

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative \_\_\_\_\_ **Senator** JUNKIN, JOSEPH

*Represented Mills and Montgomery counties*  
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1. Birthday and place 8 April 1852 Jefferson County, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Olivetta (Etta) Chevalier, (bn. Ames, Ia 1865 - ); 11 m July 1888, Ames, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Attorney

B. Civic responsibilities city attorney, Red Oak; Knights of Pythias

C. Profession \_\_\_\_\_

4. Church membership Presbyterian

5. Sessions served 26-29 GA, 1896-1903, SD 8, Mills & Montgomery Co

6. Public Offices

A. Local City Atty, Red Oak 1881-1885

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

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

7. Death 11 October 1913, apoplexy, at office, Red Oak, bur. Evergreen Cem.

8. Children (1) (Joseph) Chevalier (15 Mar. 1891 - ); (2) Josephine or Katherine Elizabeth (28 May 1898 - ), possibly Mrs. Clinton Duggett)

9. Names of parents Joseph Junkin IV (Mercer Co, Pa. 10 Feb. 1815 - Red Oak, Ia 10 Oct. 1908) Mary Margaret Cotton (New Castle, Pa., 14 June 1818-19 Oct. 1881--bur Red Oak)

Junkin, Joseph McKenny

10. Education Red Oak Schools; Univ of Iowa

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11. Degrees LL.B., U ov Iowa, 1879

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12. Other applicable information census uses 1900 as birth year; one obit says 1852 and another 1854.

He becae partner with Horace Deemer (olater Judge), 1879-1887. Deemer was one of pallbearers at his funeral. Died at office, while interviewing client.

In Senate, had large part in making 1897 Code of Iowa. Chair Republican county central committee; delegate to state and judicial conventions.

In Senate, chaired judiciary committee; and on appropriations committee.

Daughter is listed as Josephine in one census, and as Kathrerine Elizabeth in a family history, which says marriage to Duggett unconfirmed.

Survived by wife, 2 children, 3 sisters, 2 brothers.

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WPA burial lists does not include birth/death dates for him, father or mother.

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RED OAK, MONTGOM

# HON. J. M. JUNKIN DIES SUDDENLY

Former Senator Suddenly Stricken in His Office Saturday Afternoon— One of the State's Leading Attorneys, and Political Leader.

A shock such as has not come to this community in many months came on Saturday afternoon at a few minutes before 5 o'clock when the word was brought down from the office of Hon. Joseph M. Junkin that he had dropped dead in his chair in apoplexy. At the time of his death there were with him in his of-

aller, who is a student in Harvard University, and Josephine, who is attending the schools in Red Oak. He was a member of the order of the Knights of Pythias, and a member of the Presbyterian church. The funeral was held on Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the home of Judge H. E. Deemer on Boundary Street, Rev. Royal J. Montgomery conducting the services. Judge H. E. Deemer delivered an address on the life of Senator Junkin and the singing was by Mrs. R. D. Morris. The active pall bearers, all of whom were immediate relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Junkin, were, George C. Junkin, W. F. Chevalier, S. E. Chevalier, M. J. Adams, Paul Junkin and Ches Junkin. The honorary pall

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office, his law partner, Ralph Pringle, and two or three other gentlemen who were there in consultation with him on business matters. Mr. Junkin had been in the very best of health up to the very minute of his death and on the evening preceding had attended the booster banquet, being in his usual good spirits and apparently the least likely of any of

hearers were, H. E. Parslow of Clarinda; William Orr of Clarinda; Judge Thomas Arthur, Ralph Pringle, Judge J. B. Rockafellow, Congressman W. R. Green and Judge H. E. Deemer. Interment was in Evergreen cemetery.

Senator Junkin leaves, besides his wife and two children, three sisters who are, Mrs. Darle Leech and Mrs. F. M. Byrkit of San Diego,

MR. PRESIDENT—Your committee appointed to draft resolutions commemorative of the life, character and services of Joseph M. Junkin beg to submit the following report:

## JOSEPH M'KENNA JUNKIN.

Joseph McKenna Junkin was born at Fairfield, Iowa, on April 8, 1852, and on July 11, 1888, was united in marriage at Ames, Iowa, with Olivette Chevalier, to which union were born two children, Chevalier and Josephine. He died at Red Oak, October 11, 1913.

After completing the school course at Red Oak, he attended the law department of the State University where he graduated in 1879 and in September of that year became a law partner of H. E. Deemer, which partnership continued until 1887 when Mr. Deemer was elected District Judge. He was City Attorney from 1881 to 1885, and in 1895 was elected as State Senator from the district composed of Mills and Montgomery counties. He served in the Twenty-sixth, Twenty-seventh, Twenty-eighth and Twenty-ninth General Assemblies, taking part in the more important work of all four sessions, gaining high rank as a legislator, and had a large part in making the code of Iowa laws issued by the Twenty-sixth General Assembly.

For a number of years Senator Junkin was an active member of the Knights of Pythias lodge and was also a member of the Presbyterian church. His circle of acquaintance was large and his character was such that he left many warm friends over the entire state.

In the death of Mr. Junkin, Iowa lost one of her most distinguished native sons. He was born in the state and never lived outside her borders. He was nobly loyal to all the interests of the state as well as those of the county. His purpose in life was to be true to the highest ideals and to be a truly worthy servant of his fellow men.

The natural courage and forcefulness of the man, his logic, his wide knowledge, his poise, balance and sanity of view, all combined to make him an excellent counsellor. He was always faithful and efficient in service, but, over and above these things, he was a genial, helpful and sympathetic friend.

He went to his grave in the prime of life but even in this brief span of time he made on his state a lasting impress of good. His record is clean and it will be a source of pride and satisfaction to his family and his state until the end of time. Therefore be it

*Resolved*, That in the death of Joseph M. Junkin the state lost an efficient legislator and an honorable man and we hereby extend to the family and friends our sincere sympathy, and be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be printed in the Journal of the Senate and that the Secretary of the Senate be directed to forward an engrossed copy to the family of the deceased.

F. F. JONES,  
JOHN T. CLARKSON,  
ELI C. PERKINS,  
*Committee.*

The resolutions were adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

City; the work being too hard, and he a mere boy, he became sick, and lost the use of his right side for about one year; recovering he commenced to learn his trade as plasterer, under a man by the name of John Owens; did some work of his own contracting. Was married in St. Joe, to Miss Mollie Smith, December 20, 1877, by the Rev. W. W. Steward; she had been a slave in Clinton county, Missouri. He is a member of the Baptist church in St. Joe, and a member of the Colored Masonic lodge, No. 79, of Red Oak.

JUDKINS, J. W. and JUDKINS, F. O., proprietors of the Judkins House, Red Oak. Mr. J. W. Judkins was born in Sullivan county, New Hampshire, in 1834; here he grew to manhood, and at the age of thirty-three left New Hampshire, and moved to Springfield, Illinois, engaged in farming and dealing in stock, buying and shipping; left Springfield, Illinois, and came to Iowa, locating in Red Oak, and engaged in the butchering business, continued in that business about two years, and then commenced in the hotel business in 1873, in what was known as the Sheldon House; he changed the name to the Tremont House; after selling out there, went out of the hotel business for about a year, and in 1874 bought out what was known as the Dealing House, and has continued there ever since; has now a very fine hotel, built in 1880; size, 36x80, fifty feet high, lighted by gas and heated by steam, and has in connection with his hotel business a livery stable; when the hotel is completed, he will have a house of eighty-five rooms. Mr. Judkins has been one of the leading stock men of this place; he bought and shipped most of the stock of this part of the county and paid the farmers the best prices; he gave up the stock business in 1875, and turned his attention to the hotel business. Mr. J. W. Judkins was married in New Hampshire, February 23, 1858, to Miss Sarah A. Neal, of Sullivan county, New Hampshire, by Rev. Martin. They are the parents of one child: Helen R. Judkins; she was born December 11, 1859. F. Olin Judkins, of the firm of Judkins Brothers, Red Oak, was born in Unity, Sullivan county, New Hampshire, March 16, 1844; at the age of twenty-two years he left his native place and in company with his brother went to Springfield, Illinois, and traveled in different states for four years, when they settled in Red Oak, and have been engaged in hotel-keeping. Was married to Miss Kizzie Day, April 12, 1870, by the Rev. Mr. Smith, of Wellsville, Missouri; she was born in Susquehanna county, Pennsylvania, August 1, 1845.

JUNKIN, JOSEPH M., of the firm of Junkin & Deemer, attorneys at law, Red Oak; Mr. Junkin was born April 8, 1854, in Jefferson county, Iowa, and lived there until he reached his majority. Was educated at Fairfield, Iowa. In 1876 he began the study of law, and graduated from the law department of the Iowa State University, at Iowa City, in 1879, receiving the degree of L. L. B. He at once began the practice of law

in Red Oak, Iowa, in connection with his present partner, Mr. Deemer. They have a large practice, and are regarded as one of the leading firms in southwestern Iowa. Their office is in the First National Bank. Mr. Junkin is chairman of the republican central committee of this county; he is also city attorney. He and his partner were both admitted to practice in the supreme court of the state, also in the U. S. district and circuit courts, before beginning the practice of their profession. Mr. Junkin is a son of Joseph Junkin, of Red Oak, who was born in February, 1815, in Washington county, Pennsylvania. He has been engaged in mercantile pursuits. His wife's name was Mary Calton. They were married in September, 1835. They are both living and in the enjoyment of good health.

KEIL, KASPER, dealer in wine and beer, Red Oak; was born in Hesse, Germany, December 9, 1843, where he grew to manhood, and at the age of twenty-four left there and came to the United States in 1867, landing in New York March 16, 1867. Came to Henry county, Iowa, and engaged in wagon making; went from there to Burlington, Iowa; stayed there about eighteen months, and then engaged as bridge carpenter for the C., B. & Q. railroad company, then went to St. Louis and worked on the building of the bridge across the Mississippi river at that place, and then went to St. Paul, Minnesota, and worked at house carpentering, and then out on the Northern Pacific and built the barracks of Gen. Custer's headquarters; then came back to St. Louis and commenced bridge building on the Iron Mountain railroad, and also built a bone factory for a sugar refinery; came to Red Oak in 1876, worked at carpentering, and in 1877 tended bar for one year, and in 1878 commenced to work in the Red Oak brewery, and in the spring of 1880 commenced in his present business.

KILLITS, JOHN M., editor and proprietor of the Red Oak *Express*, Red Oak; was born October 7, 1858, in Lithopolis, Ohio, where he grew to manhood. He entered Williams College, Massachusetts, in 1876, and graduated in July, 1880. His father, Andrew Killits, of Bryson, Ohio, being in the newspaper business, the subject of this sketch, by force of circumstances was schooled in that business, and spent his early days at the printer's case. After graduating he came to Red Oak, Iowa, and bought the Red Oak *Express*, one of the oldest papers in the county, which he is now engaged in publishing. Mr. Killits is a young man of ability and energy and gives promise of soon ranking among the first journalists of the northwest.

LINKADE, JOHN M., importer and breeder of Clydesdale and Norman horses, Red Oak; was born in Delaware county, Ohio, Sept. 30, 1836, and has been a resident of Iowa thirty-seven years, and of Montgomery county four years. He has for twenty years been classed among

and Edward Mills, who for a few years was a practitioner in Elliott. Mr. Mills also served as County Attorney and now resides at Red Oak.

Of the old attorneys who resided at Villisca and had the greater part of the law practice there, in contiguous territory and in the Valley of the Nodaway—viz. J. T. Patterson, A. M. Walters and Wm. Redmon—none remain. Patterson is dead after serving as County Attorney in a Western Nebraska county at Rexford where he was also editor of a newspaper.

E. C. Gibbs, a former mayor of Villisca, has taken up their work and is carrying it on successfully. He is an indefatigable worker and has a growing practice. He has the confidence of those who know him best and since the removal of F. P. Greenlee from that locality to Red Oak to assume the duties of county attorney, he has that field largely to himself, though Mr. Greenlee retains most of the practice that had come to him there by his years of service in the capacity of counsellor and attorney. Mr. Greenlee has been honored by the county in the capacity of a legislator for the customary length of time. As a maker of laws, he served on important committees in the legislature.

W. W. Merritt, Jr., has had a few years' practice with good success. His mental equipment, aided by the discipline of the law department of the Michigan University, from which institution he graduated, qualified him for good and efficient work in his profession.

W. C. Ratcliff, a promising young attorney, recently became a partner of R. W. Beeson, an old practitioner.

Ralph Pringle, another young man with a thoroughly disciplined mind, of studious habits, and a graduate of old Yale College, is a partner of J. M. Junkin. Mr. Junkin, the senior member, was born at Fairfield, Iowa, in 1854. His boyhood days were spent there, but for a brief period he lived at Melrose, Monroe Co., where his parents resided. From Melrose, when

a lad of nineteen years, he came to Red Oak, where he has since resided. He attended school at Fairfield, Red Oak and Iowa City, completing the law course and graduating from the law department of the State University in 1879, after which he entered upon the practice of law, winning his way to the front of his profession. In the same year he formed a law partnership with Horace E. Deemer. This partnership was dissolved in 1886, when Mr. Deemer was elected District Judge. Mr. Junkin continued his practice alone until recently, when he and Ralph Pringle formed a partnership. Mr. Junkin is Republican in politics and, being an effective public speaker, has been in demand as such in the county and state, especially in the heated campaign of 1896. In 1895 he was unanimously nominated for State Senator (Senatorial District of Montgomery and Mills Counties), was elected, and took special interest as a member of the Judiciary Committee in the revision of the code during that session. The convention called for 1899 accorded him the courtesy of naming the delegates. He was elected another term in the Senate, commencing January 1900. He served in all five sessions, and was chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means from 1900 to 1904.

Horace E. Deemer came to Red Oak a young man, industrious, ambitious and eager to succeed in his chosen profession. He met an old classmate in the State University of Iowa City, J. M. Junkin, with whom he formed a partnership and entered upon the practice of law in Red Oak in the fall of 1879. This partnership continued until his election as District Judge in the year 1886. His business and professional success up to this time was all that could have been desired. His parentage and hard training in the school of experience fitted him to meet and surmount obstacles as they arose. He is of Holland descent. His great grandfather, with many of his people, removed to Western Pennsylvania, where he became identified with the Pennsylvania Dutch in our revolution-

County bar, where he has now been constantly engaged in the prosecution of his profession for thirty years. He is also one of the most highly respected citizens of the county.

WILLIAM WALLACE JUNKIN, editor and senior proprietor of the *Fairfield Ledger*, is the oldest editor in continual service in Iowa. He is also a pioneer of this State of 1843. He was born in Wheeling, W. Va., on the 26th of January, 1831, and is a son of Joseph and Sarah (Rambo) Junkin. His father, a native of Pennsylvania, was born October 20, 1788, and his mother was born in the same State on the 3d of June, 1790. They were married December 20, 1808, and their family consisted of six sons and five daughters—David Finley, who was born February 12, 1810, married Harriet Walker, November 13, 1831, and died September 8, 1814; Eleanor, born September 21, 1811, was the wife of James Gibson and died in 1848; Joseph, born May 2, 1813, died August 11 of the following year; Joseph, the second of that name, who was born February 10, 1815, wedded Mary M. Cotton, on the 8th of November, 1836, and is now a resident of Red Oak, Iowa; Nancy Galloway married Robert S. Hunter, May 3, 1836, and is living in Newcastle, Pa.; John George, born February 13, 1819, died October 19, 1837; Sarah Margaret, born June 16, 1821, became the wife of George W. Clutter, who served as a Captain in the Mexican War and died July 16, 1857, after which his widow, on the 21st of September, 1865, became the wife of the Rev. Frederick A. Shearer, and is now living in Colfax, Iowa; Mary B. F., born February 21, 1821, died June 18, 1833; Narcissa Doddridge was born April 2, 1826, and on the 1st of March, 1849, became the wife of James Shriver Beck, of Fairfield, Iowa; Matthew Johnson, who was born May 16, 1829, and died in Fairfield a few years ago, was married March 15, 1855, to Ellen E. Moorman, who died in 1869; William Wallace

completes the family. The father died July 22, 1857, and the mother on the 17th of April, 1865, both in Fairfield.

The subject of this sketch came to Iowa with his parents in the spring of 1843, the family locating in Lee County, but the following year they removed to Louisa County, and in 1845 settled in Jefferson County. Two years later they took up their residence in Fairfield. William Wallace received his first lessons in his present business as a type-setter in the office of the *Wheeling (Va.) Argus*, when only ten years of age, and on locating in Fairfield in the fall of 1847, he commenced an apprenticeship in the office of the *Iowa Sentinel*, which had been established in Fairfield by A. R. Sparks that year. In the summer of 1848 Mr. Sparks sold the paper to Ezra Brown and R. B. Pope, which threw young Junkin out of employment, but his former employer kindly secured him a situation in Des Moines with Col. Barlow Granger, and he aided in issuing the first number of the *Star* in June, 1848, the first paper printed in the Capital City. After remaining in Des Moines several months he returned to Fairfield. During the winter of 1848-49 he was employed in the office of the *Ottumwa Courier*, which was published by Street & Warden, and in November, 1849, he accepted a position as compositor in the office of the *Fairfield Ledger*, which only a short time previous had been established by Orlando McCraney. He continued with that gentleman until the spring of 1851, when he went to Richmond, Va., where he was employed two years in the State printing-office. On the 16th of May, 1853, he returned to Fairfield, and ten days later he purchased a half-interest in the *Ledger* of its proprietor, A. R. Fulton, for \$460, and commenced the newspaper business and the battle of life in earnest. That connection was continued until August 14, 1854, when Mr. Junkin became sole proprietor. The paper continued to prosper and made friends among the best people in Jefferson and adjoining counties, and its proprietor improved it as his increased means permitted. On the 8th of August, 1868, he formed a partnership with Ralph Robinson, receiving \$2,500 for one-half interest in the office, and the connection was continued

pleasantly and profitably until January 5, 1875, when Mr. Robinson retired, receiving \$4,500 for his share in the business, power presses and other improvements having enhanced the value of the office to \$9,000. On the retirement of Mr. Robinson, the eldest son of our subject, Charles M. Junkin, became co-manager, bringing with him into the business not only the experience he had acquired under the careful direction of his father, but the knowledge gained while in the Government printing office in Washington City. On the 26th of May, 1878, he was admitted to partnership with his father, and the existing firm of W. W. and C. M. Junkin was established. The *Ledger* has continued a favorite among the people and has never flagged in its earnest advocacy of the best and wisest course in all public matters, political and otherwise, and has prospered accordingly.

On the 14th of September, 1854, William Wallace Junkin and Miss Elizabeth Patrick, daughter of William and Amy (Morris) Patrick, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. The lady is a native of Ross County, Ohio, and came to Fairfield with her father in 1847. Eight children, four sons and four daughters, have been born of their union—Charles Monroe, the eldest, who was born in Fairfield, May 18, 1855, is represented elsewhere in this volume; May, born August 19, 1856, became the wife of Nathaniel McGillin, May 16, 1877, and is now living in Montana; Gertrude, born September 7, 1858, was married January 3, 1878, to W. W. McCrackin, president of The Silver Bow National Bank, of Butte, Mont.; Virginia, twin sister of Gertrude, is the wife of J. B. Swinburne, editor of the Humboldt *Kosmos*, of Humboldt, Iowa; Amy, who was born February 5, 1862, is the wife of the Rev. J. F. Hinkhouse, of Lenox, Taylor County, Iowa; William David, born April 15, 1864, is a clerk in the railway mail service; Paul Sheridan, born August 12, 1867, is a practical printer, and until recently was employed in the *Ledger* office; Robert Tupper, born June 23, 1871, is attending school.

Mr. Junkin is a Republican in politics and an active and influential supporter of that party. His acquaintance throughout the State and nation is extensive, and his influence in political circles

is widely felt. The *Ledger*, under his able management, has become one of the leading papers of State, and is always reliable in its devotion to the interests of the Republican party. On the 22d of April, 1889, Mr. Junkin was appointed Inspector of Indian agencies under the administration of President Benjamin Harrison, being one of five employed in that department of the public service. The position is one of great responsibility and trust, and from the nature of the duties involved reflects credit upon those selected for the office. While actively connected with the campaign work of his party, Mr. Junkin never consented to be a candidate for office as his newspaper business occupied his time and demanded his attention until his son had become sufficiently experienced to assume its management. All worthy public enterprises call for his sympathy and support. He was especially active in aiding in the construction of the new Methodist Episcopal Church, and was the recognized financial leader and manager of that important undertaking. His liberality in that direction as well as in the support of the public library and encouragement of railway construction and other enterprises calculated to benefit his city and county, has always been in excess of his means. As a journalist, Mr. Junkin takes rank among the foremost now in Iowa, and as a citizen he commands and enjoys the unqualified respect and esteem of a wide circle of acquaintances and friends.



JOHN GEORGE BURKHART, a former and stockraiser of Louisa Grove Township, residing on section 25, came to Jefferson County in 1857, and therefore ranks among her early settlers. He was born in New York City in 1831, being the third in a family of six children born of the union of J. G. Burkhardt and Rosina E. Miller. His father was a New York farmer and spent his entire life in that State, as did also his mother.

Our subject was reared to manhood in New