

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Mitchell, William O. Senator Mitchell, William O.
Represented Adams and Taylor Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 4 Apr 1846 Van Buren County, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place
A Anna Conger 1876 Hastington City, Iowa
B Helena E. Chaffee 1886 Corning, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He was admitted to the bar in 1872

B. Civic responsibilities GAR

C. Profession Lawyer; farmer

4. Church membership Methodist Episcopal

5. Sessions served 24th, 25th General Assemblies 1892, 1894 - House of Representatives

6. Public Offices 26th, 27th General Assemblies 1896, 1898 - Senate

A. Local President of the Blue Grass League

B. State Speaker of the House 24th General Assembly 1892

C. National

7. Death 29 July 1930 New York, New York

8. Children By 1st wife - Doris (Miss - Cyrus Mitchell); by 2nd wife - Helen (Miss - Harold P.)

9. Names of parents George and Sarah M. Mitchell

Pitchell, William D.

10. Education

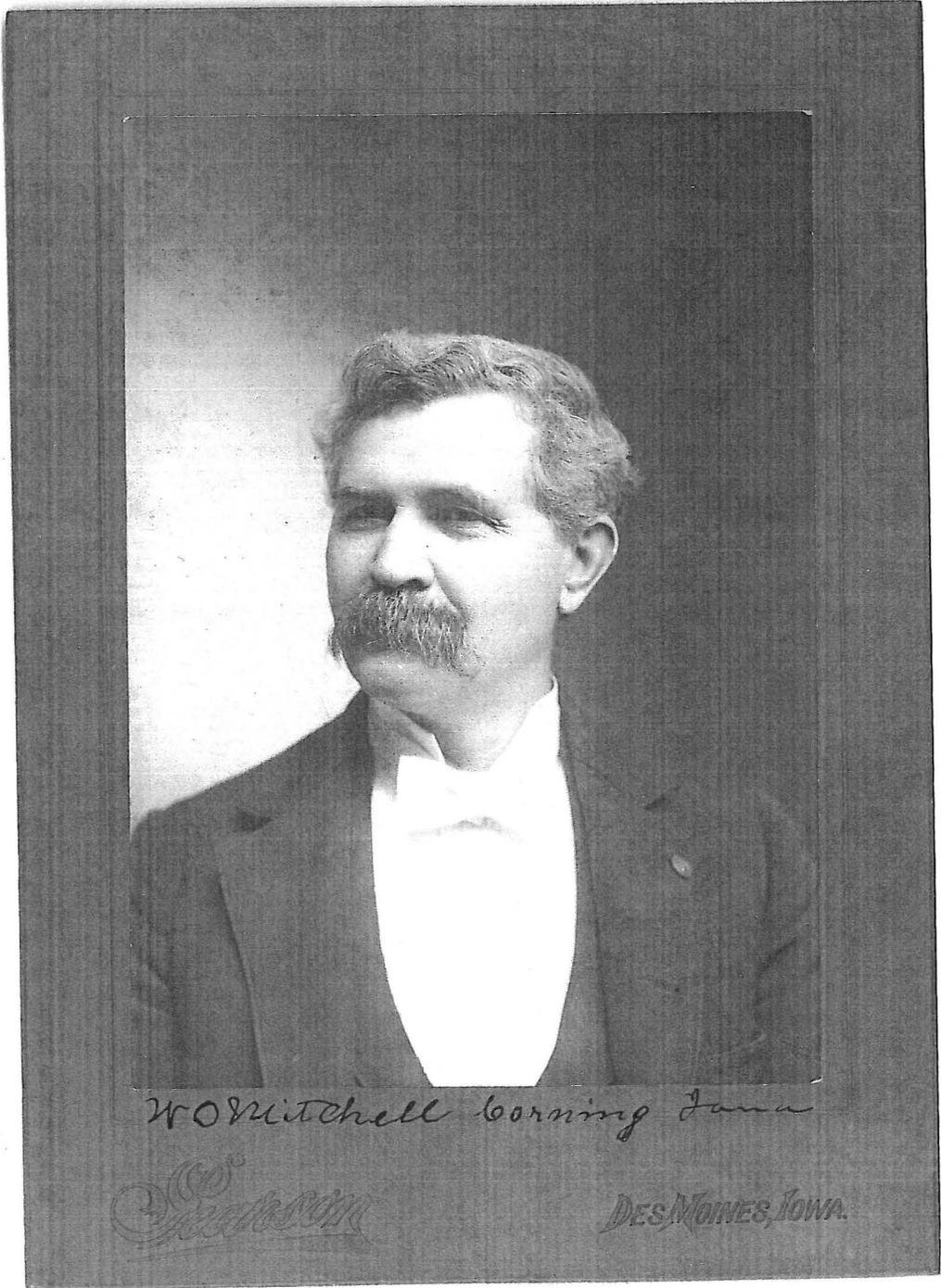
11. Degrees

He graduated from Cornell College, Mount Vernon, Iowa 1871

12. Other applicable information

Republican

- His parents came from Kentucky to Iowa in 1840 where they engaged in farming in Van Buren County, Iowa Territory.
- Military service - Civil War - Company C, 13th Iowa Volunteer Infantry, rising for 3 years being captured at age 16, spending time in several prisons
- After college he began studying law in the office of Stuart Brothers in Chariton, Iowa, admitted to the bar in 1872 and established a practice in Claring, Iowa.
- He also engaged in farming and raising livestock
- For several years he lived in Ottumwa City, Ottumwa and the last 3 years of his life he lived in New York City with their daughter Helen.



W. Mitchell learning Iowa

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DES MOINES, IOWA.

M. Doran met today with the twelve alcohol permit supervisors to discuss promulgation of new regulations which become effective Sept. 1.

Doran said reports indicate a large consumption of industrial alcohol in the next year. He denied any large quantities were being diverted to other channels.

To Train Dry Agents.

Establishment of schools for training dry agents and building an esprit de corps was cited by Woodcock as another prominent part of the administration program.

"These schools are intended to train the agents in methods of gathering evidence, in knowledge of the law and in habits of discipline," the director said.

"They are intended to train the agents to act always as gentlemen and to use their brains rather than their brawn. They will not use weapons except for defense."

Woodcock said he based his hopes for success largely on these schools. A headquarters school for training instructors will be established in Washington soon. On Oct. 1 a group of twenty-four picked men who have been graduated from a one-month course here will be sent to the various districts to act as schoolmasters.

Diplomat's Wife Is Charged With Breaking Auto Law

WASHINGTON, July 31.—(AP)—The Washington Post said today warrants had been issued charging the wife of Stephen Koundouriotis, chancellor of the Greek legation, with violations of the Maryland automobile owner and operator laws.

Justice of the Peace Herbert J. Moffat of Hyattsville, who issued the warrants, the Post said, plans to make a formal complaint to the state department that the Greek attache, while discussing the charges against his wife, said he was "better than Americans" and was not bound by their laws.

Moffat was quoted as saying Koundouriotis had cited his ability to have liquor in his home as proof that he was "better than Americans."

The warrants against Mrs. Koundouriotis were said to charge her with driving an automobile equipped with District of Columbia license tags while she is a resident of Maryland, and with a failure to obtain a Maryland operator's permit.

The Greek envoy was said to have told Moffat his wife was an American citizen, having regained this status in Baltimore about two years ago, and that she both lived and voted in Maryland.

Downtown Fire Is Confined To Refuse Where It Started

Several members of the "Flying Squadron" sent into the district after word was received of a Chinese killing in New York.

Several wounds had been inflicted with a hatchet, weapon used in the old way of tong killings. A long knife was found in his clothes. The body was identified at the Haymarket Relief hospital by the On Leong tong secretary, Soo Hoo Set.

Former Legislator, Father Of A Local Woman, Dies In N. Y.

(CEDAR RAPIDS NEWS.)

W. O. Mitchell, father of Mrs. Cyrus Metcalf, a veteran of the Civil war and a former member of the Iowa legislature, died Tuesday afternoon in New York City, two days after he was struck by an automobile there. Mr. Mitchell's condition was not regarded as serious until he suffered a heart attack Tuesday. He was 84 years old and had lived in New York for the last three years.

Mr. Mitchell was born in Van Buren county, Iowa, April 4, 1846, and at the age of 16 he enlisted in the Union army, joining Company C, Thirteenth Iowa volunteer infantry. He served three years, becoming a member of Crocker's brigade.

After the war he attended Cornell college, from which he was graduated in 1871. The next year he was admitted to the bar and established his law practice in Corning.

In 1891 Mr. Mitchell was elected a representative to the Twenty-fourth general assembly, being the first republican elected to the house from Adams county in fourteen years. He was chosen as speaker of the house his first term and was re-elected to the house for a second term. In 1895 he was elected to the state senate from the district composed of Adams and Taylor counties. He also served on the national committee when the Vicksburg National park was established. Mr. Mitchell was a member of the Methodist church.

For several years Mr. Mitchell lived in Oklahoma City, but on account of Mrs. Mitchell's health the couple had made their home for the last three years with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lee, 440 Riverside drive, New York City.

Mr. Mitchell is survived by his widow and his two daughters. Funeral arrangements are awaiting the arrival in New York of Mr. Lee who was in Oklahoma City at the time of the accident.

Four Days Left In Pickle Contest

Pickle recipes are coming in four days left if you have neglected to send in your favorite. The contest is being conducted

speed made good from Belle Isle; 38 knots speed; wind 22 miles an hour. Making good progress. Expect to arrive at Montreal early this evening. All are extremely well and taking eager interest in the airship's performance.

ST. HUBERT, Que., July 31.—(AP)—Having crossed the Atlantic ocean, the British dirigible R-100 made fast time today over landlocked waters toward Quebec and Montreal.

The R-100 left Cardington, Eng., at 8:45 p.m. C. S. T. Monday and at 9:39 p.m. yesterday made its landfall at Belle Isle, an island off the coast of Labrador, having traveled 2,278 miles, most of it over the ocean in a few minutes less than 48 hours. At 12:25 a.m. today the airship passed the steamship Duchess of York in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Its speed then was 70 knots.

To Fly Over Quebec.

Its course from Belle Isle to its destination at the airport here, a distance of 948 miles lay in a direct line over the straits of Belle Isle which separates New Foundland from the province of Quebec, over the Gulf of St. Lawrence and up the Lawrence river, over the city of Quebec to the airport of St. Hubert, outside Montreal.

Officials at the airport expected the dirigible would arrive about 4 p.m. today or possibly sooner as favorable weather conditions over the St. Lawrence evidently permitted.

A small army of soldiers and police was encamped within the airport enclosure to guard the R-100 and handle the crowds gathered to view the arrival.

Arrival of the R-100 by 4 p.m. today would give her the record for east-west crossing of the Atlantic by a dirigible, as she would consume 64 hours on the 3,200 mile journey.

The British dirigible R-34 which crossed from Scotland to Mineola, N. Y., in 1919, took 108 hours. The German Graf Zeppelin required 95 hours on her last westward trans-Atlantic trip which was over a southerly route about 500 miles longer than the great circle course followed by the R-100.

Air Derbyists Hop Off For Chicago From Lincoln, Neb.

LINCOLN, Neb., July 31.—(AP)—Lee Gehlbach, Little Rock, Ark., airman, leader in elapsed time in the all-American air derby, went aloft from the local port this morning at 9:01 a.m. on the next lap to Chicago.

Following on the heels of Gehlbach was Lowell Bayles of Springfield, Mo., and the others taking off in this order at one minute intervals: Chas. Meyers, Cleveland, 9:03; Henry Og-

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New York; but when a young man went to Ohio. He married Miss Mary E. Tiffany, a native of the Buckeye State, and afterward removed to Morgan county, Illinois, thence to Henry county, Illinois, and to Adams county, Iowa, in 1868. He passed the remainder of his days here, and his wife died when William L. was about three months old. Ebenezer Abbey was three times married. He was the father of five sons and a daughter, who is deceased.

Mr. Abbey came to Iowa in the fall of 1865. He enlisted in the One Hundred and Twenty-fourth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and served over three years; was in the trans-Mississippi Department; participated in the siege of Mobile and the battles connected therewith. He was married just before entering the army to Miss Annetta Frink, a native of Indiana.

They have five children, three sons and two daughters. The oldest is in Illinois. All the rest are in Iowa.



W O. MITCHELL, farmer and lawyer, residing at Corning, was born in Van Buren county, Iowa, April 4, 1846. His parents, George and Sarah M. Mitchell, were natives of Kentucky, and came to Iowa in 1840, engaging in farming. W. O., the second of their five children, at the age of sixteen years enlisted in the war for the Union, joining Company C, Thirteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and served three years, eight months of which time he spent in southern prisons, including Andersonville, Salisbury and Florence,—from the last named of which he escaped. The horrors he suffered, in common with many other "boys in blue," are too well known to need recital. Mr. Mitchell was in the siege of

Vicksburg and in many other important engagements, escaping rebel bullets, however, without injury. After the war he graduated at Cornell College and immediately began the study of law in the office of Stuart Brothers, Chariton, Iowa; was admitted to the bar in 1872. He has ever since been in active practice. He has for some time been engaged also in farming and stock-raising. He has an estate of some 700 acres, situated in the heart of the famous Blue-Grass region. Probably no man in the country has done more to call attention to the matchless resources of the eighteen counties embraced in this tract. Knowing its agricultural and mineral resources, he enlisted with enthusiasm in the development of an important section, and has been particularly active as a member of the Blue-Grass League, of which he is now president.

For his wife he married the daughter of A. H. Chaffee, the architect, a resident of Corning, and now has two children. He is a member of the G. A. R., as well as of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a stalwart Republican. In 1891 he was elected as Representative to the 24th General Assembly. Mr. Mitchell is the first man to be elected by his party to this important office in the last fourteen years. He only ran seventeen votes behind the Governor, although the Democrats and People's party fused on their candidate. No higher mark of respect and esteem could be given him by the people of Adams county than in his election in November, 1891, when such odds were against him. As a lawyer he is prominent, leading and able; as a business man he is possessed of good executive ability, untiring and energetic; as a citizen he is active, progressive, public spirited and liberal, and since coming to the county he has ever been loyal to her best material interests, advocating all meas-

ures that the best elements therein strive to maintain. Of strict and upright manhood, he constantly labors for her welfare and is always found in the line of the best citizenship.

As a friend he is true, honest, faithful and sacrificing to all who show themselves worthy of his friendship; as a man he is amiable, temperate, benevolent and just, with fine literary tastes and broad culture.



GIDEON FARRIS, one of the old settlers of Adams county living on section 26 (Mt. Etna postoffice), was born in Claiborne county, Tennessee, June 10, 1825. His parents were Robert and Mary (Gentry) Farris, both natives of Virginia. The father was a farmer all his life. He moved to Edgar county, Illinois, in 1833, rented land there, and made a reasonable success of his labors. He died in Illinois, in 1850, at over seventy years of age. His wife died in 1854 at the age of about seventy years. She was a member of the Protestant Methodist Church.

These parents reared eight children to mature years. Our subject is the only one now living. He began for himself at the age of twenty-six years. He followed the cooper's trade for several years, with farming, and later gave his whole attention to agriculture. He farmed in Illinois first, and came to Iowa in 1852, and settled on the place where he now resides and has been living ever since. There were seven families in the county when he came. They had to go to Savannah and to St. Joseph, Missouri, for their goods, quite a contrast with the present order of arrangement. He now owns 260 acres of good land, all of which is improved and

fenced. He bought a portion of it from the railroad and a portion from the United States Government. He is nicely located on the old Winterset road, has a good orchard, and grove, small fruits, etc. His house is 16 x 32 feet with an L 22 x 16 feet. He is in a good neighborhood, near church and school. He has been fairly successful, having made much of opportunities; coming here without means, with energy, industry and frugality he has acquired a nice home.

Mr. Farris was married, April 3, 1851, to Miss Eliza Carns, daughter of David and Mary Carns, of Vermillion county, Indiana. Their children are: William, married Nancy Cummins, and Lena was their only child; the mother died in 1880 at the age of nineteen years; his second marriage was to Carrie Stewart, by whom there are two children: George and Lucy; Harrison died at the age of thirty years; Frank married Martha F. Thomas; their two living children are Ella and Perry.

Mrs. Farris is a member of the Baptist Church. Politically our subject is a Democrat.



JR. ARNOLD who lives on section 18, Colony township; was born in Kentucky, May 8, 1851. His father was C. B. Arnold, born in Kentucky, July 25, 1828; he died in October, 1889. The mother's name before marriage was Mary Carpenter. They were the parents of thirteen children, of whom Mr. Arnold is the eldest. He lived in Kentucky until he was eleven years of age, when he removed to Jones county, Iowa, with his parents. He came to Carroll county in 1872, and lived there until his removal to

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press, Western Union Telegraph and many large commercial corporations in Iowa and in Chicago.

Personally the brothers are social in their nature, and while too busy to devote much time to society, are members of a great many clubs and fraternities.

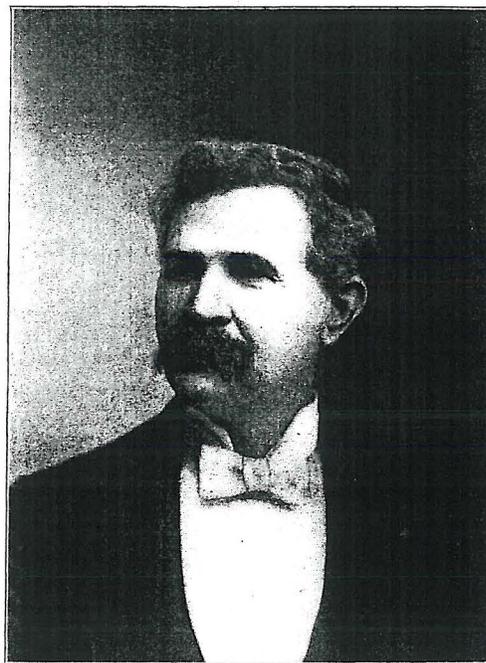
They have all traveled extensively at home and abroad, and are entertaining writers and speakers. The names in the order of their ages are: Edmund C., Mark A., James W., Charles H., Alfred E. and Eugene J. The home life is ideal. The parents when not seeking recreation in travel, enjoy the quiet life of Clinton.

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of an important section, and has been particularly active as a member of the Blue-Grass League, of which he is now president.

Senator Mitchell was married in 1876 to Miss Dora Conger of Washington, Iowa, who died in 1881. In 1886 he was married to Helen E., daughter of A. H. Craffee, the architect, a resident of Corning. Two children were born to him: Dora, born in 1879, and Helen, born in 1888. He is a member of the G. A. R. as well as of the Methodist Episcopal church.

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the first republican elected to the house from Adams county in fourteen years. He ran only seventeen votes behind the head of the ticket, although the democrats and the people's party fused on their candidate. No higher mark of respect and esteem could be given him by the people of Adams county than in his election in November, 1891, when such odds were against him. Another extraordinary honor awaited him upon his entrance to the legislature. Against all precedent he was elected speaker of the house in his first term, being recognized as possessing pre-eminent qualifications for the position. He served with complete satisfac-

tion to the house, administering its business not only with efficiency, but with fairness and consideration for all interests. Two years later he was re-elected to the house, and not being a candidate for the speakership, served in the capacity of chairman of the ways and means committee, helping to shape the finances of the state.

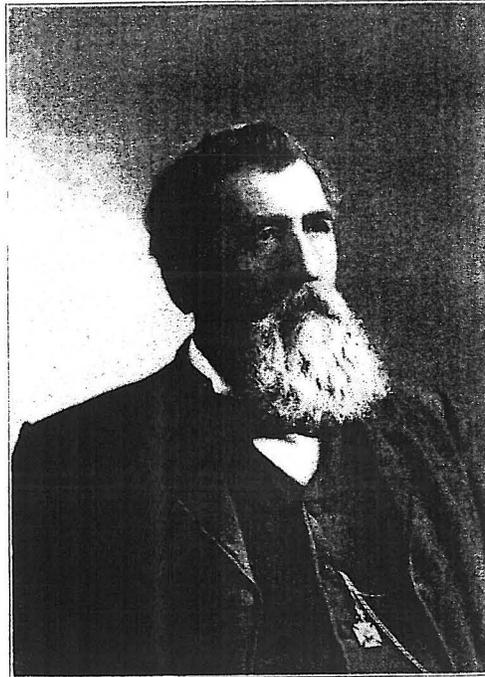
His work in the lower house so commended him to the people that he was in 1895 nominated and elected to the senate from the district composed of Adams and Taylor counties, serving in the regular session of 1896 and the special session of 1898. Senator Mitchell was always regarded as a safe, conservative legislator, who did not seek to make a show, but whose achievements were of the best kind, most useful to the state.

Senator Mitchell has won prominence by the ability he has shown in his profession; as a business man his energy and good management have brought him compliments; as a citizen he is public spirited, generous and progressive, always being ready to assist in advancing the public interests of his town, county and state. His friends know him as an honest, faithful and valuable friend, a good neighbor and a cultivated gentleman of taste and refinement.

CONAWAY, CHARLES D., M. D. Conspicuous among the leading physicians of eastern Iowa, and Poweshiek county, we find the name of C. D. Conaway of Brooklyn. Dr. Conaway was born in Harrison county, Ohio, September 25, 1834. He was the son of Charles Conaway, a farmer in that county, and Francis (Arnold) Conaway. Charles Conaway was born in Maryland, in 1796, and was the son of Michael Conaway, a native of Ireland, who came to this country before the Revolutionary war, and participated in that struggle. His wife was Elizabeth Davis, a native of Scotland. They were the parents of six children, three boys and three girls. The two eldest sons were in the war of 1812 under General Harrison. Frances (Arnold) Conaway was born in Pennsylvania in 1801. Her father's name was B. Arnold and her mother's name Mary Cullum. They were born in Maryland and married in Pennsylvania. To them were

born three sons and five daughters. About the year 1799 B. Arnold bought 640 acres of land in eastern Ohio where he thought, from the government survey, the county seat of Harrison county would be located, but missed the location a half mile. He soon afterward died and about 1808 his wife moved with her family upon this land and her eldest son was elected sheriff of Harrison county for several consecutive terms. The two oldest sons, James and Reason, served in the war of 1812 under General Harrison.

The chances for early education of Dr. Conaway were very limited. He was obliged



to walk two miles, over hills and hollows, to a log school house, with slab benches for seats, and fourteen inch oak boards, suspended on wooden pins driven into the logs, for desks. The tuition was free two to three months of the year, and on subscription two months, the master to be supplied with plenty of beech rods, four to six feet long with which to keep order. The first schooling our subject had away from home was in the McNeally Normal school at Hopedale, Ohio, where he attended two and one-half years. One year of this time he was a classmate of General George L. Custer, then a fair-haired

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THOMAS MITCHELL was born in Sullivan County, New Hampshire, March 3, 1816. He was reared on a farm and had but a common school education. In 1840 he came to Iowa and first made his home in Jefferson County but in 1844 came to Fort Des Moines and obtained permission of Captain Allen, its commander, to build a log cabin on Camp Creek for the entertainment of travelers. It was the first public house in the upper Des Moines valley. The country was then occupied by the Indians and the Fox chief, Poweshiek had a village on the Skunk River where Colfax stands, which was the home of more than a thousand members of that tribe. Mr. Mitchell was a warm friend of the chief. In 1857 he was elected to the House of the first General Assembly which convened at Des Moines. In 1867 he founded the town of Mitchellville and a few years later secured the location at that place of a Universalist Seminary. In 1873 Mr. Mitchell was elected to the State Senate, serving four years. He was a radical abolitionist, kept a station on the "Underground Railroad" and was always ready to entertain John Brown with his escaping slaves on their way to freedom in Canada and convey them to the next station. Mr. Mitchell was a man of broad and liberal views, large benevolence and great public spirit. He was of the best type of the pioneers who laid the foundation for the future greatness of the State. He died on the 14th of July, 1894.

WILLIAM O. MITCHELL is a native of Iowa, born in Van Buren County, April 4, 1846. At the age of sixteen he enlisted in Company C, Thirteenth Iowa Volunteers, serving three years. During that time he was eight months a prisoner confined in the Andersonville stockade, Salisbury and Florence prisons, from the last of which he escaped. During his term of service he participated in the Vicksburg campaign and many other engagements. After the close of the war he graduated at Cornell College, Mount Vernon, and began the study of law, being admitted to the bar in 1872. He located at Corning in Adams County and in addition to practicing law became largely engaged in farming. He has done probably more than any other one man to call public attention to the famous "Blue Grass Region" of southern Iowa as a stock country. He was in 1891 elected Representative in the House of the Twenty-fourth General Assembly and had the unusual honor of being chosen Speaker the first term of his legislative service. He was reelected to the Twenty-fifth General Assembly, serving as chairman of the committee of ways and means. In 1895 he was elected to the Senate, serving in the Twenty-sixth and Twenty-seventh General Assemblies and at the extra session.

SAMUEL A. MOORE, pioneer legislator and soldier, was born at Lawrenceburg, Indiana, December 16, 1821. He was educated in the log cabins of Dearborn and Bartholomew counties, and at eight years of age became an apprentice in a printing office where he remained four years.

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Davenport in a partnership with William O. Schmidt which continued until the latter's death in 1908, after which he practiced alone until about a year before his death when Edward O. Doerr became his partner. He became an alderman of the city the same year he began practicing law, 1889, and was elected mayor in 1893 when only twenty-six years old. He was three times re-elected, the terms then being but one year each. He was a member of the Board of Education from 1898 to 1901, and was corporation counsel of the city from 1913 to 1914. Besides these local activities he took part in larger political affairs. In 1893, the same year he was elected mayor, he was permanent chairman of the Democratic State Convention. In 1900 he was the Democratic candidate for Congress from the Second District, but was defeated by J. N. W. Rumble. In 1912 he was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention, and on February 10, 1914, was elected to Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of I. S. Pepper, and served from that date to March 3, 1915, having in 1914 declined to be a candidate for re-election. He was a man of strong convictions, fearless in speech and action. In 1896 he bolted the free silver wing of the Democratic party under the leadership of W. J. Bryan, but when his party dropped that issue he resumed his party allegiance. He was a brilliant and persuasive orator and a charming conversationalist. He was for many years a prominent member of the Davenport Turners and was honored with the presidency of the National Turners' Association.

WILLIAM O. MITCHELL was born in Van Buren County, Iowa, April 4, 1846, and died in New York City July 29, 1930, two days after he was struck by an automobile there. He enlisted in Company C, Thirtieth Iowa Infantry, August 9, 1862, when but sixteen years old, was promoted to sixth corporal January 22, 1864, taken prisoner near Atlanta, Georgia, July 22, 1864, exchanged, and mustered out at Davenport July 21, 1865. He was graduated in liberal arts from Cornell College, Mount Vernon, in 1871, was admitted to the bar in 1872 and began the practice of law at Corning. In 1891 he was elected representative from Adams County and was elected speaker of the House of that assembly, the Twenty-fourth, it being the only instance in the last two-thirds of a century, or since Civil War times, that a member was chosen speaker in his first term. He was re-elected two years later, and that session, the Twenty-fifth, was chairman of the Ways and Means Committee. In 1895 he was elected senator and served in the Twenty-sixth, Twenty-sixth Extra (Code revision session) and the Twenty-seventh general assemblies. In the Twenty-sixth he was a member of the Public Libraries Committee and introduced the measure which resulted in the Traveling Library. In 1903 he removed to Oklahoma City where he had land interests and engaged there in the practice of law, having as partner C. Porter Johnson in the firm of Mitchell & Johnson. For the last three years of his life he and his wife resided with a daughter in New York City.

U.S. Civil War Soldiers, 1861-1865

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 Side: **Union**
 Regiment: **Iowa**
 State/Origin:
 Regiment Name: **13 Iowa Infantry**
 Expanded:
 Company: **C**
 Rank In: **Private**
 Rank In Expanded: **Private**
 Rank Out: **Corporal**
 Rank Out Expanded: **Corporal**
 Alternate Name: **William O./Mitchell**
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Company: **C**
Regiment: **13**
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Veteran's name Mitchell, William O
Residence
Occupation
Date birth Apr 4, 1846 Place Van Buren Co., Ia
Date death Jl 2, 1930 Place New York City, Ia
Cause Struck by auto Place burial Cedar Rapids, Ia
War record Pvt. C 13 Iowa Inf.
Rank Company Regiment State Organization
Age 19. Gen. Chariton, nat. Iowa
Enlisted Aug 2, 1862. Aug 2, 1862
Discharged 1865. Louisville, Ky
Battles, etc.
Nearest relatives
Father
Mother
Wife
Children
Mrs. Cyrus Metcalf 440 Riverside Dr.
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Grand Army of the Republic

Veteran's name Mitchell, W O

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Offices of honor in G. A. R.

Post name Post No. Place Date Joined
Llewellyn 324(1) Corning My. 26, 1894
Tr. 2nd Term 1903; Sus. 2nd Term 1901;

Member-at-Large

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Obituary: survived by wife and two daughters.
Lived for a time in Oklahoma City. was elected to
24th G. A. - first incumbent in 14 years from
Adams Co. Elected Speaker of House in his 1st term
re-elected and elected to Senate 1895. Was gradu-
ate of Cornell College in 1871. admitted to bar,
set up practice in Corning. Had been living in
New York last three years of his live.
Was on National Committee, Vicksburg Park Commission

Suspended

Died



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Name: **William O Mitchell**
Residence: Chariton, Iowa
Age at enlistment: 18
Enlistment Date: 8 Sep 1862
Rank at enlistment: Private
State Served: Iowa
Was POW?: Yes
Survived the War?: Yes
Service Record: Enlisted in [Company C, Iowa 13th Infantry Regiment](#) on 09 Aug 1862.
Promoted to Full Corporal on 22 Jan 1864.
Mustered out on 21 Jul 1865 at Louisville, KY.
Birth Date: abt 1844
Sources: Roster & Record of Iowa Soldiers in the War of Rebellion

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1880 United States Federal Census

Name: **Wm. O. Mitchell**
 Age: 56
 Birth Year: **abt 1824**
 Birthplace: **Tennessee**
 Home in 1880: **White Breast, Warren, Iowa**
 Race: **White**
 Gender: **Male**
 Relation to Head of House: **Self (Head)**
 Marital Status: **Married**
 Spouse's Name: **Sarah A. Mitchell**
 Father's Birthplace: **Virginia**
 Mother's Birthplace: **Virginia**
 Neighbors: [View others on page](#)
 Occupation: **Farmer**
 Cannot read/write:
 Blind: [View image](#)
 Deaf and dumb:
 Otherwise disabled:
 Idiotic or insane:

Household Members:	Name	Age
	Wm. O. Mitchell	56
	Sarah A. Mitchell	47
	William Mitchell	24
	Caroline O. Mitchell	17
	John E. Mitchell	14
	James A. Mitchell	14

Source Citation: Year: 1880; Census Place: *White Breast, Warren, Iowa*; Roll: 368; Family History Film: 1254368; Page: 488B; Enumeration District: 237; Image: 0598.

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Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925

Name:	William O Mitchell [William O Mitchell]	
Birth Year:	abt 1847	
Birth Place:	??Anbrasce	
Gender:	Male	
Marital Status:	Widowed	
Census Date:	1885	
Residence state:	Iowa	
Residence County:	Adams	
Locality:	Jasper	
Roll:	IA1885_142	
Line:	16	
Family Number:	56	
Neighbors:	View others on page	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	William O Mitchell	38
	Sarah Mitchell	65
	Charles E Mitchell	22
	Elma L Mitchell	13
	Medra M Mitchell	6
	John Cranmo	23
	Lucy Barlett	22

Source Information:

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

Description:

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

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1900 United States Federal Census

Name: **William Mitchell**
[**William O Mitchell**]

Home in 1900: **Quincy, Adams, Iowa**
[**Corning, Adams, Iowa**]

Age: **54**

Birth Date: **Apr 1846**

Birthplace: **Iowa**

Race: **White**

Gender: **Male**

Relationship to head-of-house: **Head**

Father's Birthplace: **Indiana**

Mother's Birthplace: **Indiana**

Spouse's Name: **Hellen E Mitchell**

Marriage year: **1887**

Marital Status: **Married**

Years married: **13**

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Household Members:	Name	Age
	William Mitchell	54
	Hellen E Mitchell	34
	Hellen Mitchell	11
	Jessie Chaffee	27
	Katie Kennedy	21
	Laura Bradley	40
	Emma Ankeny	30
	Agnes Bradley	9

Source Citation: Year: 1900; Census Place: Quincy, Adams, Iowa; Roll: T623_415; Page: 9A; Enumeration District: 10.

Source Information:
 Ancestry.com. 1900 United States Federal Census [database online]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2004.

Description:
 Original data: United States of America, Bureau of the Census. *Twelfth Census of the United States, 1900*. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1900. T623, 1854 rolls.

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