

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Wilson, Jeremiah M. "Jerry" Senator _____
Represented Adair County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 16 Feb. 1842 near Casson, Indiana in
Repley County, Indiana

2. Marriage (s) date place

Laura M. Darby 1869 probably Adair County,
Iowa or Madison County, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business President of the Mechanics National Bank; a principal
stockholder and worked for the interurban road from Casson to
Montreat

B. Civic responsibilities Mason; G.A.R.

C. Profession Farmer; cattle feeder; worked in a sawmill

4. Church membership Methodist Episcopal

5. Sessions served 28th General Assembly 1900-1901

6. Public Offices

A. Local Adair County Board of Supervisors; township trustee;
assessor

B. State

C. National

7. Death 27 June 1910 rural Mechanicsburg, Iowa; buried Wilson Chapel Cemetery, Ohio

8. Children Engel C.; Sibel (Mrs Emma Grant); Clarence; Mervin B.

9. Names of parents Robert and Catherine (Selyers) Wilson

10. Education He attended school on land which was owned by his father

11. Degrees _____

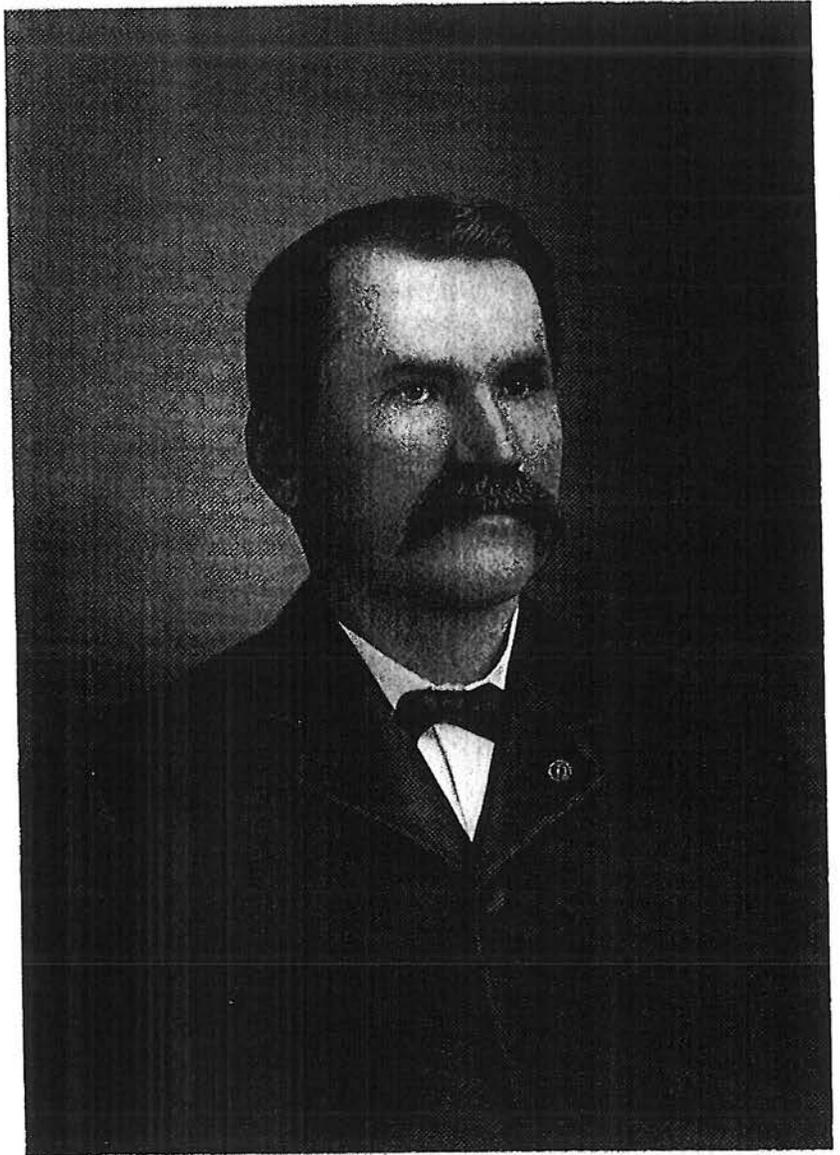
12. Other applicable information Republican

- Military service - Civil War Co. I 4th Iowa Cavalry
- Died by being struck by lightning.
- Was born in Madison County, Iowa at age 16 months with his parents settling in the south part of Madison County.
- In 1852 he moved to a farm where he resided until death near the Adair, Madison County line near Mackburg. The farm consisted of 2500 acres in Union Township.
- He was a former pastor of Bible Chapel, a country church located on his farm.
- His wife, Laura, born 3 Jan 1843, died 23 Sept 1926, also buried in Bible Chapel Cemetery.
- After the war he started off to Pike's Peak in Colorado. There he engaged in hauling logs to a sawmill and then heading lumber into Denver. He remained there a short time. He was always on the watch for Indians as he traveled.
- He returned home to break prairie land for William Eady. He enjoyed working for anyone that would give him an earned living. He worked for many farmers in the area for many years.
- He became a large cattle feeder.

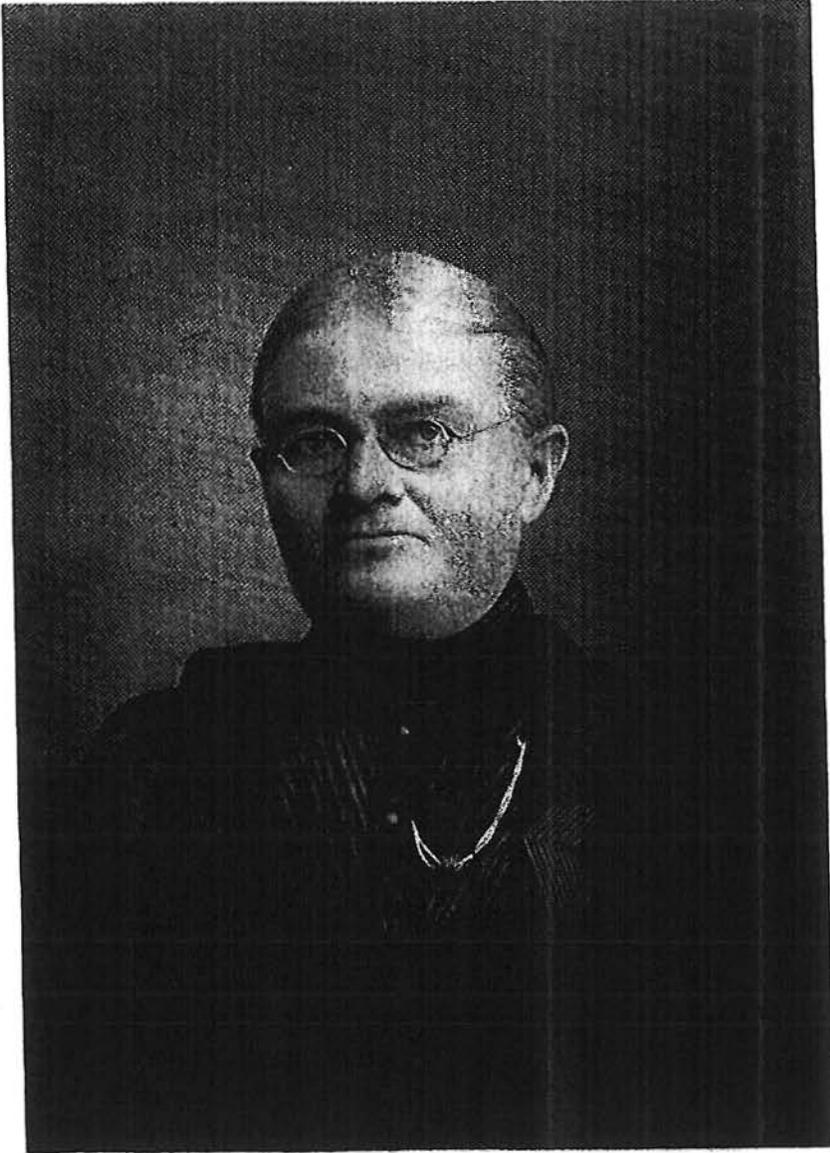
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-			<u>Iron Mine Records</u> - WPA for Adams County, Iowa
-			<u>Annals of Iowa</u> - Vol. IX, 3rd Series 1909-1910, p. 556
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J M Wilson



Laura M. Wilson

ELECTRIC BOLT IS FATAL

J. M. Wilson of Macksburg Killed by Lightning. Two Others Have Narrow Escape.

J. M. Wilson one of the most prominent farmers of Adair and Madison counties, met death Saturday evening about 7 o'clock while on his way from Macksburg to his home four miles west of that village. Mr. Wilson had been at Macksburg to do his Saturday trading. A severe electrical storm arose soon after he left town and he drove his team into a barn on the Ed Townsend farm one mile west of Macksburg. Mr. Townsend had just introduced him to his hand. All three were standing in the barn when a terrific bolt of lightning passed through the building. Mr. Wilson was killed outright. Mr. Townsend recovered consciousness in a few moments and the other man, a few minutes later. The deadly bolt struck Mr. Willson on the head, melted his spectacles from his face and burned the body in several places.

The news of the awful fatality was a profound shock not only to the people of that particular vicinity but to many people throughout Adair and Madison counties. Jerry Wilson was a man of unusual ability of marked integrity of purpose and his friends were only limited by the number of his acquaintances. He was born near Canaan, Ind., July 10, 1842, and came to Madison county with his parents, when sixteen months old, the family settling in the south part of Madison county. In 1852, he moved to the farm where he has since resided near the Adair and Madison county line west of Macksburg. He was united in marriage to Laura M. Darby, who with four children survives him. They are Eugene C., of Winterset; Mrs. Elmer Marsh and Clarence living in the vicinity of the home place and Mamie, who resides at home.

PENN TWP. MAN HAS CLOSE CALL

Thrashing Engine, Driven by S. E. Blomquist, Goes Through A Bridge.

An accident which nine times out of ten would prove fatal occurred on Tuesday afternoon, when a thrashing engine with its owner, S. C. Blomquist, at the wheel crashed through the bridge over the creek west of the farm occupied by Oat Craven. The machine, which was towing a water tank had just reached the middle of the bridge, when without warning, the structure collapsed and fell to the bed of the stream, 12 feet below, leaving the water wagon within a few inches of the edge of the descent. Had the wagon followed the engine, Mr. Blomquist could scarcely have escaped with his life. As it was, the rear platform doubled up and was only prevented from crushing the driver against the fire-box by the impact of the steel water tank with the steering wheel and right driving wheel.

The bridge, which has an unsavory reputation, generally for unreliability, is of the old steel and wood type, consisting of an arch of riveted channel irons braced with rods and carrying at its middle two upright steel members which connect with a cross member that supports the main bridge beams. It had been planked as usual and the engine had reached the middle when Mr. Blomquist says he felt the structure lurch to one side and before he could make a movement of any kind, he found himself unharmed upon the broken platform with his hands still upon the throttle and steering wheel (from which all but one spoke had been broken) at the bottom of the creek bed. Evidently the bridge was insufficiently sidebraced, and having warped to one side, the steel side members were caught at a disadvantage and twisted to one side. As it now appears, the bridge resembles a letter "V" with the beams propped up on the abutments on either side. The

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In 1862, Mr. Wilson enlisted in the defense of his country with Company "I" of the 4th Iowa Cavalry and served until the close of the rebellion. He was a successful farmer and accumulated much of this world's goods. His farm including that set apart to his children, comprised about 2500 acres of choice land. While he was successful in the management of his affairs, he was most liberal in contributions to religious and philanthropic enterprises. "Wilson Chapel" a beautiful country church, located on his farm was largely the result of his efforts. He was a member of the M. E. church and a former pastor of Wilson Chapel Rev. I. K. Woodward, now of Milo, conducted the funeral services on Monday of this week. This funeral was one of the largest ever held in that vicinity and expressions of sorrow and a feeling of personal loss attested the high esteem in which he was held and the value of his life to the community in which he lived. He was president of the Macksburg National Bank and one of the principal stockholders and workers for the interurban road from Creston to Winterset. His active influence in that vicinity will be sorely missed but he leaves behind, the influence of a life well spent—an influence that can never die.

Country Club Golf Match

The golf committee of the Country Club have arranged a golf match, the qualifying rounds of which are to be played on or before Friday, July 8th. The contest will be based on medal play, or lowest number of

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Beyond a few broken castings, the machine was uninjured and was driven into town Wednesday under its own power after a considerable effort to extricate it from the wreck. Mr. Blomquist is today unloading a fine new gas separator for use this season.—Earlham Echo.

Obituary.

Amanda Maria McDonald was born April 10, 1857 in Guernsey county, Ohio, and died June 23, 1910, aged 53 years, 2 months and 13 days. With her parents she came to Iowa in 1859 and located in Jefferson township, Madison county. On March 17, 1880, she was married to Frank P. Hazen. This union was blessed with three sons, Wm. Emerous, Chas. Everett and Irwin Leroy. Besides the husband and three sons, she leaves three grandchildren, four sisters and one brother. She was converted at 16 years of age, and joined the United Presbyterian church and remained true to the faith all her days. She joined the U. B. church in 1897 and was a most efficient worker until failing health compelled her to discontinue the more arduous duties. She was a tender, loving and true wife, mother and neighbor. Funeral services were held at Union Chapel Friday at 2:00 p. m. The sermon was preached by Rev. Jameson, pastor of the U. P. church of Des Moines.

A Triple Runaway

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Severe Electrical Storm.

The storm of Saturday night and Sunday seems to have been quite severe in some sections, though in Adams county comparatively little damage is reported. The telephone lines suffered worst of anything we have heard about in this immediate vicinity, and not much damage was done them. The storm was electric in its nature, and the rainfall was not general. Corning had a good rain Sunday night, though in some portions of the county very little fell. Prescott is reported to be dry, while rain descended on both the east and the west of her. In Adair county one man, Jerry Wilson, was struck by lightning and instantly killed. He was one of the pioneers of the community, residing near Macksburg for over 58 years.

In Afton the lightning struck the lumber sheds of the Glatley Lumber Co., which we understand were totally destroyed. Many other buildings in the immediate vicinity had narrow escapes. The loss on the lumber yard is stated at from \$10,000 to \$15,000, with insurance to cover a portion of the damage. Rain fell in torrents at this place, and the streets are said to have resembled lakes, with two inches of water therein. This damage was done by the storm Saturday night.

The Blakely residence, southeast of Creston, was struck by lightning, but no one killed. The house was moved from its foundation, a large hole torn in it, and the eaves and fastenings torn off.

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accomplishments—and well fitted to grace the new home which will be established. Mr. Petznick has lived the greater portion of his life in Creston. He is a young man of splendid character and ability. The young couple will make their home on a farm in Dodge township. The many friends extend hearty congratulations.

THAYER.

Miss Fannie Parson was the victim of a serious accident last Friday. As she was entertaining her Sunday school class at the Allison pond, she was kicked by a horse and her left leg broken above the knee. Dr. Johnson of Afton, assisted Dr. Wright in setting the bone.

Miss Eulalia Zolman was a passenger to Creston Monday.

Harrison Cooper has gone to Lorrimer where he has employment in the Williamson barber shop.

Otis Logan is assisting Mr. Cooper and has charge of the barber shop at this place on Wednesday and Saturday of each week.

A sweet little baby girl arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Miller Sunday and a bright baby boy at the John Parker home Sunday.

Mrs. J. O. Lafavre visited relatives in Thayer Saturday.

The Misses Mabel and Grace Stuart of Murray spent Sunday in Thayer.

Miss Bessie Garrels visited friends in Talmage Saturday night and Sunday.

Maud Cooper spent last week with her brother and family in Dodge.

Mrs. Clough and Mrs. Mae Brown were Afton callers recently.

Mrs. J. D. Zahler and Miss Audrey Smith were Murray visitors Tuesday.

OAK HILL.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Downey visited Sunday at Bert Dunfee's.

There will be endeavor at Oak Hill Sunday evening. Everybody invited. James and Arthur Gripp, Charley Boyer, Clarence McGuire, Tom Arnold and Roy Kent spent Sunday with the McGuire boys.

Carrie McGuire visited Sunday with Bertha Bullock.

Lela Lawrence is very ill.

Mrs. Elsie Morgan and daughter Lule, of Murray, visited the home folks Wednesday and Thursday.

Artur Gripp was an Afton caller Monday.

The party at Abe Conn's was well attended and a fine time was had.

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WAS KILLED BY LIGHTNING

Jerry Wilson, Prominent Adair County Man, Meets Awful Fate

DEATH WAS INSTANTANEOUS

Stopped to Take Shelter in a barn When fatal bolt Hit Him

Saturday evening's storm had its tragedies other than in Afton. Up near Macksburg, Jerry Wilson, an old resident and one of Adair county's prominent men was struck by lightning and instantly killed. The men with whom he was conversing at the time were stunned by the bolt, and one of them did not regain consciousness for some time. All efforts to revive Mr. Wilson were fruitless.

The unfortunate incident occurred at the Townsend farm. Mr. Wilson and his son were on their way home from Macksburg when the storm overtook them and Mr. Wilson turned in at the Townsend gate intending to seek shelter. His son continued on toward home. Mr. Wilson drove up to the barn yard where he was met by Mr. Townsend and the hired man, Mr. Overton. Mr. Townsend had just introduced the other two when the fatal stroke of lightning descended, striking Mr. Wilson dead and knocking Overton unconscious to the ground. Mr. Townsend was also shocked severely.

The dead man is well known in this section. At one time he was a member of the legislature. He was a man of considerable wealth and wide influence. He was born in Indiana in 1843 but has lived near the present homestead since a child. He served in the 4th Iowa Cavalry during the war. The funeral was held at Macksburg Monday and was largely attended.

BREEZY RIDGE

Mrs. Hubbell Sunday.

Earl Ritter and Neal White were Afton callers Sunday afternoon.

Irvin Harris and wife are moving this week near Ed Younkin's place.

UNITY.

Mrs. Phebe Forgy and children visited the Figgins and Mayhew homes last week.

Mrs. Frank Seeley visited at H. S. Pears's from Friday till Tuesday.

Ed McFarren of Kent was calling on friends in the neighborhood Monday and Tuesday.

Unity W. C. T. U.'s attended the institute in Afton Friday.

Miss Jessie Fluckey is spending her vacation at home.

W. L. Huss and family visited with his brother Raleigh, Sunday.

Mrs. Jennie Donner and son Melvin visited at Sterl Donner's Sunday.

The ladies aid will give an ice cream social at P. T. Garrels Friday.

Mrs. Alice Hoffman visited her daughter Mrs. Schwidde Thursday and attended institute at Afton Friday.

Carl Shields seems to have a great affection near Unity as he spends a great deal of his time out the way.

Edith Simmons visited at C. W. McCloud's Friday.

Unity church was painted last week Grant Shelton doing the work.

PILGRIM AND UNITY W. C. T. U.

Temperance Talk for God and Home (Temperance Talk).

Your health and how to keep it, was the subject of a recent editorial by Ella Wheeler Wilcox. Alcohol in every form says Mrs. Wilcox lessens the powers of endurance. Its use creates fatigue and opens the door to disease. When long bicycling tours were in vogue the cyclists found they could not make the century runs on alcohol. Professors and physicians have arrived at the conclusion that by intelligent and systematic care of the body and selection of diet and avoidance of stimulants workingmen as a class can perform the work they do without fatigue and without ill health.

Snakes and alcohol have of late come into simultaneous publicity in connection with the idea that alcohol is a good remedy for snake bites. The question has been settled by the statement of expert physicians who say that since the poison snake fluid is a heart depressant and alcohol another heart depressant, the use of alcohol greatly lessens the person's chances of recovery. Good for the United Mine Workers.

HISTORY OF
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IOWA
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sistent member of the Presbyterian church and contributes to the support of its work. His determination and sound judgment enable him to accomplish what he undertakes and his sterling integrity and willingness to do a kindness for another insure him of the respect and liking of his fellows.

JERRY M. WILSON.

Jerry M. Wilson, who was born in Canaan, Indiana, July 16, 1842, was killed by lightning on the 25th of June, 1910, while a resident of Madison county. His father, Robert Wilson, was born on a plantation in Kentucky in 1803. Following his marriage he liberated his slaves and went to Indiana, where he took up his abode about 1835, residing there upon a farm which he owned. In 1844, however, he came to Iowa, settling in Jefferson county, and in 1852 he made his way to Winterset and soon afterward took up his abode upon a farm in Lincoln township, Madison county. There he entered into partnership with M. Danner for the operation of a sawmill on Middle river and in 1857 he removed to Adair county, where he owned land and engaged in farming until his death in 1869. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Catherine Salyers, was born in Kentucky in 1805 and died in 1890. They were married in their native state.

Jerry M. Wilson was the eighth in order of birth in his father's family. He attended a school taught by William Kivett, one of the earliest settlers of Madison county, the schoolhouse being located on land which Mr. Wilson afterward owned. J. J. Hutchings was one of his teachers. He started out in the business world as a farm boy and was employed at farm labor and in a sawmill until the time of his enlistment for service in the Civil war. In 1862 he joined Company I of the Fourth Iowa Cavalry, and lost the forefinger on his left hand through dropping a loaded revolver which was accidentally discharged. After the war he returned to his home and during the succeeding winter again attended the district school, then taught by Octavia Lee. The following spring he started with ox teams and provisions for Pike's Peak and after disposing of the provisions he engaged in hauling logs to a sawmill and then in hauling lumber into Denver. He remained in that country, however, for but a short time. On the trips west and back he had to watch all of his stuff at night for fear of Indian raids. The white men traveled in large companies so as to protect themselves against the Indians.

At length Mr. Wilson returned home and the next spring began breaking prairie with ox teams for William Early. He led a most busy and active life and was willing to do any work that would yield him an honest living. At length he became the owner of some land which he fenced and built thereon a home. He continued breaking prairie and in the winter of 1868-9 hauled logs for James Bush from the sawmill on Middle river. He earned seven dollars per acre at breaking one hundred acres of brush land for Mr. Bush, and three dollars per acre for breaking prairie and in this way secured the money which enabled him to continue the improvement of his own farm. For many years he lived in Adair county and carried on general agricultural pursuits, bringing his land under

a high state of cultivation and adding to it many modern improvements. He became the largest cattle feeder of his community and always raised good stock. He was also a stockholder, one of the directors and one of the first presidents of the Macksburg National Bank. In business affairs he displayed sound judgment and unfaltering enterprise, formulated his plans carefully and carried them forward to successful completion. As his financial resources increased he kept adding to his property until at one time he was the owner of thirteen hundred acres of land in Adair and Madison counties. He became one of the heaviest stockholders in the Winterset, Creston & Des Moines Railroad and after the company disbanded he was influential in effecting its reorganization. Of the first company he was the president and at the time of his death he was vice president of the new organization, called the Creston, Winterset & Des Moines Railroad. The Wilson family is largely responsible for the fact that a railroad has been extended into Macksburg.

In 1869 Mr. Wilson was united in marriage to Miss Laura M. Darby, who was born in Holmes county, Ohio, January 3, 1843, a daughter of John E. and Lucy A. (Tuttle) Darby, both of whom were natives of New York. The former was born at Catskill in 1815 and died in 1890, while the mother, who was born at Rochester, New York, in 1821, passed away in 1849. In his boyhood days Mr. Darby went to Ohio and afterward engaged in teaching school there. They lived in Holmes county when that was a new country and he became principal of the schools of Berlin. Attracted by the opportunities of the growing west, he came overland to Winterset in 1855 and was employed as a teacher in the schools of the town, he and his daughter Almira both teaching in an unfinished building here. In 1856 he removed with his family to Cedar Creek in Union township, where he purchased land and engaged in farming. About 1858 he removed to Penn township, where he entered land on section 16. At once he began to improve and develop that property and continued to reside there until his death. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and took a most active and helpful part in its work. He became a preacher of the denomination and rode the circuit when Adair county was a mission district. Later he actively entered the ministry and for two years had charge of a church at Adel and for two years at De Soto but still maintained his residence upon his farm in Penn township. In politics he was very active as a stalwart republican and was known as the "old war horse" in his district. In the early days he was an ardent abolitionist and his home was a station on the memorable underground railroad, over which many a runaway slave was transported to freedom in the north. While living in Ohio he held membership in the Masonic lodge but did not become identified with the craft in Iowa. Having lost his first wife, he married again in Ohio.

Mrs. Wilson was the third of the six children in the Darby family. She did not come to Iowa with her father and the other children but reached this state in 1860. She became a teacher in the early schools of the county and for ten years continued teaching, following that work even after her marriage. Both Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have always taken the keenest interest in the schools and their work in behalf of education has been far-reaching and beneficial. To them were born five children, as follows: Eugene, who is cashier of the First National Bank of Winterset and the present mayor of the town; Sibyl, the wife of E. B. Marsh, of Grand River township, by whom she has five children; Clarence, an

agriculturist of Adair county, who is married and has three children; Alice, who died in infancy; and Mamie, who owns the old home.

In his political views Mr. Wilson was an earnest advocate of republican principles, active in the work of the party, and in 1899 he was elected from Adair county as representative of the district in the state legislature. He was a very progressive man, interested in the welfare and development of the community, and his cooperation could always be counted upon to further plans and projects for the public good. He became a member of the Methodist Episcopal church in 1895. He had previously given the land upon which the church edifice was erected and he served as church steward. He also held local political offices, acting as township trustee, as assessor and as a member of the county board of supervisors for six years. While returning to his home from Macksburg he was struck by lightning and his life was thus ended. He had a wide acquaintance and all who knew him recognized in him the possession of many sterling traits of heart and mind. Wherever he was known he was held in high esteem and most of all where he was best known, and his many good qualities endeared him to those with whom he came in contact.

CLARENCE R. GREEN.

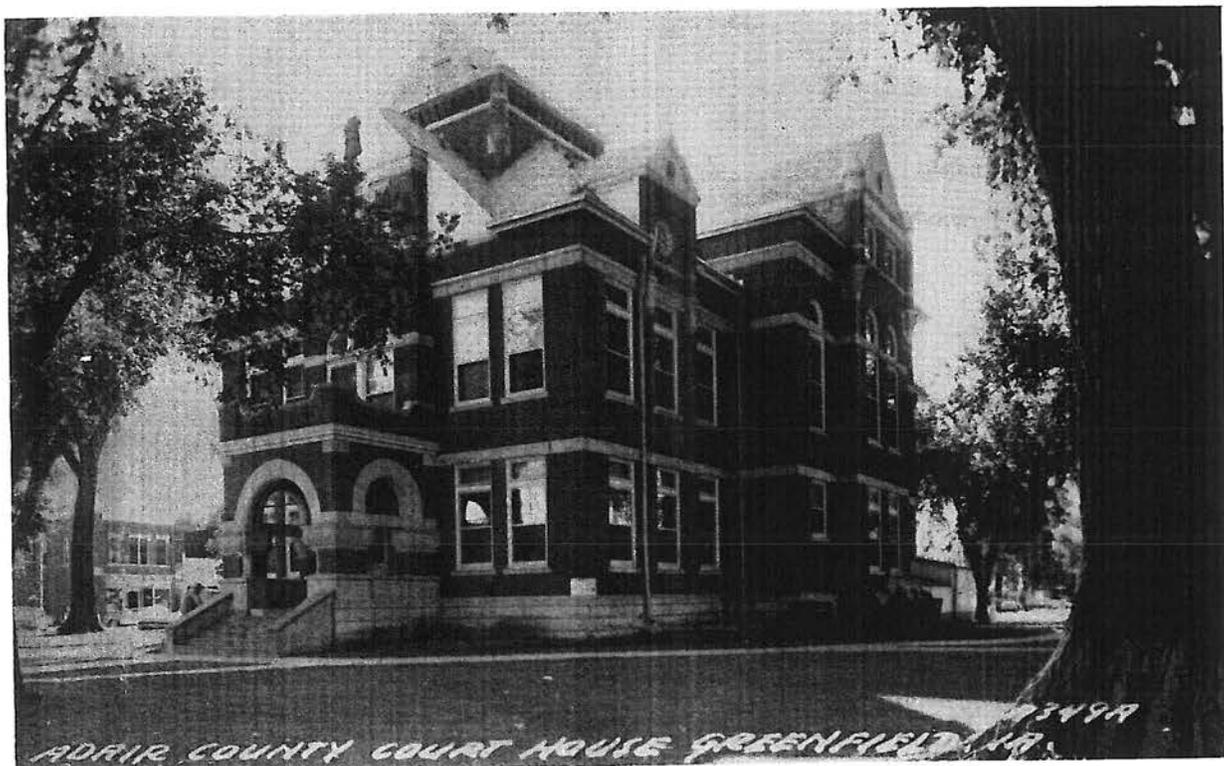
The position of county auditor demands a man of business ability and unquestioned integrity and Clarence R. Green, the present incumbent of the office, is proving himself an admirable man for the place. He was born in Jewell county, Kansas, on the 12th of December, 1885, of the marriage of Ellyson and Lida (Boulton) Green. The father was born in West Virginia, but while still an infant was taken by his parents to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Later the family removed to Kewanee, Illinois, where he grew to manhood. His father was a cabinetmaker by trade. When eighteen years of age Ellyson Green went still farther west, settling in Jewell county, Kansas, where he was identified with agricultural interests until 1903. He then removed to this county and farmed for a year, after which he went to Shenandoah, Iowa, and entered the fire insurance business. He remained there for a year and then returned to Winterset, where he is conducting business along the same line. His wife was born in Louisa county, Iowa, and is also still living.

Clarence R. Green is the oldest in a family of four children and his education was that afforded by the district and high schools of Kansas. After his arrival in Iowa he served a five years' apprenticeship to the carpenter's trade and later worked at carpentering for a number of years. In 1910 he was made deputy county auditor under T. M. Scott and in 1912 was elected auditor on the republican ticket. He took office the 1st of January, 1913, and at the November election in 1914 his record was indorsed by reelection. He is methodical and accurate and is prompt in the discharge of his important duties.

Mr. Green married Miss Mary Newlon, a native of this county and a daughter of W. C. and Lydia (Philbrick) Newlon. Her father is deceased but her mother survives. To Mr. and Mrs. Green has been born a son, Willard N.

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HISTORY OF ADAIR COUNTY, IOWA



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Vacation Bible School held at Zion with Hebron attending, from May 26th to May 30th. Hebron furnished the refreshments.

June 8, 1975, there was one baptism, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Craig Tracy.

June 15, 1975, a union service held at the Orient Church.

July 27, 1975, a combined service with youth at the Orient Church.

August 24, 1975, Rev. Ray Boulter began serving as our pastor, replacing Larry Webb.

October 5, 1975, annual Homecoming services for the 50th celebration. The Women's Fellowship served tea following the afternoon program. Dedication of memorial gifts and church furnishings was given during the morning worship service. They were as follows:

Two silver nut and mint compotes given in memory of Lloyd Lynn; kitchen carpeting given in memory of Jesse Coulter, Milton Linthicum, Mable Haydon, and Annabel James; choir lights given by Mr. and Mrs. Glen Weaver to replace the ones given in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Orin Kerns; altar cloths, two chair trucks, tea table, two Junior Sunday School tables, twelve youth chairs, Junior Sunday School worship center drape, and book for sanctuary placement given in memory of Roy and Annabel James, Freida Kries, Carl Peck, and Patrick McKinney; sanctuary clock, two children's Living Bibles, given in memory of Patrick McKinney; and eternal candle given in memory of Mrs. Shirley Moore.

Three members, Clarence and Isobelle Griswold and Jennie Evans, had their memberships transferred from the church roll.

In October a Young People's Group from the 6th grade down was organized. A membership class was begun and a Junior and Senior High Youth Group was organized. A Senior Sunday School class was begun.

Also in October the church trustees notified the church members the amount of \$14,800 was received from the estate of Clair Gibson. This was the first time in the history of the church that a sizable inheritance had been received.

Deaths for the year were four members.
No marriages were performed.

The church is still active with an average of 3 each Sunday and a membership of 100 members. Approximately 50 of these are active.

UNION TOWNSHIP WILSON CHAPEL



The Wilson Chapel M. E. Church was built in the autumn of 1894 in Section 18 of Union Township on land owned by Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Wilson. The cemetery was to the south side of the church. The location of the church site is still there, marked by evergreens with the graves of Mamie Wilson Walker's parents and brothers.

The structure of the church building was excellent. The seats were of oak and there was an organ. There was no basement. A pot-bellied stove was fueled by neighbors free of charge.

Rev. Woodward served this church as long as he was at Orient. At that time there were no cars, so people walked or drove horses. Some of the families attending were: Wilsons, Myans, Levikes, Silverthornes, Luers, Herrens, Kings, Courters, Caskes, Marshs, Evans, Pences, Leavitts and Linthicums.

The services were discontinued around 1920. About 1922 the church was sold to Wilmer Keith, who used it to build a barn on the farm owned by Harold Kindred. The Walker land is now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Green, who farm around the cemetery location.

ZION ZIPPERS 4-H HISTORY

The Zion Zippers 4-H Club of Union Township was organized in June of 1927, with Mrs. Birdie Gibson as leader. Their first project was home furnishings. Forty-three girls enrolled in the club. Coyla Burnell was chosen as best soloist from 1500 girls at State Convention in the year 1928, and Maxine James was the best harmonica player. Coy-

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ticed law at Sabula, Iowa, up to February, 1904, when he removed to Seattle, Washington, retired.

Mr. Heberling was married shortly after the close of the war to Miss Mary Todd and three children were born to them. Of these, Dwight, living at Seattle, alone survives, a pair of twins dying in infancy. Mrs. Heberling passed away twelve years ago. Besides the one son there are three grandchildren living at Seattle, four sisters and two brothers. The latter are Mrs. Mary Osborn, of California; Mrs. Hiram Coleman of Tekamah, Neb.; Miss Charlotte Heberling of Ardmore, South Dakota; Mrs. Willard Ellison of Iowa City; J. M. Heberling of Seattle, Washington, and Capt. H. S. Heberling of this city.

Deceased when a resident of Sabula, was possessed of many qualities which built for him a strong circle of friends. His nature was an optimistic and charitable one, and in every movement for the betterment of civic conditions, he was one of the first to the front. The beautiful city fish ponds, now the source of much delight to visitor and resident alike, were the creation of Mr. Heberling, and for several years were maintained at his personal expense. Since his departure from Sabula six years ago, it has been a longing desire with him to return to his old home town, but love for the family of his son, with whom he made his home, kept him in the coast city. Therefore be it

Resolved, That we extend to his bereaved family our sincere sympathy in this, their hour of sadness and sorrow; and

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered in the Journal of the House and that an engrossed copy be presented to the family of the deceased, by the Chief Clerk.

J. W. ELLIS,
S. H. BAUMAN,
W. M. BYERLY,

Committee.

Adopted.

HON. JERRY M. WILSON.

MR. SPEAKER—Your committee appointed to draft and present resolutions commemorative of the life, character and public service of the Hon. Jerry M. Wilson, late a member of the House of Representatives in the Twenty-eighth General Assembly, beg leave to submit the following as their report:

Jerry M. Wilson was born in Canaan, Indiana, July 16, 1842, and came to Jefferson County, Iowa, with his parents when sixteen months old. He settled in Union township, Adair county, in 1853, where his home continued to be until the time of his death. He left a wife, Laura Darby Wilson, and two sons and two daughters: Mrs. Elmer Marsh, Eugene, Clarence and Mamie.

Mr. Wilson served in the civil war in Company I, of the 4th Iowa Cavalry, September 24, 1862, and was honorably discharged June 17, 1865. He was a member of the Masonic order and a member of the Methodist church.

He served as a member of the Board of Supervisors of Adair county for six years, being elected in 1890. He was elected as a republican mem-

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profession at Centerville, continuing his residence and profession there the remainder of his life. In August, 1862, he enlisted in Company G, Thirty-sixth Iowa Infantry. He was chosen captain, receiving his commission from Governor Kirkwood October 4, 1862. He was captured with the entire brigade, of which his company was a part, at the battle of Mark's Mills, and for ten months was a prisoner at Tyler, Texas. He was exchanged in March, 1865; for a time was assistant inspector-general on the staff of Gen. Shaler, and also inspector-general of the Seventh Army Corps, commanded by Gen. J. J. Reynolds. He was mustered out at Duval's Bluffs, Ark., August 24, 1865. He was elected district attorney of the Second Iowa judicial district in 1874, and at the end of his service received the nomination of the Republican party for judge in the same district, but was defeated. In 1894 he was again nominated and elected, continuing on the bench until January 1, 1902, when he voluntarily retired. He was a prominent Mason, a member of the I. O. O. F., the Elks, the G. A. R. and the Loyal Legion.

LEWIS O. BLISS was born at Union Springs, Cayuga county, New York, July 29, 1826; he died at Iowa Falls, Iowa, April 21, 1910. He removed to Sheffield, Ohio, in 1834, and was educated at Kingsville Academy. He taught school for three years in Ohio and Kentucky, then engaged in the mercantile business in Ashtabula, Ohio. In 1854 he removed to Grant county, Wisconsin, where he engaged in business, but shortly afterward removed to Elliot, Minn., remaining until 1864, when he removed to Iowa Falls, Iowa. He established a mercantile business in Iowa Falls with William Wilde as his partner, continuing this partnership for many years. He was a member of the House of Representatives from Hardin county in the Fourteenth General Assembly.

JERRY M. WILSON was born near Council Bluffs, July 16, 1842; he was killed by lightning near Winterset, Iowa, June 25, 1910. When he was about two years of age his parents removed to Adair county, Iowa, and established one of its earliest homeencies. In 1862 he enlisted in Company I, 4th Iowa Cavalry, and served until the close of the war. With his regiment he participated in the siege of Vicksburg. In 1852 he removed to Union township, Adair county, to land upon which he resided for fifty-eight years and until his death. He was a strong, active citizen, serving as a member of the board of supervisors for a number of years and as chairman of that body when the Madison county court house was built in 1891. He was elected to the House of the Iowa Legislature in 1899, serving one term and refusing to be a candidate for a second nomination. At the time of his death he was president of the organization whose plan it is to build an electric traction line from Creston to Des Moines.

DAVID STEWART was born in Huntingdon county, Pa., March 24, 1830; he died at North Liberty, Jackson county, Iowa, June 10, 1910. He received a common school education and engaged with his father in the operation of a woolen mill at his native place, until 1852, when he began to read medicine in Pine Grove, Center



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WILSON	Alice	1861	1911	Greenfield	Greenfield Twp.	Adair	d/o Samuel & Mary Wilson; lot 74
WILSON	Bonnie B	1892	1916	Hill of Zion	Union Twp.	Adair	
WILSON	Charles	1882	1919	Hill of Zion	Union Twp.	Adair	Lot 2
WILSON	Chas	1816	21 Jun 1906	Hill of Zion	Union Twp.	Adair	1st settler in Union Twp; f/o John
WILSON	Dale	-	-	Oakwood	Walnut Twp.	Adair	s/o Walter, lot 203
WILSON	Dora Bell	1855	16 Oct 1925	Hill of Zion	Union Twp.	Adair	
WILSON	Elizabeth Swisher	1868	1899	Greenfield	Greenfield Twp.	Adair	
WILSON	Emily	48y	21 Dec 1864	Fontanelle	Summerset Twp.	Adair	w/o Seth
WILSON	Father	1805	1881	Greenfield	Greenfield Twp.	Adair	f/o Samuel & buried on same lot
WILSON	Frank B	1862	1936	Greenfield	Greenfield Twp.	Adair	Lot 75
WILSON	Geo	25y	03 May 1869	Hill of Zion	Union Twp.	Adair	s/o Chas & Sarah
WILSON	Geo B	1825	28 Feb 1894	Wahtawah	Jefferson Twp.	Adair	b. Greenfield, Highland Co, OH; h/o Sarah Ann McClure Adair Co Dem 3-8-1894
WILSON	Geo F	1893	1925	Fontanelle	Summerset Twp.	Adair	World War veteran (think Canadian soldier)
WILSON	Georgie	1885	1918	Hill of Zion	Union Twp.	Adair	w/o Rollie
WILSON	James Thompson	02 Oct 1927	21 Nov 1913	Greenfield	Greenfield Twp.	Adair	b. Erie Co, PA; h/o Marlitia Crool, f/o Jandy, Chas H, Ge W, Mrs Orville H Long, Orin E; Adair Co Press 11-27-19
WILSON	Jeremiah M	1842	25 Jun 1910	Wilson Chapel	Union Twp.	Adair	4th IA Cav Civil War
WILSON	Laura M	1843	23 Sep 1926	Wilson Chapel	Union Twp.	Adair	nee Darby
WILSON	Lena	1833	20 Feb 1914	Sunnyhill	Summit Twp.	Adair	Lot 230
WILSON	Martha	1837	1897	Greenfield	Greenfield Twp.	Adair	w/o James T, lot 60
WILSON	Martin S	51y	06 Feb 1865	Vandewater	Grand River Twp.	Adair	abandoned cem

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WILSON	Mary	1801	01 Feb 1890	Greenfield	Greenfield Twp.	Adair	Lot 84
WILSON	Mary W	1833	1901	Greenfield	Greenfield Twp.	Adair	w/o Sam'l, lot 74
WILSON	Midie	1868	1921	Grove Center	Grove Twp.	Adair	nee Dicky; d/o A & CM Dickey
WILSON	Mother	1805	1891	Greenfield	Greenfield Twp.	Adair	m/o Samuel & buried on same lot
WILSON	Olive M	1856	1914	Hill of Zion	Union Twp.	Adair	
WILSON	Ray	-	-	Greenfield	Greenfield Twp.	Adair	s/o Sam'l & Mary M, lot 74
WILSON	Samuel	09 Dec 1830	12 Feb 1899	Greenfield	Greenfield Twp.	Adair	b. NY, lot 74, w/o Mary M Hawley, f/o RM, Allie & WA; Adri co 2-16-1899
WILSON	Sarah	74y	25 Sep 1890	Hill of Zion	Union Twp.	Adair	w/o Chas
WILSON	Thos K	1841	28 Jan 1911	Hill of Zion	Union Twp.	Adair	Co I 4th IA Cav Civil War
WILSON	W A	-	-	Greenfield	Greenfield Twp.	Adair	Lot 118
WILSON	William	1845	24 Oct 1926	Hill of Zion	Union Twp.	Adair	

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Grand Army of the Republic

Veteran's name Wilson, Jeremiah M

War

Residence

Battles, etc.

Occupation

Nearest relatives

Date birth J1 16 1842 Place Canaan, Ind

Father Robert Wilson

Nativity

Date death Je 26 1910 Place Union Twp. Adair
Cause Wilson Chap. Co. Place burial Orient, Ia

Co. Mother Catherine Salyers

Nativity

Wife Laura Darby

War record

Pvt. I 4 Iowa Cav.
Rank Company Regiment State Organization
Age 20 Res. Winterset b. Ind

Children

Eugene
Clarence
Mamie

(Elmer) Marsh

Enlisted 24 S 1862

Must. Out 17 Je 1865, Nash-
ville, Tenn.

Sources
Roster Iowa Soldiers: (Jeremiah M)
Graves Reg: birth, death, burial/
Greenfield Transcript 6-3-10/ Win-
terset Reporter 6-30-10/ History
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Discharged

Date

Place

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Veteran's name Wilson, J M

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J.D. Craven	198(55)	Macksburg	5 J1 1884

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Event(s)

Birth: 16 Jul 1842
Canaan, Ripley, In
Death: 25 Jan 1910
, Madison, Ia

Parents

Father: [Robert WILSON \(AFN: QBCL-63\)](#)
Mother: [Catherine SALYERS \(AFN: QBCL-78\)](#)

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Spouse: [Laura M. DARBY \(AFN: QBCP-MQ\)](#)
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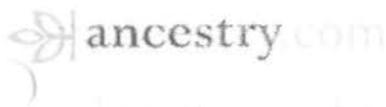
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Name: **Jeremiah M Wilson**

Age in 1910: 67

Estimated Birth Year: abt 1843

Birthplace: Indiana

Relation to Head of House: Head

Father's Birth Place: Kentucky

Mother's Birth Place: Kentucky

Spouse's Name: Laura

Home in 1910: Union, Adair, Iowa

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	Laura Wilson	67
	Mamie B Wilson	24
	Richard Schultz	53