

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative McCreary Williams Miller Senator
Represented Appanoose County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 13 Oct 1837 Brooke County, Virginia
later West Virginia

2. Marriage (s) date place
Julia Lane 14 Dec 1871 Appanoose County, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:
A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities Old Fellows

C. Profession Merchant; druggist; farmer

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 30th, 31st General Assemblies 1904, 1906

6. Public Offices

A. Local _____

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 6 Nov 1916 Centerville, Iowa; buried Oakland Cemetery, Centerville, Iowa

8. Children Harry B.; Frank B.

9. Names of parents William and Action (Harper) McCreary

McCreary, William Miller

10. Education

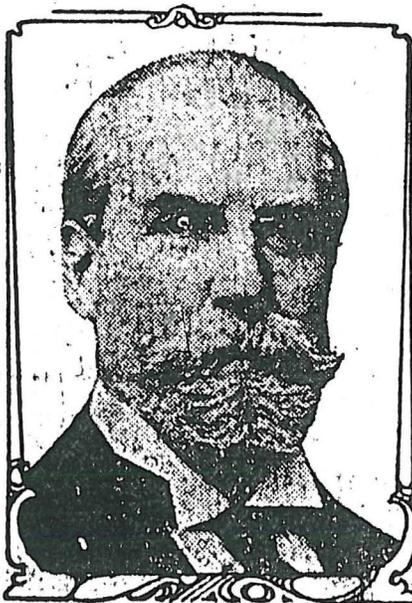
11. Degrees

12. Other applicable information

Democrat

- Military service - Civil War - Company G, 36th Iowa Infantry
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- He was a successful businessman and retired in 1906.

DOLLARS ESTIMATED BET ON ELECTION TOMORROW



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CHARLES EVANS HUGHES.

AUTO COLLISION ON CENTERVILLE SQUARE

James Orey's Studebaker and a Ford car belonging to John Young of Mystic crashed together on the northwest corner of the square in Centerville Sunday morning with the result that there was at least \$25.00 damage done to each car. Each driver claims that he could not see the other until too late to stop, but fortunately neither was going fast and so no one was injured.

Mr. Orey with four passengers was coming onto the square on N. 12th street, while Mr. Young also with several passengers, was driving west along the north side of the square. Both drivers say that they sounded their signals, so it is not known just why they did not hear each other as they approached. The cars met at almost right angles on the very corner of the square, though each driver tried to stop when he saw the other coming toward him.

The passengers in both cars were somewhat shaken by the impact but otherwise escaped uninjured. The crash bent the frame of the Studebaker rather badly and smashed the headlights and fender. The Ford car, being lighter, suffered worse and had its entire front practically demolished. It was almost new, Mr. Young having had it only a few weeks. The owners of the two cars in the collision have no intention of a settlement, but since it seems that it was just as much one's fault as the other, it is thought that a settlement

W. M. M'CREARY DIED AGED 82 YRS.

PROMINENT RESIDENT OF THE COUNTY SINCE 1856

Once a Member of the Legislature—
Was Member of Thirty-sixth Ia.
Regiment—Long in Drug
Business Here.

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The funeral service arrangements await the arrival of the son Harry.

MEXICAN BANDITS KILL AMERICAN

FATE OF TEN OTHERS FEARED TO
HAVE BEEN DEPRIVED

ALLERTON WON OVER HOME TEAM

GAMES WAS THREE TO NOTHING
ON THE HOME TEAM

Hard Fought Game all the Way
Through—Allerton Also Won In
Opening Game of Season
With Centerville

Under nearly perfect playing conditions and before a large crowd of enthusiastic fans here Saturday afternoon, Allerton high school defeated the Centerville high school at football by the close score of 3 to 0. Centerville rallied in the last half, but intercepted passes ruined their chances to score. For the locals, the new men, Widmer at half and Elstrom at end, were the bright lights and Henderson, changed from end to half, also played a slashing consistent game. Chapman at full and Kearville at quarter played their usual steady game.

First Quarter

Centerville kicked off to Allerton who returned the ball to Centerville's forty-line. Centerville gained on an exchange of punts and Allerton opened up with some fine end runs with splendid interference. Kearville recovered a fumble for Centerville and the locals attempted to punt out of danger. The punt was blocked but Centerville was off-side. The next play was another punt, which Allerton also blocked, Centerville recovering the ball well within her own territory. The backs could not gain through the line and Kearville punted. The quarter then developed into a punting duel and ended with the ball in Allerton's possession on Centerville's 40 yard line. Score, C. H. S. 0; A. H. S. 0.

Second Quarter

Allerton could not get her passes to working just right and attempted a drop-kick from the thirty-five yard line, which fell short and rolled over the goal line. The ball was put into play on Centerville's 20-yard line. After failing to gain through the line, Centerville punted to the center of the field. Allerton was caught off-side and penalized five yards. The locals took the ball on downs and punted out of bounds in the center of the field. Allerton completed two long forward passes and this, coupled with a ten-yard penalty on Cen-

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LOCALS AND PERSONALS

Miss Ollie Morris has gone to Des Moines to spend the week visiting.

Mike Lawton, of Des Moines, arrived in the city Monday evening on a short-business trip.

Miss Essie Roy, of Calnsville, Mo. is spending a few days with relatives here.

Judge J. D. Simmons, of Denver, is making an extended business trip through this section of the state.

Mrs. Anna Wilson, of near Arbela, Mo., was shopping in the city Monday afternoon.

Misses Marjorie and Rosaline Simpson, of near Weldon, are visiting with friends and shopping in the city for a few days.

R. G. Thomasson, of Trenton, Mo., returned to his home Monday evening after an extended visit with friends here and in Moulton.

Edgar Benson left Monday night on a combined business and pleasure trip to St. Louis and Kansas City.

Mrs. Wm. S. Manly and little son Roy of Clearfield arrived in the city Monday evening for a visit with relatives and friends.

Mrs. E. W. Barnhill left today for her home in Glenwood after spending the week at the home of her sister, Mrs. C. H. Clever.

Miss Lizzie White has returned to her home in Milan, Mo., after visiting in the city at the home of Mrs. O. E. Cummins.

Mrs. Frank Weston, of Wellman, passed through the city today enroute to Unionville, Mo., where she will visit relatives.

Mrs. Jane King left today for a visit with relatives in Sedan.

Mrs. J. A. McCumber and baby are visiting relatives in Lancaster.

Clarence Hood arrived in the city this morning from Casper, Wyo., for a few days visit with friends.

Mrs. Robt. Bansfield, who has been visiting at the Geo. Bever home, in this city has returned to her home in Sedan.

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When Mr. McCreary came to Centerville in 1856 the town was in its early stages. He had employment for some time with Wm. Bradley, traveling over the country on merchandising expeditions. Later he went across the plains as far as Pike's Peak in 1859, going with an ox train. Returning he enlisted in Company G, 36th Iowa Inf., and served till he had to be mustered out following a relapse from typhoid fever. He went into the drug business for himself in 1873, having previously been in the Dr. S. W. Wright store. He was a successful business man and built up a business known all over the country. In 1881 he put up a business block and continued in business in it till in 1906 when he retired.

Besides the wife and two sons he leaves two sisters, Mrs. Elmina Smith and Mrs. Jennie Smith now living in W. Virginia near his old home. He visited them three years ago and looked over old scenes.

He was a member of the Methodist church in his early life, but after coming to Centerville did not take out membership with any church, though he attended Methodist services, and at times also the Baptist services. He was a member of the I. O. O. F. lodge. In all his dealings he was considered absolutely trustworthy and honorable. He was highly thought of by hundreds of acquaintances made through his many years activities in the community.

The funeral will be Wednesday at 2:30 at the home, services conducted by Rev. C. L. Tennant, pastor of the Methodist church.

GEOMETRY ON THE BROILER.

As a Study It Is Pretty Well Roasted by This Caustic Critic.

Euclid is a gentleman from whom credentials ought to be required. He has long held a prominent place in education as a matter of tradition. "Just why should John and Sally study plane geometry, and indeed how does it come about that they are studying it?" That is a question which cannot be put too plainly to teachers of mathematics.

I shall consider for a moment two possible answers: Geometry is useful, you may be told, or geometry affords excellent mental discipline. Geometry is useful. Well, how useful and in what ways? Professor David E. Smith, professor of the teaching of mathematics in Teachers' college, tells us, "Not more than 25 per cent of the propositions (in geometry) have any genuine applications outside of geometry." And a distinguished physicist has assured me that the 75 per cent of propositions that are of no use are not even needed to prove the 25 per cent that are of some use. The teachers of plane geometry have therefore a very considerable task if they are going to justify the time spent on geometry on the ground that geometry is useful.

Nor is their task easier if they take the other horn of the dilemma. Suppose one did get "mental discipline" from geometry. Is it the sort of mental discipline that life calls for and gives?

Geometry as taught is a deductive science. That is, from certain assumptions called axioms and postulates a long series of propositions is developed. If the study of geometry really developed that kind of thinking, whom would it help but lawyers? For practical life calls for a very different type of thinking.

In actual life people observe, or they should observe, and on this basis make a limited inference which leads to action. If the action taken fails, they observe further, construct other hypotheses and act again. It is the method of trial and error.

If there is to be any mental discipline, ought it not to be of the type represented by science rather than the type represented by the conventional treatment of geometry? — Abraham Flexner in Atlantic Monthly.

Evelyn and the Simplon Pass.

The Simplon pass was a famous highway of travel long before Napoleon constructed the highroad. Milton came home that way from his grand tour, and so did John Evelyn. The latter traveler went in fear of his life, not only expecting avalanches to fall on him, but being apprehensive lest bears and wolves should assail him. The only actual harm which happened, however, was that his companion's dog killed a goat belonging to one

BIOGRAPHICAL AND HISTORICAL



OF

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ty, Iowa, locating on his present farm on section 3, where he purchased a tract of land containing 430 acres of which but forty acres had been broken. A small log cabin had been erected on this land in which he lived several years, when it was moved back and an addition built to it. Mr. Sidles's chief occupation has been general farming and stock-raising, being very successful, especially in hog and cattle raising, and has also devoted some attention to sheep-raising. He has at present some very fine cattle and horses on his farm. In August, 1861, Mr. Sidles enlisted in Company B, Sixth Kansas Cavalry and served in the western army. He spent two years on the borders between Kansas and Missouri, taking part in several skirmishes. He was wounded near Fort Smith, Arkansas, and was taken prisoner. He was confined in a stockade at Tyler, Texas, with some 4,000 men for about seven months. He received an honorable discharge at Leavenworth, Kansas, in April, 1865, when he returned to his home in Lincoln Township, where he has since followed agricultural pursuits. Mr. Sidles served his township as trustee and treasurer, and assessor for one term, beside holding the office of justice of the peace for eleven years. He and his wife and family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he holds several official positions. In early life he was a Democrat, but since the organization of the Republicans he has affiliated with that party.

SAMUEL JENNINGS, Sheriff of Appanoose County, Iowa, was born in Carmichael's, Greene County, Pennsylvania, February 28, 1839, a son of Jacob P. and Lydia A. (Casey) Jennings, the former of English and the latter of German and Irish extraction. His father was a carpenter but he was reared by an uncle

by the name of James Cree, who was a farmer, and he was reared to that calling, following it in his native State till he came to Iowa. He lived in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, from 1858 to 1869, and in the latter year came West and located in Taylor Township, Appanoose County, on a farm, where he lived till 1872, when he moved to Moulton, where he dealt in livestock and engaged in butchering until 1883. He then clerked in the general store of J. S. Barnhart, and his successor, A. M. Lind, until January, 1886, when, having been elected sheriff of Appanoose County the previous November, he moved to Centerville and assumed the duties of his office. Mr. Jennings was married January 23, 1865, to Miss Tirzah Virginia Bower, of Heistersburg, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, who died in Moravia, Appanoose County, September 27, 1872, leaving three children—Fannie Virginia, William F. and Myra E. Fannie died October 29, 1872, and William, November 30, 1872. August 27, 1875, Mr. Jennings married Anna C. Berry, of Moulton. They have had two children—Alberta P. and James P. Mr. Jennings is a member of the Masonic fraternity, Sincerity Lodge, No. 317, at Moulton, which he has served two terms as junior warden.

WILLIAM MILLER McCREARY, druggist, Centerville, Iowa, was born in Brooke County, Virginia, October 13, 1837, a son of William and Action (Harper) McCreary, both natives of Virginia, of German descent. His parents having a large family he, at the age of ten years, began to work as a chore-boy on the farms in the vicinity of his birthplace. In 1856 he came to Iowa, and located at Centerville and was first employed as a teamster or cattle driver.

In October, 1856, he was employed as clerk in the store of William Bradley, with whom he remained until the spring of 1858, when he went to Kansas, returning the following winter, and in the spring of 1859 took a trip to the mining regions of Colorado. In the fall of 1859 he returned to Centerville and again entered the store of William Bradley, remaining until July, 1862, when he enlisted in Company G, Thirty-sixth Iowa Infantry, and on the organization of the company was appointed First Lieutenant. In March, 1863, he was discharged on account of disability and returned to Centerville. After recovering sufficiently he visited his old home in Virginia, in the fall of 1863, and on returning to Centerville was again employed by Mr. Bradley. In September, 1865, he entered the employ of F. M. Drake, and remained until 1867. In 1868 he engaged in farming near Centerville, and in 1869 was employed as clerk in the drug store of Dr. S. W. Wright, and in 1873 engaged in business for himself. In December, 1872, he was married to Julia Lane. They have two children—Harrie and Frank B.



JAMES N. MAY has been a resident of Appanoose County since the spring of 1865, his home being on section 18, Walnut Township. He is a native of the Sucker State, born in Scott County, November 19, 1838, a son of James W. and Mary Ann (Forrest) May. His father was born in East Tennessee, August 8, 1805, and his mother in Pike County, Missouri, in August, 1817. They were married in Scott County, Illinois, in 1835, and in 1845 moved to Wapello County, Iowa, and thence in 1853 to Van Buren County. The next year they went to Lee County, where on the old plank road, ten miles northwest of Keokuk, they kept tavern

until 1856, when they went to Adair County, Missouri, buying a farm nine miles east of Kirksville. In 1864, to escape the ravages of civil war, they sold out at a great sacrifice and moved across the border into Appanoose County, locating near Walnut City. In 1868 they moved to Cincinnati, where the father died April 10, 1876. He was a lineal descendant of General Sevier, an officer in the Revolution, and the first Governor of Tennessee. The mother died in January, 1882. The family consisted of fourteen children, three by a former marriage, all of whom are dead. One daughter, Mrs. Parmelia J. McDowel, died in Jefferson County in 1883. The children born to the second marriage are—Thomas J., of Cincinnati; James N.; Mrs. Margaret Morrow, of Cincinnati; Frank M., who served through the war a member of the Twenty-seventh Missouri, now lives in Smith County, Kansas; Jasper, a member of the Thirty-ninth Missouri Mounted Infantry, was killed at Centralia, Missouri, September 27, 1864; Mary A., Harriet E., Martha M. and John H. live on the old homestead, Cincinnati, Iowa. Mrs. Elizabeth Gilbert lives in Lyons County, Kansas; William F. died in 1883. James N. May enlisted July 15, 1861, in Company D, Twenty-first Missouri Infantry, Colonel David Moore's command, and for many months saw hard service in Northeast Missouri, warring against rebel bands and guarding property. He participated in over twenty skirmishes, many of them quite sharp, but not historical. His regiment being sent to the front he was at the battles of Shiloh and Corinth, and was sent with a detachment of his command under General A. J. Smith on the Red River expedition. He was a faithful, gallant soldier and was honorably discharged at Nashville, Tennessee, in December, 1864. He joined his parents in Iowa, and June 22, 1869, was married to Miss Mary L. Wentworth, who



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Iowa Marriages, 1851-1900

Name: **William M. McCREARY**
Spouse: **Julia A. Lane**
Marriage Date: **14 Dec 1871**
County: **Appanoose**
State: **IA**

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Name: **William M McCreary**
Residence: **Centerville, Iowa**
Age at enlistment: **28**
Enlistment Date: **26 Jul 1862**
Rank at enlistment: **1st Lieut**
State Served: **Iowa**
Survived the War?: **Yes**
Service Record: **Commissioned an officer in [Company G, Iowa 36th Infantry Regiment](#) on **04 Oct 1862**.
Mustered out on 03 Mar 1863.**

Birth Date: **abt 1834**
Sources: **Roster & Record of Iowa Soldiers in the War of Rebellion**

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Name: William M. McCreary
Side: Union
Regiment: Iowa
State/Origin:
Regiment Name: 36 Iowa Infantry.
Regiment Name Expanded: 36th Regiment, Iowa Infantry
Company: G
Rank In: First Lieutenant
Rank In Expanded: First Lieutenant
Rank Out: First Lieutenant
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Alternate Name: William/McCreary
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Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925

Name: **W M Mccreary**
 Birth Year: **abt 1837**
 Birth Place: **WV**
 Gender: **Male**
 Race: **White**
 Census Date: **1895**
 Residence state: **Iowa**
 Residence County: **Appanoose**
 Locality: **Centerville**
 Roll: **IA1885_287**
 Line: **7**
 Family Number: **271**
 Neighbors: [View others on page](#)

Household Members:	Name	Age
	W M Mccreary	58
	Julia Mccreary	47
	Harry Mccreary	20
	Frank Mccreary	13
	Mattie Bartlett	35

Source Information:

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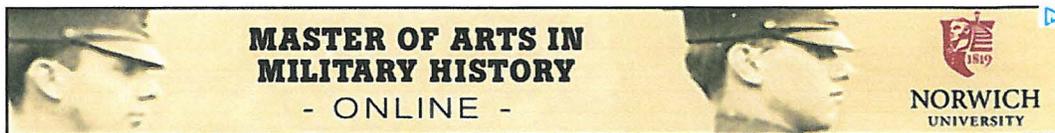
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Birth: 1837
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McCreary, William Miller (1837-1916) — of Centerville, Appanoose County, Iowa. Born in Brooke County, Va. (now W.Va.), October 13, 1837. Democrat. Served in the Union Army during the Civil War; druggist; member of Iowa state house of representatives, 1904-06. Methodist. Member, Odd Fellows. Died in Centerville, Appanoose County, Iowa, November 6, 1916.

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