Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative WRIGHT, ROBERT MULLINS Senator _____

Represented Webster County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 1 November 1844, Sheffield, England

2. Marriage (s) date place

(A) Elizabeth Fowler (Ill. 21 Oct. 1847 - Ia. 8 Sept. 1888), 27 August ~~1870~~ 1872 De Kalb County, Illinois

(B) Hattie Maria Leonard (Ind. Dec. 1858 -); 27 August 1890 - Fort Wayne, Indiana

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business lawyer; teacher, judge; farmer

B. Civic responsibilities

C. Profession

4. Church membership Episcopal

5. Sessions served 19th GA 1882 HD 58; 30th/31st GA 1904-1907, HD 62; Webster Co.

6. Public Offices

A. Local

B. State

C. National

7. Death 11 June 1931, at home, Fort Dodge; Bur. Oakland Cem. Fort Dodge, Iowa

8. Children (1) Florence Eliza (In d.c.1874-1888); (2) Herbert Francis (Ia. c. 1878-1882); (3) Roberta (Laura) (Merryman), ~~(May 1886 -); (4) Eliza beth Gilot LEE~~ (July 1890 -) (5) Robert Leonard (July 1892 -)

9. Names of parents Thomas Wri ght (Yorkshire, Eng., 1802 - Ill. 1882); Mary Mullins (Eng. 1808 - Ia. ~~1887); came to US 1850; farmed in Illinois.~~

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10. Education ~~DeKalb Co. Ill., schools; Univ of Michigan~~; in his age with he attended Common schools

11. Degrees BA 1871, honorary MA 1874, Univ of Michigan

12. Other applicable information Came with parents from England, 1850. Started from Liverpool on sailing ship which was ~~wrecked on Irish coast; returned to~~ Liverpool and sailed on 2-month trip; he was almost swept overboard once. FAm to NY, then by lake steamer ~~from Buffalo to Milwaukee and Chicago. Settled first in Kendall Co, after 3 years~~ to De Kalb Co. His class at U Mich was last class with no women members; he was editor of college paper ~~and opposed admission of women, but later strongly supported woman suffrage.~~

After college, was principal of high school at Fort Wayne, Ind., 4 years, but intending to practice ~~law he studied it while teaching. Came to Fort Dodge, Iowa, JUly 1876 and~~ began law practice immediately. Became district judge in 1906. In legislature prominent in struggle ~~for prohibition, and is pracically founderof Iowa drainage law.~~

Survived by 2d wife, two daughgers, one son, four grandsons and one granddaughter.

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Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
Fort Dodge Messenger & Chronicle, 12 June 1931 p. 1, col. 12		x	death; bio
Stork/Clingan, Legislators		x	sessions served
House Journal 1933	x		
Index to Oakland Cemetery		x	RMW and 1st wife
Webster Co Marrige Record 1890	x		
Bio Record Webster Co 1902	x		
Hist of Fort Dodge & Webster Co. 1913		x	bio
1900 Census Webster Co. 186 or 166-13-10		x	H/wf,3ch; father-in-law

- Annals of Iowa - Vol 18, 3rd Series 1931-1933
- Outline of Personal History for the Historical Department of Iowa (located in the clipping file of State of Iowa Historical Library, Des Moines, Iowa)

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LONG LIFE OF PIONEER CITIZEN COMES TO CLOSE

Judge R. M. Wright Dies at His Home Here—Funeral Saturday

After a lingering illness, the outcome of which was known to be inevitable, Judge R. M. Wright died at 7:15 Thursday evening at his home at 1233 Fifth avenue south. He had enjoyed remarkably good health all his life until comparatively recently, but last November it became necessary to perform an operation for an organic difficulty. Although his life was prolonged he has been an invalid since then and his strength failed steadily. His vitality was such that he survived much longer than seemed probable.

The immediate members of his family are here. The funeral will take place on Saturday afternoon, at 2:00 o'clock from St. Mark's Episcopal church, with the Rev. W. Ernest Stockley in charge of the services. Interment will be in the family lot in Oakland cemetery.

Judge R. M. Wright was a pioneer to whose memory honor will be universally paid. He had been one of the leaders of this community for fifty-five years. Outside his profession he had been identified with a number of local business enterprises and his sympathetic support could be depended on for any worthy public cause. He was an indefatigable worker during his long life and although his professional activities ended January 1, 1923, with his retirement after sixteen years of service as judge of the 11th judicial district of Iowa he continued to keep busily occupied until comparatively recently when a fatal organic trouble developed. His 86th anniversary was last November, so he lived beyond the years generally counted as a life time.

Judge Wright had a cultivated mind which distinguished him as a lawyer and scholar. He was a master of political economy and was always a clear thinker concerning the problems of government and of life. He had broad interests which made him very human. Although ready to stand up for his convictions he

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ical course in 1871 with degree of B. A. Three years later he received the degree of Master of Arts.

Money was scarce in those times and the young man interrupted his studies with periods of laboring on farms for hire. After leaving college he became principal of the high school at Fort Wayne, Indiana, and held that position for several years. But the educational work was only a temporary undertaking for he had planned to practice law and at the first chance he took that up.

He had been married to Elizabeth Fowler, to whom he was engaged in his early college years. In July 1876 he "burned his bridges behind" and moved to Fort Dodge. When he arrived here the country was in a turmoil over the "greenback" issue and he immediately enlisted in the campaign for sound money.

Among the important changes which Judge Wright saw take place was woman suffrage. Michigan university had only men students when he entered and his was the last class without a woman in it. As editor of the college paper he was opposed to the women students being admitted, and afterward felt ashamed of his action. He made up for it by supporting woman suffrage in the Iowa legislature when he was a member.

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OTTUMWA, Iowa, June 12. (AP)—Dewey M. Berlovich of Des Moine[illegible] today was sought on indictmen[illegible] charging him with participation i[illegible] the $90,000 Ottumwa Savings ban[illegible] robbery Sept. 9, and interfering wit[illegible] the administration of justice.

The indictments were returne[illegible] late yesterday by the Wapello coun[illegible]ty grand jury. Sheriff Ralph M[illegible] Baker immediately asked De[illegible] Moines officers to make the arrest[illegible]

Bonds on the two charges wer[illegible] set by Judge E. K. Daugherty a[illegible] $55,000. The investigation leadin[illegible] to the indictments was carried o[illegible] by Assistant Attorney General Ne[illegible] Garrett with the assistance of Stat[illegible] Agent E. C. McPherson.

Berlovich was arrested last Jan[illegible]uary on the bank robbery charg[illegible] which was ignored by the gran[illegible] jury. Witnesses testified at tha[illegible] time that he was transacting a rea[illegible] estate deal in Ottumwa when th[illegible] robbery took place.

The second indictment returne[illegible] here said that Berlovich attempte[illegible] to intimidate George Smith of Ot[illegible]tumwa, who was expected to be call[illegible]ed as a witness against William Hil[illegible]debrandt of St. Paul, Minn., held in connection with the robbery. Hil[illegible]debrandt's extradition was denied by Gov. Olson.

Charged With Intimidation

Berlovich, who was charged with participation in the million dollar Lincoln, Neb., bank robbery Sept. 17, 1930, and later cleared, was arrested in Ottumwa last Dec. 31, on a charge of "attempting to improperly influence and intimidate one George Smith," a witness to the Ottumwa robbery.

On January 3 he was charged with participation in the Ottumwa robbery, the warrant being served after he had provided $10,000 bond on the first charge.

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Twice he was sent to the Iowa legislature as representative from Webster county, the occasions being separated by a period of years. His statesmanship was recognized in that field. He was prominent in the early legislation for prohibition of liquor in the state and was practically the founder of the Iowa drainage law which cleared the way for the formation of drainage districts with equitable taxation which brought about the drainage of swamps and sloughs which used to occupy the spaces where the richest soil is now cultivated. Governor Cummins doubted the constitutionality of the law and hesitated to sign it until convinced otherwise by the arguments of the author, Representative Wright.

Lawyers have always been quite generally leaders in politics and as Mr. Wright was a believer in the principles of the republican party he supported its campaigns as a speaker at the political rallies and in party conventions. He was depended on in those years to deliver his share of the broadsides in answer to the arguments of the opposition. His logic and his thorough knowledge of his subjects made him an effective debater and he was popular with audiences locally and over the state.

In a bar that was distinguished for its able members he was the peer of the best and no criticism was ever heard of his ethical standards. It was natural that in his later years his legal career should have been crowned by election to the bench, where he received the confidence of lawyers and public alike.

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Judge Wright is survived by his wife, two daughters, one son, four grandsons and one granddaughter.

The Life Worth Living

Following is the closing paragraph of reminiscences which he wrote for his grandsons in leisure moments:

"And now as I near the end of a long life I have this to say—Life can be made worth living. Give every man a 'square deal.' Make few promises but religiously keep the ones that you make. Always sympathize with the unfortunate, and always remember that there is more of good than of evil in human nature. The possession of the attributes which I have mentioned will give you the affection and good will of your fellow-men and this will be to you one of the greatest sources of happiness that is given to mortal man to have."

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Editor Made Defendant

The Ottumwa Daily Courier Clarence S. Johnson, identifie the petition filed by Berlovich editor, were also named defend

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Arriving in New York they proceeded to Buffalo and by lake vessel to Milwaukee and on to Chicago, which was then about Fort Dodge's present size. The family settled in Kendall county, Illinois, where a 160-acre farm was purchased. It was government land and there was scarcely another house within sight.

With ox teams the prairie sod was plowed and the first crop raised. The usual experiences of the pioneers followed. There were plenty of adversities and some of them required considerable ingenuity and persistence to be overcome by the young farmer boy, but they were the trials that men are made from. The interest which Mr. Wright always felt in farming and his knowledge about it had their beginning in the boyhood days of the Illinois farm.

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HUNT BODIES OF DROWNED FISHERMEN

CLEAR LAKE, Ia., June 12, (AP)—Search for the bodies of three Ackley men believed drowned in Clear Lake Wednesday was continued today with a specially constructed set of drag-hooks brought from Ackley.

The men, Herman Becker, Lester Lemhe and Robert Young, had gone fishing. Their overturned boat was found at the bottom of the lake yesterday morning.

Mrs. F. L. Grey, of Seymour, today informed officers that she saw three men fishing from a boat at 3:15 p. m. Wednesday. She said one of the men stood up and fell into the lake. Since other boats were in the vicinity, she said, she paid little attention to the incident until she learned of the drowning of the trio.

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Markets at a Glanc

(By the Associated Press)

NEW YORK — Stocks—Fi railroad extend gains.

Bonds—Irregular; German sues weak.

Curb — Easy; pivotal sha fractionally higher.

Foreign exchanges—Easy; nadian touches new 1931 low.

Cotton—Steady; steadier s situation.

Sugar—Steady; trade buying

Coffee—Lower; easier Brazil markets.

CHICAGO—Wheat — Firm; sufficient rain Canada.

Corn — Steady; unfavora weather southwest.

Cattle—Strong to higher.

Hogs—Higher.

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PORTRAIT
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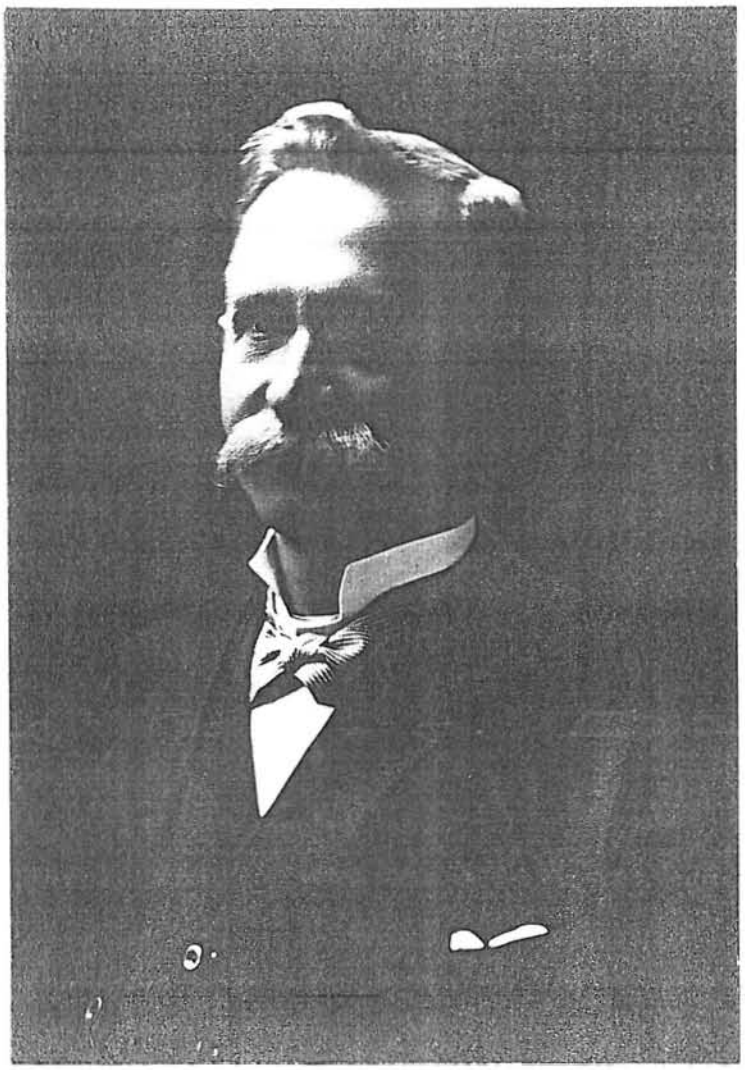
WRIGHT, R. M.



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NOTABLE DEATHS

JOHN LITTLEFIELD TILTON was born January 11, 1863, at Nashua, New Hampshire, and died at Morgantown, West Virginia, November 11, 1930. For many years he occupied the chair of physics and geology in Simpson College, and for twenty years he was attached in special investigations on the Iowa Geological Survey. Dr. Tilton's early education was obtained in the public schools of his native village. Afterward he attended Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut, from which he received the degrees of A. B. in 1885 and A. M. in 1888. He also received the degrees of A. M. from Harvard in 1895, and of Ph. D. from Chicago in 1910. After teaching a year in Niantic, Connecticut, he was museum assistant in natural history in Wesleyan in 1886-88; professor of geology and physics in Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa, 1888-1920; associate professor of geology in West Virginia University in 1920-23, and professor in 1923-30. He was geologist, Iowa Geological Survey, and paleontologist, West Virginia Geological Survey; was a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, of the Geological Society of America, of the Paleontological Society of America, of the West Virginia Academy of Science, of which he was president in 1928 and 1929, and of the Iowa Academy of Science, being president of the latter in 1907. His specialty was the geology of central and southwestern Iowa, and the paleontology of West Virginia. Dr. Tilton was not only a scientist of wide reputation, but an outstanding personage in the educational field of our state, and in religious circles. The place occupied by him in the religious life of our state was rather unique. A firm advocate of the doctrine of evolution he was also a firm believer in theology. His outstanding function seemed to be to reconcile science and religion, and in this he was eminently successful. Beyond all doubt this reconciliation of the two was measurably advanced by his written and spoken words. On this delicate and much discussed topic he was the author of many articles in the religious journals, as well as the secular press; and he gave expression of his views widely in the classroom, in the pulpit and before the microphone. His teaching came to the lives of young people at a time when new revelations often wreck, or threaten, Christian faiths. At this period Professor Tilton carried many over the crisis opening to them a wider vision of the truths of science, yet leaving firm the underlying principles of their religious faith. To him God was indeed truth. —C.R.K.

ROBERT MULLINS WRIGHT was born in Sheffield, England, November 1, 1844, and died in Fort Dodge, Iowa, June 11, 1931. Burial was in Oakland Cemetery, Fort Dodge. When he was five years old his parents, Thomas and Mary (Mullins) Wright, removed with their family to near Lisbon, Kendall County, Illinois, crossing the Atlantic in a perilous trip in a sailing vessel. Three years later they removed to a farm in

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De Kalb County, Illinois. Robert attended common school, and was graduated from the University of Michigan with the degree of A. B. in 1871 and of A. M. in 1874. During this period of his life he varied his college work with labor on farms and with school-teaching, being for four years principal of Fort Wayne, Indiana, High School. In the meantime he had been studying law, and in 1876 removed to Fort Dodge, Iowa, and began practice. This he pursued with success. In 1881 he was elected representative and was again elected to that office in 1903, thus serving in the Nineteenth and the Thirtieth and Thirty-first general assemblies. Prohibition and woman suffrage were two subjects which received his ardent support in his legislative service. He led in the enactment of the drainage laws in his two later sessions. In 1906 he was elected a judge of the Eleventh Judicial District. Re-elections followed, and he served until January 1, 1923. His work as lawyer, legislator and judge was creditable to himself and useful to his community and state.

Charles L. Longley was born in Franklin County, Massachusetts, May 27, 1843, and died in Boise, Idaho, November 27, 1930. Burial was at Twin Falls, Idaho. His parents, Alfred and Julia Read Longley, removed their family during Charles' infancy to Medina County, Ohio, and later to the city of Oberlin. In 1854 the mother, then a widow, removed with her son to Tipton, Iowa. He secured his more advanced education in Tipton High School and in Cornell College, where he took two years in the liberal arts course, and in 1866 he took a course in a business college in Davenport. He volunteered in Company C, Twenty-fourth Iowa Infantry, August 6, 1862, and was mustered out at Savannah, Georgia, July 17, 1865. From 1867 until 1889 he was editor of the *Tipton Advertiser,* and became known as an able newspaper writer. In 1889 he removed to Cedar Rapids and in 1891 to Waterloo. From 1890 to 1892 he was assistant adjutant general, Department of Iowa, Grand Army of the Republic. For four years he was secretary of the Waterloo Paper Manufacturing Company. From 1895 to 1897 he was quartermaster at the Iowa Soldiers Home, Marshalltown. In 1898 he was made secretary to the Board of Park Commissioners of the United States Military Park at Vicksburg, Mississippi, where for some years he rendered service in the development of that noted place. In 1916 he removed to Twin Falls, Idaho, and spent two years in newspaper work in that city. In 1918 he was appointed manager of the United States Assay office at Boise, in which position he remained until his death.

Henry Otis Pratt was born in Foxcraft, Maine, February 11, 1838, and died in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, May 22, 1931. Burial was in Oak Hill Cemetery, Cedar Rapids. He attended common school, Foxcraft Academy, and was graduated from the Law Department of Harvard University. He removed to Iowa in 1862, was admitted to the bar at

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Outline of Personal History of Robert M. Wright.

RESIDENCE Ft. Dodge, Iowa.

Kindly furnish on this sheet the necessary data for a personal sketch and return at your early convenience. Every question is important.

The Historical Department of Iowa

DES MOINES, IOWA

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(This form is for use in collecting data on deceased as well as living persons. Appropriate alterations may be made in matter below.)

1. *Name in full (all names)* Robert M Wright
2. *Chief occupation or profession* Judge 11th Judicial District of Iowa
3. *Former occupation or profession* teacher and Lawyer
4. *Date and place of beginning each* Began teaching in 1871 Began practice of law in 1876 Began as judge Jany 1st 1907
5. *Present residence address* Fort Dodge Iowa
6. *Present business address* Ft Dodge Iowa
7. *Date of birth* Nov 12th 1844
8. *Place of birth* Sheffield England
9. *If born abroad, where* in Sheffield England
10. *Emigrated to America, when* in the year 1850
11. *First migrated to what state and county, whether born abroad or in America* Kendall County Illinois, then to DeKalb County Ill
12. *Emigrated the ~~second~~ Third time to what state or county* To Webster County Ia 1876
13. *Further emigration, if any* None
14. *Education. Give name and location of rural, high, business or technical school, college or university* prepared for College at Jennings Seminary Aurora in Illinois
15. *Date of graduation and degree if any* Graduated in the year 1871 at Michigan University as Bachelor of arts and took masters degree in 1874

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16. Place of death

17. Date of death

18. Place of burial

19. Name of father in full (all names) Thomas Wright

20. Occupation of father Farmer

21. Full Maiden name of mother (all names) Mary Mullins

22. Residence when married Father and mother resided in Sheffield England

23. Military service, if any (exact dates)

24. Political offices, (from the smallest to the largest, with dates) Representative in 19th General assembly of Iowa also in the 30th and the 31st

25. Director or trustee of financial, religious and educational institutions Director of Commercial Nat Bank of Ft Dodge Ia also of the Green Wheeler Shoe Company of Ft Dodge, also of the Iowa Grocery Company of Ft Dodge, also of the Cardiff Gypsum Plaster Company of Ft Dodge

26. Politics Republican

27. Religious denomination if any Belong to No Church but attend the Presbyterian

28 Religious preference if non-affiliated with a denomination Was raised in the Methodist Church of which father & mother were members

29. Member of what societies or associations of learning am a Phi Beta Kappa member (Michigan)

30. Member of what secret organizations, with honors or offices held, with dates none

31. Member of what clubs if any none

32. Belonged to what firms (give names in full and dates if possible) Was first a member of the law firm of Hudson & Wright, then of Wright & Farrell, then of Wright & Ingent

33. Officer or director in any corporation Am vice President of the Cardiff Gypsum Plaster Company

34. Enclose business card if possible

35. Enclose photograph and autograph I enclose photograph and autograph

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36. Author of books or pamphlets, with titles and publishers in full and dates of publication None

37. Miscellaneous I was principal of the High School of Fort Wayne Ind. from the year 1872 till June 1876 when I came to Fort Dodge Iowa

FAMILY HISTORY

1. To whom married Married first to Elizabeth H Fowler on aug 1872
2. Date of marriage ^
3. Place of marriage In De Kalb County Illinois
4. Date of his or her birth She was born at Aurora Ill in 1846
5. Place of his or her birth
6. Religious denomination She belonged to the Methodist Episcopal church
7. Date of his or her death She died in the year 1889
8. Place of his or her death at Ft Dodge Iowa
9. Place of his or her burial Ft Dodge Iowa
10. Father's full name Her fathers full name James Fowler
11. Born where and when In the north of Ireland
12. Occupation of his or her father Farmer
13. His or her mother's full name Mary Ennis
14. Born when and where North of Ireland
15. Parents' residence at time of their marriage ~~Aurora Illinois~~ in Ireland
16. Miscellaneous remarks on their family They were Scotch Irish and very strong protestants

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1. To whom married second time Hattie M Leonard
2. Date of marriage in June 1890
3. Place of marriage Ft Wayne Ind
4. Date of his or her birth Dec 9 1858
5. Place of his or her birth Ft Wayne Ind
6. Religious denomination Presbyterian
7. Date of his or her death Still living
8. Place of his or her death Still Living
9. Place of his or her burial ——
10. Father's full name her fathers name P M Leonard
11. Born where and when in the State of New York
12. Occupation of his or her father Physician
13. His or her mother's full name —— Whitman
14. Born when and where New York I think
15. Parent's residence at time of their marriage New York
16. Miscellaneous remarks on their family The Leonard family came from England about 1640

CHILDREN OF R M Wright AND his wife Elizabeth Wright

NAME	PLACE OF BIRTH	DATE	PLACE OF DEATH	DATE	MARRIED TO WHOM	WHERE	DATE
Florence E Wright	Ft Wayne Ind	1873	Ft Dodge Ia	1888	——		
Herbert F Wright	Ft Dodge	1877	" "	1881	——		
Robert Wright	Ft Dodge	1886	Living		unmarried		
Elizabeth G Wright	" "	1889	Living		Not married		

CHILDREN OF R M Wright AND his wife Hattie M Wright

Robert L Wright	Ft Dodge	1892	still living		Not married		

SIGNATURE Robert M Wright

DATE September 12th 1910

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odist Episcopal church. Mr. Ashton gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has served as city councilman for three terms. His worth is widely acknowledged by those who know him and he has the favorable regard of a large circle of friends.

JUDGE ROBERT MULLINS WRIGHT.

Judge Robert Mullins Wright, who since 1906 has occupied the bench of the eleventh judicial district, entered upon his professional career well equipped by thorough and comprehensive collegiate training and in the interim since his admission to the bar has made continuous progress until Iowa today numbers him among her distinguished lawyers and jurists. He was born at Sheffield, England, November 1, 1844, and in both the paternal and maternal lines comes of English ancestry. His grandfather, Stephen Wright, born on the "Merrie Isle," was manager of an estate and to him and his wife, Matilda Wright, were born three children, Thomas, Stephen and Amy. The first named, born in England, was reared in Yorkshire and always followed farming. The agricultural opportunities of the new world, however, attracted him to America and in 1850 he crossed the Atlantic, taking up his abode near Lisbon, Kendall county, Illinois, where he remained for two or three years. He afterward removed to De Kalb county, where he passed away in 1882, at the age of eighty years. His wife survived him until 1887 and was seventy-nine years of age at the time of her demise. She, too, was born in England, as were her parents, George and Sarah (Gilot) Mullins. Her father was a farmer by occupation, thus providing for the support of his family, which numbered six children, including Robert, George, and Mary. The daughter Mary became the wife of Thomas Wright and for many years they traveled life's journey happily together. He was originally an Episcopalian in religious belief and she a member of the Congregational church, but after settling in Illinois in early days, they identified themselves with the Methodist denomination, which was the pioneer church of that state, continuing their connection with that faith until their death. In community affairs Mr. Wright was somewhat prominent, holding a number of township offices, and at all times his record measured up to high standards of manhood and citizenship. His family numbered five children, of whom the eldest, George, is deceased. Ann was the wife of William Cutts. She died

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at Shabbona, De Kalb county, Illinois, in September, 1912. William was a soldier of the Civil war and was killed at the battle of Resaca. Robert M. was the next of the family. Juliana is the wife of James Spaulding, an old soldier, living near Ruthven, Iowa.

Judge Wright was but five years of age when brought to the United States and remained upon the home farm in De Kalb county, Illinois, until he entered college. He supplemented his preliminary education by a course in the University of Michigan, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1871, while the honorary degree of Master of Arts was conferred upon him in 1874. In early manhood he devoted five years of his life to teaching school and during the last four years of that period was principal of the high school in Fort Wayne, Indiana. In July, 1876, he arrived in Fort Dodge and entered upon the practice of law here in that year, having prepared for the bar by private study at a former period. He has ever remained a close and discriminating student of the profession, reading broadly and mastering the principles of jurisprudence in large measure. He continued in active practice until 1906, when he was elected judge of the district court and is still upon the bench. His decisions are models of judicial soundness and are based upon a thorough understanding of the points presented, a comprehensive knowledge of the law and an appreciation of the equity of the case. He has not only been active in administering the law but also has taken part in framing acts which have found their way to the statute books of the state, for in 1882 he was a member of the state legislature, during which period he voted for the submission of the prohibitory amendment to the state constitution concerning intoxicating liquors and also at that time voted in favor of woman suffrage. In 1904 he was once more chosen to represent his district in the state legislature and again in 1906. He has served on some of the most important committees in the legislature, of several of which he was chairman, including the committee on constitutional amendments. He has been a stalwart republican since the organization of the party. His father was greatly opposed to slavery and Judge Wright held to the same views. Indeed, throughout his entire life he has been the opponent of any unjust domination and he stands for much that is progressive, holding to the ideal of party service for the many rather than for the few.

On the 27th of August, 1872, Judge Wright was married to Miss Elizabeth Fowler, a daughter of James and Mary Fowler. Mrs. Wright was born in Aurora, Illinois, while her parents were natives

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of Ireland and of Scotch-Irish descent. They also held to the Protestant faith. After living for a time in Canada they came to the United States, settling in Aurora, Illinois, but spending their last days in De Kalb county, Illinois, where Mr. Fowler passed away at the age of eighty-two years and his wife when seventy years of age. They were the parents of six children: John, who died in the Civil war; Robert, whose death occurred in Illinois about three years ago; James, a Civil war soldier, who died at Denver, Colorado, in 1910; Mary Ann, unmarried; Mrs. Sarah Jane Howlitt, of Paw Paw, Illinois, a widow and formerly the wife of a Union veteran, who died several years ago; and Mrs. Wright. The last named died in 1889, at the age of forty-two years. She was a consistent Christian woman and held membership in the Methodist church. She became the mother of four children: Florence Eliza, who died when fourteen years of age; Herbert Francis, who died when four years of age; Roberta, the wife of Walter Merryman, manager of the Messinger Printing Office; and Elizabeth Gilot, at home. On the 27th of August, 1890, Judge Wright married Miss Hattie Maria Leonard, who was born December 9, 1858, a daughter of Dr. P. M. Leonard, of Fort Wayne, Indiana. There is one son of the second marriage, Robert Leonard Wright, now a student in the University of Iowa. Mrs. Wright is a member of the Presbyterian church. Both Judge and Mrs. Wright have a wide acquaintance in Fort Dodge and this part of the state, where he has lived continuously for thirty-six years. He has ever held closely to a high standard of professional ethics and has been an able and conscientious minister in the temple of justice. His ideals of citizenship are high and in the relations of life which are of a more strictly social character he has displayed qualities which have rendered him popular wherever he is known.

ASAEL W. JONES.

Asael W. Jones, who is living retired at No. 1303 Fifth avenue, South, in Fort Dodge, has resided in this city for more than four decades and here conducted a blacksmith shop for fifteen years. Since disposing of his shop he has been engaged in the sale of agricultural implements. His birth occurred in Crawford county, Pennsylvania, in Randolph township, near Meadville, on the 4th of June, 1838, his parents being Joel and Sarah (Smith) Jones, the former a native of

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You searched for **Robert M. Wright** in **Iowa**

1880 United States Federal Census

Name:	**Robert M. Wright**
Home in 1880:	**Fort Dodge, Webster, Iowa**
Age:	**33**
Estimated Birth Year:	**abt 1847**
Birthplace:	**England**
Relation to Head of Household:	**Self** *(Head)*
Spouse's Name:	**Elizabeth**
Father's birthplace:	**England**
Mother's birthplace:	**England**
Neighbors:	View others on page
Occupation:	**Lawyer**
Marital Status:	**Married**
Race:	**White**
Gender:	**Male**
House Number:	**7982563**
Cannot read/write:	
Blind:	View image
Deaf and dumb:	
Otherwise disabled:	
Idiotic or insane:	

Household Members:	Name	Age
	Robert M. Wright	33
	Elizabeth Wright	31
	Florence E. Wright	6
	Herbert F. Wright	2

Source Citation: Year: *1880*; Census Place: *Fort Dodge, Webster, Iowa*; Roll *T9_370*; Family History Film: *1254370*; Page: *578.4000*; Enumeration District: *227*; Image: *0058*.

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Ancestry.com and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. *1880 United States Federal Census* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: The Generations Network, Inc., 2005. 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. Original data: United States of America, Bureau of the Census. *Tenth Census of the United States. 1880*. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1880. T9. 1,454 rolls.

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You searched for **Robert M. Wright** in **Iowa**

1900 United States Federal Census

Name:	**Robert M Wright**
Home in 1900:	**Wahkonsa, Webster, Iowa**
Age:	**55**
Birth Date:	**Mar 1845**
Birthplace:	**England**
Gender:	**Male**
Immigration Year:	**1851**
Relationship to Head of House:	**Head**
Father's Birthplace:	**England**
Mother's Birthplace:	**England**
Spouse's Name:	**Hattie**
Marriage year:	**1885**
Marital Status:	**Married**
Years Married:	**15**
Residence :	**Fort Dodge City, Webster, Iowa**
Occupation:	View on Image
Neighbors:	View others on page

Household Members:

Name	Age
Robert M Wright	55
Hattie Wright	42
Laura Wright	14
Elizabeth Wright	9
Robert L Wright	9
Park M Leonard	78
Lillian Gumbar	18

Source Citation: Year: *1900*; Census Place: *Wahkonsa, Webster, Iowa*; Roll *T623 ,465*; Page: *13A*; Enumeration District: *186*.

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- *ID:* I4199
- *Name:* ROBERT MULLINS "RM" WRIGHT
- *Sex:* M
- *Birth:* 1 NOV 1844 in ENG
- *Death:* 11 JUN 1931 in FT. DODGE, IA
- *Burial:* FT. DODGE, IA (OAKLAND CEM)
- *Residence:* 1860 SHABBONA TWP, MALTA, DE KALB, IL
- *Residence:* 12 JUN 1880 Market St, Fort Dodge, WEBSTER, IA [1]
- *Residence:* 12 JUN 1900 FIFTH AVE S, FORT DODGE, WEBSTER, IA [2]
- *Residence:* 3 MAY 1910 FIFTH AVE S, FORT DODGE, WEBSTER, IA
- *Occupation:* LAWYER; IA STATE GEN. ASSEMB.; JUDGE
- *Change Date:* 24 JUL 2006

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Father: THOMAS WRIGHT b: 21 DEC 1802 in HARTHILL, YORKSHIRE, ENG
Mother: MARY MULLINS b: 1809 in ENG.

Marriage 1 ELIZABETH FOWLER b: 1839 in AURORA, KANE, IL

- *Married:* 1872

Children

1. FLORENCE WRIGHT b: 187?
2. HERBERT WRIGHT b: 1877
3. ROBERTA WRIGHT b: AFT 10 APR 1886 in IA
4. ELIZABETH GILLOT WRIGHT b: JUL 1888

Marriage 2 HATTIE MARIE LEONARD b: 1858 in IN

- *Married:* ABT 1885 [2]

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Children

1. LAURA WRIGHT b: MAY 1886 in IA
2. ELIZABETH WRIGHT b: JUL 1890 in IA
3. ROBERT L. WRIGHT b: JUL 1892 in IA

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Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925

Name:	**Robert M Wright**
Birth Year:	**abt 1845**
Birth Place:	**England**
Gender:	**Male**
Marital Status:	**Married**
Census Date:	**1885**
Residence State:	**Iowa**
Residence County:	**Webster**
Locality:	**Fort Dodge**
Roll:	**IA1885_276**
Line:	**10**
Family Number:	**119**
Neighbors:	View others on page

Household Members:	Name	Age
	Robert M Wright	40
	Elizabeth Wright	39
	Florance Wright	11
	Jane Nichels	53
	William G Nichels	26
	John H Nichels	22
	Thomas S Nichels	17
	Albert D Nichels	14

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