

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative McClure, William Henry Senator _____
Represented Adams County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 15 Nov 1859 Sumner, Illinois

2. Marriage (s) date place

Kate Pratt Holmes 16 Oct 1879 Maguakita, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He was the director of the First National Bank of Fortanville for
for many years

B. Civic responsibilities Knights of Pythias

C. Profession Newspaper editor of "Fortanville Observer"; printer;
printer; bank director

4. Church membership Presbyterian

5. Sessions served 29th General Assembly 1902

6. Public Offices

A. Local Postmaster of Fortanville

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 13 Aug 1915 Fortanville, Iowa, buried Fortanville Cemetery, Fortanville, Iowa

8. Children Edw. L.; Mary (Mrs. Otto J. Kaemmer); David;
Edgar R.

9. Names of parents William and Mary (Hesson) McClure

McClure, William Henry

10. Education He attended some public schools but was mostly self-
educated

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information

Republican

- He came to Montanella, Iowa in July 1894. There he had
purchased the Montanella Observer newspaper. He
built a new facility and made a decided improvement
- His family moved to Wyoming, Iowa where they lived when his
mother died 15 Apr 1869.
- He was a correspondent for some of the country papers
- The Audubon Republican newspaper, established in 1885, chose him
as suitable to take editorial charge of the publication. He worked
there until 1894 when the publication quit business.
- "The Montanella Observer" newspaper office was destroyed by fire 11 Jan 1913
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The blow that has been hanging over the Observer family with increasing hazard as the months of the past three years went by, fell last Friday when at nine o'clock in the morning W. H. McClure, husband and father, passed to his last rest. Though the transition meant to the family a parting that left lonely hearts, it afforded satisfaction that the sufferer had been released from what seemed a relentless decree to painful existence. Even though the termination of his illness had been realized to be unalterable, it was not apparent that the end was approaching more nearly than it had appeared to many times before. While endeavoring to eat his breakfast Friday morning he sank back into the pillows without a struggle and before any others than the wife and daughter who were in the house, could be called, life went from him. There was no time then for farewells, but many times they had been spoken in words of solicitude and glances of endearment in the days when the inevitable was realized.

Funeral services were held at the home Saturday afternoon, when Rev. D. W. Blakely of the Congregational church, gave an address that covered the life history of the departed man, presented also the pastor's conceptions of his character, and closed with citations of solace to be found in Holy Writ. The kind thought of friends as told mutely by the abundance of flowers was a source of comfort to those who mourned most deeply.

Afterwards the assembled friends of a score of years filed past the bier to look their last farewells, to which, alas, there could come no response. Friends who served as pall bearers were E. R. Faurote, W. N. Green, H. G. Lynch, G. F. Faurote, E. W. Adams and C. F. Hulbert. Burial was made in the Fontanelle cemetery beside an infant son, whose birth and death in October of 1909 was the source of happy expectancy and then of sudden despair.

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All this accomplishment was turned to naught, however, when on the night of January 11, 1913, and after Mr. McClure was made physically helpless with the last long illness, the building and plant were destroyed by fire. To many a strong man the experience would have been overwhelming. He faced it courageously as though it was his first venture when he was in the possession of the full strength of his young life. From the ashes of that misfortune arose the present Observer building, marked plainly as the home of the institution and with an equipment adequate for many years, which will be a monument to the taste and judgment of one who never enjoyed the pleasure of labor within its walls. In compliance with his desires, prompted by a deep interest and great pride, The Observer is to be continued under the guidance of two sons, Don D. and Edgar R.

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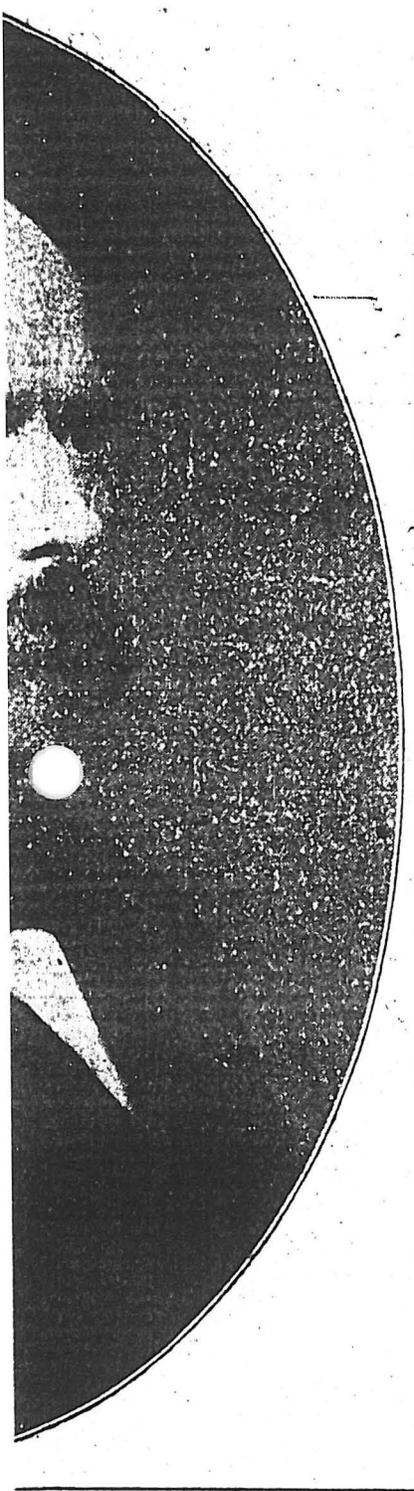
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To know "Mac" was to know a man who was uncompromising in everything which did not concern the community, state and nation. His opinion upon high moral questions was so set in his conviction that he who differed with him was deemed him stubborn, yet he was no one who could challenge his authority, who could even insinuate that he was not prompted in all that he said and wrote, by a deep conviction that he was right in his principles and ideas. He was a man of sincere thought and steady conclusions, that though he was not always aggrandizement and was always subservient to his conscience. Right should prevail and to all" should ever be the motives of men in public and private places.

Mr. McClure was what we term a "self-made" man. He had the early educational advantages which are now given to every child. He did possess a strong sense of personal responsibility, a deep and inherent habit of industry.

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ember, 1859. He did not live there long, for all his boyhood recollections were associated with Wyoming, Iowa, where the family lived when the mother died April 15, 1869, leaving this son and his brother, Edwin Boynton McClure. The circumstances that robbed them of their mother and threw them on their own resources made a bond of sympathy between the two that has brought them to share keenly each other's joys and sorrows. The younger found railroading interesting to him while the older one took up painting and printing. It was as correspondent for some of the country papers, under a nom de plume, that he excited interest in his ability and curiosity as to his identity.

When the Audubon Republican was established in 1885 by Sidney A. Foster, he was sought as a suitable man to take editorial charge of the publication and associated himself with E. B. Cousins in the enterprise. For eight years he labored there; then in March of 1894 the firm disposed of that business. For four months he was engaged in an editorial capacity with an ambitious daily newspaper enterprise at Creston, then saw the possibilities of the opening at Fontanelle and came here.

The domestic life of Mr. McClure began October 16, 1879, when he was married at Maquoketa to Kate Holmes of Wyoming. Of this union four children survive—Scott H., of Pomeroy; Don D., Mrs. Mary Kaemmerer, and Edgar R., of Fontanelle. The wife and mother survives, and during the three years of his suffering has known no other care but his comfort.

During his life Mr. McClure has suffered with especial severity the ravages of disease. Two long sieges of pneumonia have sapped more and more of his vitality. Three years ago this fall locomotor ataxia caused him to give up his usual activities. The interruption of bodily activity caused irregularity of normal functions until one complication came after another to cause suffering and hasten the end. Under it all he suffered uncomplainingly, courageously, facing what he knew to be the inevitable. He refused to cease his intercourse with friends as long as waning strength allowed him

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You will make the profit get the date, don't forget in and try it.

Also a New Domestic

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We are having the big Fontanelle and vicinity are are saving many dollars by the many savings.

Popular Sheet Music, 3 copies f

Come in now while

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THE OBSERVER

Published by
W. H. McCLURE SONS
D. D. McCLURE E. R. McCLURE

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19, 1915

REGISTERED IN THE FONTANELLE POSTOFFICE AS
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THE hand which has been at the helm of THE OBSERVER for the past twenty-one years, and whose grasp has remained firm and steady through fortune and misfortune, through joy and sorrow, has been removed by the greater hand of Him who knows all things best. The story of how well the enterprise has been handled during these two decades is familiar to all our readers. We need not tell you of the originality and interest that has made these columns attractive in past years, nor of the regrets that have been expressed recently as the marks as that hand appeared less and less frequently in the editorial and news columns. You all have enjoyed the articles in the various veins of kindly sympathy, friendly rallery, and civic pride which have come to you from this office during these years. You all appreciate the kindly spirit and personal sacrifice which has kept from these columns the stories of your personal troubles and family misfortunes when their publication would have cut to the quick. Few of you know or ever can know the great and kindly ambitions which he held for those whom he loved in family circles nor the nobility with which he labored for their betterment. As some time ago the burden of his labors fell upon younger shoulders, so now the burden of his responsibility and judgement, his kindly sympathies and cheering disposition has been handed down to those who should be able to carry it with credit. How well the new pilots will succeed in this matter only time can tell. It is not ours to say that we will do as well as he who has gone before. But it is one of our fondest ambitions that we may in time grow to

W. H. McClure is Dead.

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What he lacked in opportunity for college education was perhaps, more than compensated for in that stroke of fate which sent him to the compositor's case and finally to the editor's chair, offering the broadest, most liberal education which any man can acquire.

Those who followed the newspaper career of Mr. McClure never failed to admire the logic of his editorial "leads," the pointedness, pungency, wit and satire of his paragraphs, the humor and kindness of the local items which filled the columns of his paper, his sympathy with those in trouble and distress, his love for literature, his abhorrence of everything coarse, vulgar and immoral, his genial optimism and his absolute confidence in the belief that this world is what we make it—good or bad.

Mr. McClure will be missed in the community in which he labored so long, but he leaves to those who must take up his uncompleted work the richest heritage which any man may give, an untarnished name, an example of industry, thrift, of unselfishness, of high ideals and earnest convictions.

Scott H. McClure and wife and son Kenneth, of Pomeroy, E. B. McClure and wife, of Sioux City, and W. E. Holmes of Sioux City and a brother of Mrs. W. H. McClure, arrived here Saturday to be with their mother and sister at the time when their strength and sympathy was needed, and remained over Sunday here.

Marion McClure, of Kansas City, came Sunday to join his father, E. B. McClure, in a short visit at the W. H. McClure home. He returned to Kansas City Monday evening.

WILLIAM H. McCLURE

What words of tongue or pen are meet
To fitly crown a life like his?
O, for his own rare power to greet
With fitting words, such time as this!
But oh, to you who loved him well,
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lication would have cut to the quick. Few of you know or ever can know the great and kindly ambitions which he held for those whom he loved in family circles nor the nobility with which he labored for their betterment. As some time ago the burden of his labors fell upon younger shoulders, so now the burden of his responsibility and judgement, his kindly sympathies and cheering disposition has been handed down to those who should be able to carry it with credit. How well the new pilots will succeed in this matter only time can tell. It is not ours to say that we will do as well as he who has gone before. But it is one of our fondest ambitions that we may in time grow to the measure of standard that has been set for us. The policies of the paper will not be changed. If in any manner we can make of it a paper which will serve its purpose better, that will be our purpose. If in our work we may be to some degree successful, a word of spoken appreciation and actions of cooperation will be largely helpful. Meantime THE OBSERVER will be here to represent the best interests of the town, the county, the state and the nation.

THE words of appreciation for Senator W. S. Kenyon which have been expressed in all quarters since his appearance here on Tuesday are very gratifying to the many who had pinned their faith to him as one of the able men in whom the destiny of the nation rests. Senator Kenyon is a man of high ideals and an intelligent and conscientious worker in the office in which his constituents have placed him. His support in this section has always been favorable, but this is his first appearance here and the people have been impressed and indeed surprised at the real greatness of the man. The genuineness of his purpose and the effectiveness of his efforts are strong points in the estimation of all who are concerned with the best interests of the country, and the approval which he has won here is as nearly unanimous as could be hoped for.

Weather Crop Bulletin.

Mrs. W. H. McClure, arrived here Saturday to be with their mother and sister at the time when their strength and sympathy was needed, and remained over Sunday here.

Marion McClure, of Kansas City, came Sunday to join his father, E. B. McClure, in a short visit at the W. H. McClure home. He returned to Kansas City Monday evening.

WILLIAM H. McCLURE

What words of tongue or pen are meet
To fitly crown a life like his?
O, for his own rare power to greet
With fitting words, such time as this!
But oh, to you who loved him well,
I may send tender messages,
And of his friendly kindness tell,
Since human kindness presages
The Love divine that knows no end,
That crowns anew him we call friend.
—Carolyn A. Donaldson.
Shiocton, Wis.

Paul McLean, of the Fort Dodge Chronicle a former, associate and intimate friend of the deceased, pays the following tribute in his columns published last Saturday.

Mr. McClure was the editor of the Fontanelle Observer for many years, the Observer being one of those country newspapers always included when exceptional excellence of the Iowa weekly press was the subject of felicitation. He at one time with signal ability represented Adair county in the legislature, refusing to serve a second time because he possessed a sense of humor and could not repress its expression in the presence of the law-making dignitaries.

Success in the field in which his activities were spent cannot at best be great in the money-making sense, but in the degree which it affords Mr. McClure was a success. He also did what was much more to his credit. He succeeded in ingratiating himself in the affectionate regard of the people of Adair county, so that when the shadow fell over his hearthstone there was lament not only in the inner chamber but in the stores, banks and harvest fields wherever his friends were scattered.

There are many reasons for the gratitude that wells up in the hearts of the family as we think of the generosity and kindness of our friends and townpeople during the past week and the past months. The wealth of floral beauty which brightened the scenes of the funeral day were mute reminders of the thoughtfulness of those who

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Many Audbon people will remember W. H. McClure, at one time publisher of this newspaper. He had been ill for two years and Friday of last week succumbed to his illness. The Atlantic News-Telegraph gives the following facts: "W. H. McClure, for many years editor and publisher of the Fontanelle Observer, died at his home in that town yesterday. "Mac" had many friends in this part of the state all of

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Mr. McClure was a devoted husband and father. The devotion was reciprocated. He loved earnestly and honestly, and was a sworn enemy to sham and pretense. While he was a man of positive convictions he was not antagonistic. He was a great reader and thinker, a versatile writer and strong in newspaper work. He was a giant in mental grasp and forceful energy. The lives of men like Mr. McClure have been the basis of many another ambition. A conspicuous man in his individuality and strength has passed away, and the community mourns. His natural reserve caused some who knew him not, to think he was cold and unresponsive, but underneath it was the heart of a child, the mind of mature judgment. We admired him. —Greenfield Transcript.

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CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Sunday School—10 a. m.
Morning Service—11 a. m.
Christian Endeavor—7 p. m.
Evening Service—8 p. m.

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Bible School every Lord's day—10 a. m.
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Epworth League—7 p. m.
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Dr. Knapp has supported the republican party since its organization and has served on the city council of Greenfield. Fraternally he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and has filled all of the chairs in the subordinate lodge. He is a loyal member of the Grand Army of the Republic and values highly the opportunity of associating with his old comrades in arms. Although he has reached the advanced age of eighty-two years he still manages his business affairs and takes the keenest interest in the events of the day. He is well known throughout the county and is held in high esteem.

WILLIAM HENRY McCLURE.

There were no brilliant or dazzling chapters in the life record of William Henry McClure, but his history is that of substantial worth, of wisely directed energy, of honorable purpose and of successful accomplishment. In a word, he was of that class of citizens who constitute the real strength of the nation, men who are active in public affairs, who are cognizant of their duties and obligations to their fellowmen and to the community at large and who in every phase of life maintain that even balance of character that produces public stability. Mr. McClure was born in Dundee, Illinois, on the 15th of November, 1859, and was a son of William and Maria (Wesson) McClure. The family was of Scotch-Irish descent, the grandfather, General George McClure, being a native of Ireland. Coming to the new world, he served as a soldier in the War of 1812.

William H. McClure attended the public schools although he was largely a self-educated man, continually promoting his knowledge through reading, experience and observation. During his boyhood he worked alternately as a printer and painter, but at length concentrated his efforts along the former line and in 1886 purchased a half interest in the Audubon (Ia.) Republican, being connected with that paper until 1894, when he sold out. He was then employed for four months on the Creston Advertiser and in July, 1894, became editor and proprietor of the Fontanelle Observer, so continuing until his demise. He made this one of the leading country papers of the state, its large circulation indicating that it was highly satisfactory to the public in its methods of treating matters of general and local interest, while in mechanical construction the Observer showed the results of the speedy adoption of the latest improved equipments of the newspaper office. In addition to his business as a newspaper editor and owner Mr. McClure was a stockholder in the First National Bank of Fontanelle, of which he served as a director for several years.

On the 16th of October, 1879, at Maquoketa, Iowa, Mr. McClure was united in marriage to Miss Kate Pratt Holmes, a daughter of W. H. and Electa D. Holmes. The father, who served as state treasurer of Iowa from 1860 until 1865, is now deceased, while the mother lives in Sioux City. Mr. and Mrs. McClure became the parents of three sons and a daughter: Scott H., who married Bertha A. Warner and is living in Pomeroy, Iowa; Mary W., the widow of Otto J. Kaemmerer, of Fontanelle; and Don D. and Edgar R., who are now owners and publishers of the Fontanelle Observer. The last named married Lena M. Talcott. There are also six grandchildren. The family circle was broken by the hand of death when on the 13th of August, 1915, Mr.



WILLIAM H. McCLURE

McClure passed away at his home in Fontanelle, after a three years' illness, with a complication of organic troubles.

For many years Mr. McClure was connected with the Knights of Pythias, but had demitted several years before his death. He belonged to the Presbyterian church while at Wyoming and at Audubon. In politics he was a strong and active republican and was largely instrumental in molding public thought and action in Adair county. In 1897 he was called to the office of postmaster, which position he filled until 1914. Within that period he served for two years, in 1902-03, as state representative from Adair county. Throughout his entire public life he was faultless in honor, fearless in conduct and stainless in reputation, and Adair county numbered him as one of its most valued citizens.

DAVID E. BANCROFT.

In the death of David E. Bancroft Adair county lost a worthy and highly respected citizen. He was born in New York, near Saratoga Springs, on the 24th day of April, 1830, and was a son of Gamalial and Matilda Bancroft, the former born May 7, 1786, and the latter on the 22d of December, 1794. The father was a shoemaker by trade and always resided in New York, where he passed away February 6, 1847. His widow survived him for a number of years and died in March, 1875.

David E. Bancroft was reared and educated in New York and there learned the trades of a carpenter and cooper. He afterward worked as a cooper, becoming proprietor of a shop in the east. After conducting the business for two years he put aside all business and personal considerations and responded to the country's call for troops, enlisting in Company B, One Hundred and Tenth New York Infantry, with which he served for three years and one month, making a most creditable record during his connection with the army. About 1867 Mr. Bancroft came to Adair county and purchased land in Jackson township, after which he engaged in general farming for six years. On the expiration of that period he disposed of his farm and took up his abode in Adair, at which time there was but one store in the town. The remainder of his life was largely devoted to carpentering but he also conducted an undertaking business in Adair for several years. His life's labors were ended by death on the 18th of July, 1888.

It was on the 14th of July, 1854, that Mr. Bancroft was united in marriage to Miss Amy K. Clafin, a daughter of Winslow and Amy (Purdy) Clafin, who were natives of New York and Vermont respectively. The father was a lumberman and followed that business in the Empire state throughout his entire life. He was born October 25, 1801, and had therefore attained the age of almost sixty-eight years when he passed away August 20, 1869. His wife, who was born January 9, 1801, died on the 16th of March, 1871. To Mr. and Mrs. Bancroft were born eight children: Eva A., the wife of Joseph Flora, a resident of Michigan; Cora, the widow of G. W. Cox and a resident of Adair; Clara B., the wife of John Hopkins, living in this county; Edward E., who resides in Texas; Martha A., who died April 29, 1888; Archie B., who passed away September 13, 1874; Willie, who died July 4, 1876; and



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Home in 1900: **Summerset, Adair, Iowa**
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Age: **40**

Birth Date: **Nov 1859**

Birthplace: **Illinois**

Race: **White**

Gender: **Male**

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

Father's Birthplace: **New York**

Mother's Birthplace: **New York**

Spouse's Name: **Kate McClure**

Marriage year: **1880**

Marital Status: **Married**

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	Edger McClure	13

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