowa" which was published in 1880 and became the

implement dealer at Oxford, Iowa, but subsequently went into the newspaper business, publishing the *Oxford Journal* for some years. He and his wife had seven children: Walcutt, Maggie, Jesse A., Louise, Ella, Oliver Howard and Laura. The first two named died in childhood. Louise Miller married Eugene Henely, who was superintendent of the Grinnell City Schools for twenty-three years. Mrs. Henely is very prominent in club work and has served as state president of the P. E. O. Society. Ella Miller, single, was a teacher in the Johnson County Schools for several years, and died in 1918. Oliver Howard Miller is associated with his brother in practice. Laura Miller married Russell Metcalf, of Hawarden, Iowa, who is now the postmaster of that town. Both parents were active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Alexander James Miller was a Republican and active in public affairs. He served his townsmen as mayor and in other representative capacities. His father, Samuel Miller, a native of Pennsylvania, came to Iowa in 1855, two years after the son, and became a farmer. The maternal grandfather of Judge Miller never left Baltimore, but died in that city.

Judge Miller attended the Oxford public schools, and was encouraged to fit himself for professional life because of the success of two of his uncles, Dr. Emory Miller, prominent in the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Iowa for half a century, and Hon. William E. Miller, justice of the Supreme Court of Iowa, both of whom died in Iowa. He entered the law school of the University of Iowa, and was graduated therefrom in June, 1891, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws, and immediately entered law practice at Des Moines. He is an active Republican, and from 1895 to 1898 was assistant attorney general of Iowa; from 1903 to 1906 he was county attorney of Polk County. In the fall of 1906 he was elected district judge, and served until January 1, 1910, when he resigned to re-enter the practice of law. Since that time he has devoted all of his time to the practice of law. He is a member of the Des Moines Bar Association, the Iowa State Bar Association and the American Bar Association, and is now president of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, and has been for many years one of the three commissioners of this conference from Iowa. Judge Miller has been president of the Iowa State Bar Association, the Des Moines Bar Association and a member of the Executive Committee of the American Bar Association.

In May, 1895, Judge Miller married Emily Williston Magoun, a daughter of George Frederic Magoun, for twenty years president of Grinnell College. They have three children: Frederic Magoun and Alexander McColm, (twins) who were born in 1896; and Jesse Earle, born in 1902. All three attended the Des Moines public schools. Frederic graduated from Grinnell College and from the College of Law of the State University of Iowa. Alexander and Earle graduated from

the College of Liberal Arts and from the College of Law of the State University of Iowa. Frederic and Alexander both served overseas in the World war. Frederic attended training camp at Fort Snelling and served as a lieutenant. At the present time he holds the rank of captain, and Alexander holds the rank of first lieutenant in the Officers Reserve Corps of the army of the United States. All three sons are practicing law in Des Moines, Alexander being an assistant county attorney, the other sons being engaged in practice with their father. Judge Miller and all three sons are members of Beta Theta Pi Greek letter fraternity. He is both a Consistory and York Rite Mason and belongs to a number of the fraternal societies and clubs of Des Moines.

It is no mere coincidence that a father and all of his sons enter the legal profession, and win high honors in the ranks of men and in the community in which they live.

WILLIAM C. MCARTHUR, president of the National Travelers Casualty Company of Des Moines, is a native of Iowa, and his career has brought him honors and high attainments in the public service as well as in business. He has known and has been associated with the notable Iowans of his generation, and among them he has enjoyed the reputation of a high minded lawyer and a public spirited citizen, the sincerity of whose motives and actions has never been a matter of doubt.

Mr. McArthur was born at Burlington, Iowa, July 22, 1860. His paternal grandparents came from Scotland and lived out the rest of their lives in New York State. His father, Martin C. McArthur, was born on a farm in Otsego County, New York, was educated in public schools, and after leaving the farm entered the service of the American Express Company. During the '50s he came to Iowa and settled at Burlington. For many years he was route agent for the Express Company, and in that position much of his time was taken up in opening new offices for the company in the states of Iowa, Nebraska and Kansas. He and his wife kept their home at Burlington until their death. They were members of the Baptist Church. Martin C. McArthur was a Mason, a Republican in politics, and filled with credit several local offices.

He married Miss Virginia Corse, who was born at Belleville, Illinois, and was a sister of one of Iowa's most distinguished soldiers, Gen. John Murray Corse. General Corse was born at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, April 27, 1835, attended West Point Military Academy, but resigned in 1857 to enter the Albany Law School. In August, 1861, he was made a captain in the Sixth Iowa Volunteers, first serving under General Fremont, and for a time served as judge advocate and inspector general. Preferring active service, he joined his regiment, was made its colonel and on August 11, 1863, was commissioned a brigadier-general. He distinguished himself at Chickamauga and was wounded at

missionary Ridge. In Sherman's march to the sea he commanded a division of the Fifteenth corps. After the evacuation of Atlanta he was ordered to the relief of Altoona Pass, where large stores of rations for the Union army were being threatened by the advance of the Confederates under Hood. Here, although surrounded by a greatly superior number, General Corse refused to surrender and beat back repeated attacks of the Confederates. General Sherman, signalling from Kenesaw Mountain eighteen miles away, gave him that laconic message, "hold the fort for I am coming," which inspired Ira D. Sankey to compose one of the best known of his hymns. On learning that Corse was in command, Sherman said: "He will hold out; I know the man." The reply that General Corse returned to Sherman was no less a gem of military literature. During the engagement his ear and cheek bone were shot away, but he signaled back that "he had lost an ear and part of a cheek bone but could whip all hell yet." On October 5, 1864, General Corse received the brevet of major general. After the war he was collector of internal revenue at Chicago in 1867-69, and in 1881 moved to Massachusetts, where in 1886 he was appointed postmaster of Boston. For his second wife he married a niece of President Franklin Pierce. He died at Winchester, Massachusetts, April 27, 1895. His is one of the equestrian figures selected by the Iowa Legislature for the Soldiers Monument at Des Moines.

William C. McArthur, a nephew of this splendid soldier, received his schooling at Burlington, in 1877 spent a year at old Chicago University, and then enrolled in the sophomore class of Cornell University, where he was graduated in 1881. He was a member of the Zeta Psi fraternity. He pursued a law course at Columbia Law School and, returning to Burlington, was for twenty years successfully engaged in the practice of law. Mr. McArthur from young manhood was interested in politics, was a member of the Republican party, and was the first Republican elected during the twenty years following the Civil war from Des Moines County to the State Legislature. He served in the Twenty-seventh regular and special sessions, during which the state code was revised, also in the Twenty-seventh General Assembly in the Senate. He resigned from the Senate to accept the post of clerk of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Iowa, and held that office for over twenty years.

Mr. McArthur has been president of the National Travelers Casualty Company since 1923, with offices in the Valley National Bank Building. This accident and health insurance company has greatly prospered under his wise and energetic direction, and seven states outside of Iowa are represented in its volume of business. Mr. McArthur is a member of the Des Moines Club, and at different times has been identified with a number of organizations representing civic and philanthropic causes.

In May, 1882, he married Miss Harriet G. Hanmer. She was born in Nashville, Tennessee, but was reared and educated at Syracuse, New York. Their only daughter, Virginia, is the widow of LaFayette Young, Jr., who passed away February 12, 1930. Mrs. Young has two children, Harriet G., born in 1913, and LaFayette III, born in 1915. Elsewhere in this publication is a sketch of LaFayette Young, Jr., and also of his distinguished father, LaFayette Young, Sr., the founder, owner and publisher of the *Des Moines Daily Capital* and former United States senator from Iowa.

WILLIAM E. ALBERT. The rapidly continuing settlement of the open spaces and timber country of the United States and the threatened extinction, in consequence, of all kinds of wild game, have led to the establishment of Government preserves as well as of many parks where these animals may be cared for. Game laws of greater or less strictness are in force in every state in the Union, but these restrictions are chiefly in regard to the killing of wild animals out of season. Thus, during comparatively recent years, the animal life of the country has been to a certain extent preserved, and in some cases, such as the buffalo, elk and deer, the herds have flourished under encouragement and proper treatment and are approaching in some degree their former greatness in numbers. Among the men of the Government service who are acting in appointive capacities for the preservation of wild life, one who is energetic and capable in the exercise of his duties is William E. Albert, state game commissioner of Iowa.

Commissioner Albert was born March 19, 1869, in Allamakee County, Iowa, and is a son of George W. and Agnes (Gilbert) Albert. His paternal grandfather, Eben T. Albert, belonged to an old Colonial family of Virginia, in which state he was born and whence he came to Iowa, traveling overland on horseback. In his later life he went to Oregon, in which state his death occurred. Although he also followed other occupations, for the most part he was engaged in the shoe business. The maternal grandfather of Mr. Albert, William Gilbert, was born at Glasgow, Scotland, and as a youth immigrated to the United States, settling first in New York City. Subsequently he moved to Iowa, where he carried on agricultural operations until his death.

George W. Albert was born in Virginia, and was about twelve years of age when he accompanied his parents to Iowa. He was educated in the primitive schools of his day and was reared to be a merchant in shoes, but early was attracted by the possibilities of the lumber business, in which he was engaged for some forty years. He has lived in retirement for some years and is now eighty-seven years of age and a resident of Keokuk. Mr. Albert is one of the successful men of his community who has gained prosperity through hard work and good management, and who is held in high esteem and confidence by his

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