

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative _____

Senator

Molstberry,

Jed M. - Represented Linn and Macon Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 22 May 1866

Plymouth Iowa in
North County Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Cora Oliver

Aug 1893

Oklahoma City Oklahoma

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Member of the Board of Directors of the Carter Savings Bank, Carter Iowa;

secretary and member of the Board of Directors of the Columbus Junction Telephone Company

B. Civic responsibilities Mason; Knights of Pythias; Shiner;

Elks Lodge; Boy Scouts

C. Profession Lawyer; Linn County Attorney; extensive landowner

4. Church membership Methodist Episcopal

5. Sessions served 29th, 30th, 31st

General Assemblies 1902, 1904, 1906

6. Public Offices

A. Local Linn County Attorney until December 1901

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 14 Feb 1929 Columbus Junction Iowa; buried Columbus City Cemetery, Columbus City, Iowa

8. Children Effie Lucille (Mrs. Milton M. Patton)

9. Names of parents Joseph Mervin and Jennie Jane (Pittman) Molstberry

Molsterry, Fred M.

10. Education He was educated in the district schools in the Plymouth,
low neighborhood

11. Degrees He attended the State University of Law, Iowa City for 2 years
graduating in 1892 with a law degree

12. Other applicable information Republican

- His father was a native of Indiana and then moved to Michigan in 1856. Thus
he married Jemima J. Pitman of Ohio, Michigan.

- After marriage they came to Iowa, making their first home in Carroll County,
then to Rock Falls and then to Plymouth where they established
a homestead.

- After law school he located at Columbus first where he practiced law
After serving in the Iowa Legislature, he returned to practicing law.

F. M. MOLSBERY

DIES SUDDENLY

SUFFERS STROKE WHILE IN
COURT WEDNESDAY

Junction Attorney Dies Early Thurs-
day morning—Funeral to be Held
Friday Afternoon

Columbus Junction, Ia., Feb. 14—
Attorney F. M. Molsberry, former
senator from this district in the
Twenty-ninth, Thirtieth and Thirty-
first assemblies, died at 1 o'clock this
morning.

Mr. Molsberry suffered a second
attack of cerebral hemorrhage while
attending court at Wapello Wednes-
day afternoon at about 5 o'clock. He
was brought home by the Richie am-
bulance which was summoned from
here. He never regained conscious-
ness until the time of his death at 1
o'clock Thursday morning.

Mr. Molsberry suffered a similar
attack two weeks ago while attending
court at Wapello and was confined to
his home a few days. He had seem-
ingly recovered and was in his office.
He was president of the Columbus
Community club and served as toast-
master at the banquet which was held
Tuesday evening at the Methodist
church.

Mr. Molsberry was born May 22,
1866 and came here from Plymouth,
Ia., in 1892 after graduating from the
State University of Iowa and had
been engaged in the practice of law
here since that time.

He was united in marriage to Miss
Cora Oliver of Columbus Junction,
who survives. He is also survived
by one daughter, Mrs. Hilton Patton
of Columbus Junction.

Mr. Molsberry was a member of
the Masonic lodge of Columbus Junc-
tion. He was a director in the
Cotter Savings bank.

Funeral services will be held at
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Harry Phillips, Serving Sen- tence for Liquor Charge, Escapes At Wapello

Special To The Hawk-Eye.

Wapello, Ia., Feb. 18.—Harry Phil-
lips, who plead guilty to a liquor
charge in the September, 1928, term
of court and was sentenced to a term
of six months in jail and a fine of
\$500, escaped from the county farm
some time Saturday night and has
not been recaptured yet.

Resolutions of respect submitted by
the Louisa County Bar association,
Wapello, Ia., Feb. 18, in memory of
Attorney Fred Moisberry.

In Memoriam.

Fred H. Moisberry died at his home
at Columbus Junction, Ia., February
14, 1929, at the age of 62 years. On
the evening before his death, he was
stricken down in the court room at
the end of a trial in which he had
participated. His life's work was done,
his career was ended, bearing the ar-
mour he had worn during his profes-
sional career.

He entered the law department of
the University of Iowa in Sept., 1890,
and graduated from that institution
two years later. During that summer
he associated himself in the practice
of law with Robert Caldwell. He was
appointed county attorney soon after
he was located in the practice and
was re-elected to this office for three
successive terms and made a distin-
guished record as a prosecutor. He
appeared before the courts of this
county in active practice every term
of court for thirty years. Early in his
career as member of the Louisa coun-
ty bar he evidenced great promise as
an advocate and trial lawyer. He
participated in the important litiga-
tion of this court during this time. He
was a successful advocate until the
time of his death and one of the lead-
ing lawyers of the state.

And while his ability and efficiency
made him an able legislator in the
state senate for a number of years,
we as members of the bar knew him
best as a practicing lawyer. We knew
him as an energetic, industrious and
painstaking lawyer and at all times
absolutely loyal to his clients' inter-
est, never overlooking an opportunity
to present to a court and jury every
right founded upon justice which he
deemed essential to an impartial con-
clusion. As a lawyer before a jury he
was zealous, eloquent and had few
equals. Propositions of law when pre-
sented to a court were carefully pre-
pared and received a most thoughtful
consideration. In his practice he ad-
hered closely to the constitutional
rights of citizenship and was ever
ready to defend these rights.

A great loss has been sustained by
the members of this bar. We must
be content with the memory of our
pleasant associations, the kindly in-
stincts of his nature, his faithful ad-
herence to his client's cause and love
of country. These elements of great-
ness inspire a more permanent se-
curity for our future welfare.

Be It Resolved, That this token of
respect to our deceased brother be
spread upon the records of this day's
court proceedings and a copy of this
memorial be sent to his family.

(Signed)

E. R. Hicklin,
H. O. Weaver,
E. O. Newell,

Committee.



By MME. LISBET

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NEW YORK AT THE ICE BARRIER FOR TRANS-
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coming from the planes showed that
the flight was still in progress and
already had been productive of im-
portant discoveries which would be
made known when the planes re-
turned to their base.

ATTORNEY DIES AFTER COLLAPSE

F. M. Molsberry of Columbus Junction Stricken While Trying Case.

PLYMOUTH, Feb. 20.—The funeral
of F. M. Molsberry was held Satur-
day afternoon at Columbus Junction.
Mr. Molsberry was a successful at-
torney at Columbus Junction for 37
years. He was stricken while ar-
guing a case in court at Wapello. The
jury had been dismissed and the at-
torneys were preparing to leave the
courtroom when he collapsed. He was
taken to his home, but did not re-
gain consciousness and died Thurs-
day at 1 o'clock p. m.

Mr. Molsberry was born at Ply-
mouth, May 22, 1866, the son of Jo-
seph and Jennina Molsberry. He was
graduated from the University of
Iowa College of law in 1892 and upon
receiving his degree went directly to
Columbus Junction, where he started
the practice that he has continued
ever since. He served as county at-
torney for three terms and was state
senator for five years.

He is survived by his wife, a daugh-
ter, Mrs. M. H. Patton, and two
brothers, Charles and Frank, of Ply-
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FUNERAL SERVICES FOR F. M. MOLSBERG

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MANY IN ATTENDANCE

Funeral services for Attorney F. M. Molsberry were held at the Methodist church in this city at two o'clock Saturday afternoon. The casket was placed in the west room and was surrounded and banked with beautiful floral offerings from various organizations and personal friends who sought in this way to express a final tribute of esteem. Members of the bar from this and adjoining counties, county officers, railway men, political leaders and others with whom Mr. Molsberry had been associated in business, members of the local Masonic lodge in a body and a host of friends and neighbors more than filled the church and many were compelled to remain on the outside.

Business houses in Columbus Junction in tribute to the deceased were closed from two o'clock until three during the funeral service.

The service was conducted by the pastor, the Rev. J. W. Zerbe, who took for his text: 1st Samuel 20:18. Prior to the arrival of the family at the church Miss Effie Kelly sang: "Crossing the Bar" with Mrs. H. Lee Huston at the piano. Following the sermon the impressive burial service of the Masonic order was given very effectively by Mr. Wayne Peterson, of Olds, with the opening and closing prayer by Rev. W. E. Ruston, chaplain of the local lodge.

The pall bearers were: E. P. Shellabarger, R. L. Richards, Alfred Morgan, J. Carson Duncan, Frank Isett and W. H. Dean.

Mrs. W. H. Dean, Mrs. E. P. Shellabarger, Miss Nettie Blair and Mrs. Sidney Neunam assisted with the flowers.

Mr. Molsberry's son-in-law, Hilton M. Patton, who was near Memphis, Tennessee, reached Peoria, Illinois at ten o'clock Saturday morning and was met there by Allan Ohlsen of this city. They made the return trip over icy roads in record time and arrived at the church just as the service was nearing the close.

Among those from a distance in attendance at the service were:
Charles Molsberry of Plymouth;

COLUMBUS HI IN TH COUNTY TOURNAM

Basket Ball Teams Com
At Morning Sun

FRIDAY and SATUR

Play in the annual Louisa county basketball tournament will get away at Morning Sun Friday afternoon with seven teams ready for the ring whistle. Columbus Junction years' champions, will be on with one of the strongest teams to meet to defend its title.

Teams entered in the tournament are Morning Sun, Columbus Junction, Cotter, Grandview, Letts, Wapello and Wapello. In the opening Friday afternoon at 3:30 Grandview and Morning Sun will tangle. In the second game of the tournament at 7:30 Friday night Letts will play Columbus Junction. Cotter will play Wapello.

In the first game of the second day at 10 o'clock Saturday morning Cotter will meet the winner of the Grandview-Morning Sun first game, at 11 o'clock the winners of Columbus Junction-Wapello and Cotter-Letts engagements will meet. At 7:30 Saturday night the consolation finals will take place and at 8:30 the finals of the tournament will be played.

Because of its record this season the Columbus Junction quintet is expected to take the title. The team is big and rangy and has been favored over the majority of its opponents this season with ease.

Competition, however, is expected to be exceptionally strong in the 1929 tournament, all teams appearing to have improved over last year.

Officials will be Kende of Oak Grove and McClain of Fairfield.

TROOP NO. 37 WELCOMES NO AT MORNING SUN INTO LOU COUNTY CIRCLES

Morning Sun No. 39 makes its first appearance in Louisa county, Wapello, Letts, Wapello, Morning Sun and Columbus Junction.

Ross L. Barnett is Scout Master for Troop No. 39 and the Troop Committee is composed as follows: H. G. Patterson, Rev. Wm. J. G. L. R. Pierce and Rev. D. B. M. New Sharon, Penn.

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Charles Molsberry of Plymouth; Frank Molsberry of Sac City; Hilton Patton of Memphis, Tenn.; Miss Marie Topping of Chicago; Wils. Oliver of Davenport; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Reaney of Red Oak; Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Peterson of Olds; Al Bremler Cedar Falls, counsel for the Milwaukee railroad, T. L. Brookhart, E. D. Morrison, E. C. Eicher, C. J. Wilson, A. E. Baldrige and Mr. Harmer of Washington; Judge Oscar Hale, W. H. Hurley, Ed Hicklin, E. R. Hicklin, D. N. Johnson, H. O. Weaver, Dan McKay, Carl Keck, C. L. McClurkin, H. L. Lewis, O. Marshall, Elmer Shipman, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Springer and Mr. and Mrs. George Oakes of Wapello; U. G. Bond, A. F. Gensing, M. P. Goff, John Millar and R. B. Huff of Muscatine; E. S. Simpson and C. H. McClurkin of Morning Sun; W. B. Hiller of Oakville; F. L. Beik of Grandview; James McKee and Jonas D. Buser of Conesville; J. M. McLaughlin of Burlington, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Richards and Alfred Morgan of Cotter; Miss Lucile Oliver, of Davenport; Mrs. E. C. Wolford, of Lone Tree; John Tut-hill, representing the grand chancellor of the K. P. Lodge and Rev. J. H. Krenmyre, of Ainsworth.

COMMUNITY PARTY FRIDAY

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TROOP NO. 37 WELCOMES NO. 39 AT MORNING SUN INTO LOUISA COUNTY CIRCLES

Morning Sun No. 39 makes 11 troops now in Louisa county, Wym. Letts, Wapello, Morning Sun and Columbus Junction.

Ross L. Barnett is Scout Master for Troop No. 39 and the Troop Committee is composed as follows: R. H. G. Patterson, Rev. Wm. J. Giff L. R. Pierce and Rev. D. B. Mar before his removal to the pastorate New Sharon, Penn.

The local Troop had the meeting last night with the Troop Committee Lee Huston, J. H. Huston, W. C. H. B. H. Shearer, Dr. E. W. McWilliams being present and Revs. Zerbe and Ruston. C. J. Hanft was elected to take the place of F. M. Molsberry and B. H. Shearer was elected chairman of the Committee in place of M. Molsberry. The committee planned to make a canvas of the city funds for Scout maintenance and look forward to the spring and summer activities of the Troop. A number of the Scouts were given Identification cards. 27 are entitled to the at the present. Other towns are making an extensive campaign for Scout West Liberty \$200 and in many places the Clubs have started the Troop as in Columbus Junction and the man power backs the Scoutmaster and Assistants in their work. Dr. W. McWilliams is secretary of the committee and H. Lee Huston, treasurer.

The next meeting will be Monday evening, February the 25th at the Presbyterian church at 7 p. m. and the effort is to be made to have the entire Troop present.

Morning Sun Troop No. 39 meets in the school building every Monday evening.

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the judge. Court was dismissed about four o'clock and Mr. Molsberry with others was preparing to leave the court room. It was at this time that Attorneys Springer and Newell, who were standing a short distance away noticed him raise his hand and rub his forehead several times as though in pain. They started to him but before they could reach his side he sank to the floor and lost consciousness. Medical aid was hastily summoned and in a short time the Richie ambulance was called from this city and he was brought home about six o'clock. Dr. Weaver from Muscatine was called to consult with local physicians but he did not regain consciousness and passed away about one o'clock.

Fred M. Molsberry was born at Plymouth, Iowa, May 22, 1866. He was a son of Joseph M. and Jemina Jane (Pitman) Molsberry. The father was a successful farmer and here it was that the son spent his early life and grew to manhood. After attending the district school he decided to devote his attention to the law as a profession and matriculated in the State University at Iowa City where he graduated in May 1892, with the degree L. L. B.

Immediately after leaving the university he came to Columbus Junction and began the practice of law. He displayed from the start an ability that gave assurance of success and soon afterward he was honored by the electors of the county with the office of county attorney, an office he filled successfully for three terms.

In November 1901 he was elected to represent Louisa and Muscatine counties in the state senate. He entered upon his duties in connection with his office January 1, 1902 and served five years a change in the laws to the biennial election lengthening the term to five years.

In the legislature Mr. Molsberry served as a member of the judiciary and other important committees and soon became one of the leaders of the senate. He was particularly interested in railroad legislation and sponsored what became for a number of years the target of much criticism a bill known as the Molsberry bill. This was just at the time when Mr. Cummins was coming to the front and legislation which seemed in any way to favor public utilities was decidedly unpopular. However Mr. Molsberry pushed his measure vigorously and although it was at that time defeated he lived long enough to see the same railroads given much more favor by the man who had opposed him the most actively in what is now known as the Cummins-Esch bill.

Following his legislative service Mr. Molsberry returned to his law practice in Columbus Junction and built up a large practice. He also took an active part in all community

of wolves that returned to Winfield from the Columbus gym last Friday night, with the short end of a 39 to (Continued on page 4, column 6)

activities. He assisted in the organization of the Cotter Savings bank and at the time of his death was a member of the board of directors, a position he held for many years. At the time of the organization of the local Community Club he was chosen president, a position to which he was re-elected a few months ago. He attended regularly and was present the evening before his death at which time he took the opportunity to commend the success of the Boy Scout troop of this city and vigorously gave his approval to the plans the women of the town have made to beautify some of our unsightly banks. He also served for a number of years on the local town council and at the time of his death was a member of the local park board. He had a part in all movements looking toward the improvement of the community in which he lived.

He was also interested in farming and at various times invested in real estate.

August 15, 1893 he was united in marriage to Miss Cora Oliver, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and they soon afterward went to housekeep- ing in this city.

Fraternally Mr. Molsberry was identified with the Masonic order progressing to the Shrine degrees. He was also very active for a number of years in the Knights of Pythias which organization he served as grand chancellor of Iowa in 1903. He was also a member of the B. P. O. E.

Religiously he was not identified with any church organization but was a regular attendant particularly in recent years at the Methodist Episcopal church in this city and contributed liberally of his means and his ability to further the work of the church.

Mr. Molsberry excelled particularly in that practice of law devoted to pleading an argument. He was possessed with a ready wit, was a keen judge of human nature and was perhaps without a peer in southeastern Iowa in making a plea to a jury. He was also an orator of ability and in recent years devoted considerable time to the preparation of an address on the constitution in which he defended with characteristic vigor the foundation principles upon which our country is based.

He is survived by his wife and one daughter, Mrs. H. M. Patton and by two brothers, Charles and Frank Molsberry of Plymouth, Iowa, besides a number of other relatives and a wide circle of friends.

Funeral services will be held at two o'clock Saturday afternoon at the Methodist church in this city conducted by Rev. J. W. Zerbe.

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HISTORY
OF
LOUISA COUNTY
IOWA

From Its Earliest Settlement to 1911

By ARTHUR SPRINGER

ILLUSTRATED

With Biographical Sketches of Some Prominent Citizens of the County

VOLUME II

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On the 18th of December, 1862, Mr. Storcks was united in marriage to Miss Sarah P. Anderson, a daughter of Thomas and Ann (Prouse) Anderson, both of whom are deceased. They were the parents of ten children, as follows: John, who died in the Civil war; Mrs. Storcks; George W., who is a resident of New Mexico; Margaret, the wife of John Lett, of Council Bluffs, Iowa; Eliza J., the deceased wife of Enoch Hayden, of Wapello; William, deceased; Martha R., the deceased wife of Rastus Wilson, of Kingston, Iowa; Lloyd, who has also passed away; Charles A., living in New Boston, Illinois; and one who died in infancy. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Storcks were born six children: Theodore M., who is a resident of Oakville; David W., of Wapello; one who died in infancy; Anna E., the wife of W. H. Miller, of Quenemo, Kansas; Eliza V., who is the wife of A. J. McCannon and resides in Denver, Colorado; and Cora Lilly, the wife of Lawrence Kurtz, of Knoxville, Iowa.

Mr. Storcks gave his political allegiance to the republican party and held a number of minor township offices. In religious belief he was a Methodist, passing away in the faith of that church on the 6th of April, 1911,—the anniversary of the day on which he was captured at Shiloh. His death was the occasion of deep and widespread regret, for he had long been a respected resident of this community and had gained an extensive circle of friends.

FRED M. MOLSBERRY.

Fred M. Molsberry, a successful lawyer of Columbus Junction of nearly twenty years' experience, and an ex-senator, was born at Plymouth, Iowa, May 22, 1866, a son of Joseph M. and Jemima Jane (Pitman) Molsberry. The father was a native of Indiana and moved from that state to Michigan in 1856. At Niles, Michigan, he was married to Jemima J. Pitman. They came to Iowa and first made their home in Cerro Gordo county, then at Rock Falls, and finally became permanently established upon a homestead near Plymouth. Mr. Molsberry was a successful farmer and is now deceased.

Reared on the home farm, Fred M. Molsberry attended the district schools and later, having decided to devote his attention to the law, matriculated in the State University at Iowa City where he took a course of two years, graduating in May, 1892, with the degree of LL. B. Immediately after leaving the university he located at Columbus Junction in the practice of his profession, displaying from the start an ability that gave every assurance of marked success. He has taken an active part in politics and was elected county attorney and filled the office to the general satisfaction of his constituents for three terms. In November, 1901, he was elected to the Iowa state senate to represent Louisa and Muscatine counties, entering upon his duties January 1, 1902. His term was extended for one year so that he served altogether for five years. He was a member of the judiciary and other important committees and proved one of the most useful men in the senate.

At the close of his term of office he resumed practice and has since devoted his attention to his profession with renewed vigor and with very satisfactory results. He has also taken a very active part in business affairs and is a member of the board of directors of the Cotter Savings Bank of Cotter, and is secretary and a member of the board of directors of the Columbus Junction Telephone Company, which office he has held ever since the organization of the company in 1901. He has made some good investments in land and is an extensive land-owner.

In August, 1893, Mr. Molsberry was married to Miss Cora Oliver, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, a daughter of E. W. and M. J. Oliver, who were in the territory of Oklahoma when it was opened for settlement and when town lots were laid out for sale in Oklahoma City. Both parents are now living. To Mr. and Mrs. Molsberry an only daughter, Effie Lucille, has been born. She is now fifteen years of age.

Fraternally Mr. Molsberry is identified with the Masonic order and the Knights of Pythias. He has been very active in the latter organization and has filled all the chairs in the lodge. In August, 1903, he was elected grand chancellor of the state of Iowa, discharging his duties in such a way as to meet the approval of members of the organization throughout the entire commonwealth. He is not identified with any religious denomination but his wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is a self-made man and has fairly won through his own efforts the responsible position he occupies in Louisa county. As he possesses a steady and purposeful will, which is under intelligent guidance, he has gained more than an ordinary measure of success and is in the enjoyment of a competence that gives promise of a steady increase in years to come.

WILLIAM M. WILSON.

For many years agricultural pursuits engaged the attention of William M. Wilson, who since 1906 has been living retired in Morning Sun, where he owns a very pleasant residence. He was born in Washington county, Illinois, on the 26th of May, 1838, and is a son of John and Isabella (McClure) Wilson, the father a native of Ireland and the mother of South Carolina. The family migrated to Iowa in 1839, where the father entered some government land, upon which he erected a log cabin that served as a home for several years thereafter. Here the mother passed away on the 31st of May, 1866, but he survived until the 27th of December, 1877, and was laid to rest beside his wife in Brown's cemetery. They were the parents of eight children, but four of whom are now living.

The education of William M. Wilson was somewhat limited, owing to the poor and inadequate provision made for schools in Iowa during his boyhood. He attended the brief and irregular sessions of the district school, which was held in a log house where rough slabs served for benches and the ferule was

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resided on his acreage adjoining Mount Ayr, where he delighted in garden and flower culture; his restful moments were spent in wholesome reading. In this manner he retained a youthful and entertaining mind to the end of his life.

Membership in the Methodist Episcopal church came at a very early age, the baptismal rite being performed by the Rev. Peter Cartright, a compatriot of the Rev. Henry Allyn. Interest in the church's welfare and the church's activities was always in his mind; his devotion was conscientious; his time, talents and money were unsparingly donated as occasion demanded. Loyalty to the Sunday School of his church is best evidenced through the fulfillment of the superintendent's duties for a period of some twenty-five years.

No higher tribute can be paid Mr. Allyn than to say he was a consistent Christian, honest and true, mild-mannered and fair, tolerant and cheerful, passionately devoted to his family and his home, a consecrated worker in the "vineyard of his Lord." The memory of his worthy life will ever prove a priceless heritage to his beloved wife, his children and his grandchildren. He has fought a good fight, he has finished his course, he has kept the faith. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Forty-third General Assembly, That in the passing of the Honorable George S. Allyn, the state has lost an honored and valuable citizen, a man of high ideals in Christian living and useful citizenship.

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the journal of the Senate and that the Secretary be directed to forward an enrolled copy to the relatives of the deceased.

F. D. ICKIS,
GEO. A. WILSON,
OSCAR ULSTAD,

Committee.

The resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

F. M. MOLSBERRY

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee appointed to prepare resolutions commemorating the life, character and public service of F. M. Molsberry of Columbus Junction, Louisa county, Iowa, begs leave to submit the following report:

F. M. Molsberry was born at Plymouth, Iowa, May 22, 1866, being a son of Joseph M. and Jemina Jane (Pitman) Molsberry. His father was a farmer and on the farm the son spent his early life and grew to manhood. After attending the district school, he entered the University at Iowa City, devoting his attention to the study of law, graduating in May, 1892, with the degree of LL.B. Immediately after leaving the University, he began the practice of law in Columbus Junction, Iowa.

On August 15, 1893, he was united in marriage to Miss Cora Oliver of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. One daughter was born to this union, namely, Mrs. H. M. Patton.

His career as a lawyer was a marked success from the beginning and political honors were heaped upon him. He was elected county attorney of Louisa county and filled the office successfully for three terms. In November, 1901, he was elected to represent Louisa and Muscatine counties in the State Senate, and served five years in this connection. During his legislative period, he served on many important committees, among them the judiciary. He was particularly interested in railroad legislation and among the important measures which he sponsored was the Molsberry bill, which related to the indebtedness of railroads.

After his retirement from public office, he returned to Columbus Junction, resuming his practice of law. He became actively identified with the affairs of the community, and at the time of the organization of the local Community Club he was elected president. He was again reelected to this position, holding this office at the time of his death. He also served for a number of years on the town council, and was a member of the park board until his demise. He assisted in the organization of the Cotter Savings Bank and was one of the directors of this institution.

Politically he was affiliated with the Republican party, always being an ardent supporter of Republican principles and a leader in party councils.

Fraternally, Senator Molsberry was a member of the Masonic order, having reached the degree of Shrine. He was also an active member of the Knights of Pythias lodge, which organization he served as Grand Chancellor of Iowa in 1903. He was also identified with the Benevolent Order of Elks.

Senator Molsberry was held in high esteem by those with whom he came in contact and in his passing the community has lost a valuable citizen.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Forty-third General Assembly of the State of Iowa, That in the death of F. M. Molsberry, the state and community where he lived have suffered the loss of an influential and honorable citizen; and,

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the journal of the Senate and that the Secretary be directed to send an engrossed copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

RALPH U. THOMPSON,
D. W. KIMBERLY,
GEO. A. WILSON,

Committee.

Senator Thompson spoke as follows:

MR. PRESIDENT AND SENATORS: The memorial that has just been read is the record of F. M. Molsberry. His work is done. He who guides the destinies of man ordered the final roll call and F. M. Molsberry answered. In his passing the state has lost a valuable and faithful citizen.

"Fred," as he was affectionately known by his friends, took a deep interest in the civic affairs of his community. Any movement to promote and further the improvement of the parks and playground, or to encourage public entertainment received his active, personal leadership and support. The historical records of his community will forever stand as mute witnesses to this and to his everlasting honor and glory.

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1880 United States Federal Census

Name: **Fred Molsberry**
 Age: **14**
 Birth Year: **abt 1866**
 Birthplace: **Iowa**
 Home in 1880: **Union, Worth, Iowa**
 Race: **White**
 Gender: **Male**
 Relation to Head of House: **Son**
 Marital Status: **Single**
 Father's Name: **J. M. Molsberry**
 Father's Birthplace: **Ohio**
 Mother's Name: **Jane Molsberry**
 Mother's Birthplace: **Ohio**
 Neighbors: [View others on page](#)
 Occupation: **Farm Laborer**
 Cannot read/write:
 Blind: [View image](#)
 Deaf and dumb:
 Otherwise disabled:
 Idiotic or insane:

| Household Members: | Name | Age |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|-----|
| | J. M. Molsberry | 58 |
| | Jane Molsberry | 52 |
| | D. C. Molsberry | 27 |
| | Harrie Molsberry | 20 |
| | Fred Molsberry | 14 |
| | Charley Molsberry | 12 |
| | Ruben Wright | 29 |
| | Fannie Kircher | 20 |

Source Citation: Year: 1880; Census Place: Union, Worth, Iowa; Roll: 371; Family History Film: 1254371; Page: 476B; Enumeration District: 247; Image: 0275.

Source Information:

Ancestry.com and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. 1880 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2010. 1880 U.S. Census Index provided by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints © Copyright 1999 Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved. All use is subject to the limited use license and other terms and conditions applicable to this site.

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Description:

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You searched for **Fred M. Molsberry** in **Iowa**

1900 United States Federal Census

Name: **Fred M Molsberg**
[\[Fred M Molsberry\]](#)
[\[Fred M Malsbery\]](#)

Age: 35

Birth Date: May 1867

Birthplace: Iowa

Home in 1900: Columbus City, Louisa, Iowa
 [Louisa]

Race: White

Gender: Male

Relation to Head of House: Head

Marital Status: Married

Spouse's Name: Cora Molsberg

Marriage Year: 1894

Years Married: 6

Father's Birthplace: Indiana

Mother's Birthplace: Ohio

Occupation: [View on Image](#)

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| Household Members: | Name | Age |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|-----|
| | Fred M Molsberg | 35 |
| | Cora Molsberg | 30 |

Source Citation: Year: 1900; Census Place: Columbus City, Louisa, Iowa; Roll: 444; Page: 13A; Enumeration District: 80; FHL microfilm: 1240444.

Source Information:

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

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

Description:

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You searched for **F. M. Molsberry** in **Iowa**

Iowa, State Census Collection, 1836-1925

Name: **F M Molsberry**
Birth Year: **abt 1867**
Birth Place: **Iowa**
Gender: **Male**
Race: **White**
Marital Status: **Married**
Census Date: **1915**
Residence State: **Iowa**
Residence County: **Louisa**
Locality: **Columbus Junction**
Mother's Birthplace: **Ohio**
Father's Birthplace: **Michigan**
Roll: **IA1915_310**
Line: **a911**
Neighbors: [View others on page](#)

| Household Members: | Name | Age |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|-----|
| | F M Molsberry | 48 |

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

Description:

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

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1920 United States Federal Census

Name: **Fred Molesberry**
[\[Fred Molsberry\]](#)

Age: 53

Birth Year: **abt 1867**

Birthplace: **Iowa**

Home in 1920: **Columbus City, Louisa, Iowa**

Race: **White**

Gender: **Male**

Relation to Head of House: **Head**

Marital Status: **Married**

Spouse's Name: **Cora Molesberry**

Father's Birthplace: **Ohio**

Mother's Birthplace: **Ohio**

Home owned: **Own**

Able to read: **Yes**

Able to Write: **Yes**

Neighbors: [View others on page](#)

| Household Members: | Name | Age |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|-----|
| | Fred Molesberry | 53 |
| | Cora Molesberry | 51 |
| | Hilton Patten | 25 |
| | Lucele Patten | 24 |

Source Citation: Year: 1920; Census Place: *Columbus City, Louisa, Iowa*; Roll: T625_495; Page: 8A; Enumeration District: 94; Image: 873.

Source Information:

Ancestry.com. 1920 United States Federal Census [database online]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2010. Images reproduced by FamilySearch.

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Description:

This database is an index to individuals enumerated in the 1920 United States Federal Census, the Fourteenth Census of the United States. It includes all states and territories, as well as Military and Naval Forces, the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam, and the Panama Canal Zone. The census provides many details about individuals and families including: name, gender, age, birthplace, year of immigration, mother tongue, and parents' birthplaces. In addition, the names of those listed on the population schedule are linked to actual images of the 1920 Federal Census. [Learn more...](#)



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Fred M Molsberry

Birth **22 May 1866** in [Plymouth, Worth, Iowa, United States](#)Death **21 Feb 1929** in [Columbus Junction, Louisa, Iowa, USA](#)
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| 1870 Age: 4 | Residence Union, Worth, Iowa, United States | 1 source citation |
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| 1893 12 Aug Age: 27 | Marriage to Cora Oliver Oklahoma City, Canadian, Oklahoma, USA | |
| 1920 Age: 54 | Residence Columbus City, Louisa, Iowa | 1 source citation |
| 1925 1 Jan Age: 58 | Residence Columbus Junction | 1 source citation |
| 1929 21 Feb Age: 62 | Death Columbus Junction, Louisa, Iowa, USA | |

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Family Members

Parents

JOSEPH MERVIN MOLSBERY
1821 – 1902

 JEMIMA JANE PITTMAN
1828 – 1905

Spouse & Children

Cora Oliver
1869 – 1940

 Lucille Molsberry
1895 – 1967

Source information

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Birth: 1866
Death: 1929

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Fred M. Molsberry, a successful lawyer of Columbus Junction of nearly twenty years' experience, and an ex-senator, was born at Plymouth, Iowa, May 22, 1866, a son of Joseph M. and Jemima Jane (Pitman) Molsberry. The father was a native of Indiana and moved from that state to Michigan in 1856. At Niles, Michigan, he was married to Jemima J. Pitman. They came to Iowa and first made their home in Cerro Gordo County, thou at Rock Falls, and finally became permanently established upon a homestead near Plymouth. Mr. Molsberry was a successful farmer and is now deceased.

Reared on the home farm, Fred Molsberry attended the district schools and later, having decided to devote his attention to the law, matriculated in the State University at Iowa City where he took a course of two years, graduating in May, 1892, with the degree of LL. B. Immediately after leaving the university he located at Columbus Junction in the practice of his profession, displaying from the start an ability that gave every assurance of marked success. He has taken an active part in politics and was elected county attorney and filled the office to the general satisfaction of his constituents for three terms. In November, 1901, he was elected to the Iowa state senate to represent Louisa and Muscatine counties, entering upon his duties January 1, 1902. His term was extended for one year so that he served altogether for five years. He was a member of the judiciary and other important committees and proved one of the most useful men in the senate.

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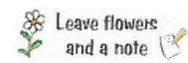
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