

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Mercer, James Senator _____

Served from Clay and Pocahontas counties

1. Birthday and place 26 Apr 1846 Galt, Ontario, Canada
near Collinsford

2. Marriage (s) date place _____

Anna Stewart 14 Nov-1872 Canada, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Farmer; furniture business; carpenter;
mason

4. Church membership Presbyterian

5. Sessions served 23rd and 32nd General Assembly 1890-1899 and
1907-1908

6. Public Offices

A. Local Township clerk; school board secretary; county
board of supervisors; Justice of the Peace

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 21 Jul 1918 Honda, Iowa; buried Honda Cemetery, Honda, Iowa

8. Children Effie M. (Mrs. Thomas Jara); Nellie A. (Mrs. Harther); Rollo C.
Cilena G. (Mrs. Walker); Cora L. (Mrs. Younger); May B.; Ralph J.

9. Names of parents Andrew and Euphemia (Delglisk) Mercer

10. Education Attended public schools in Dubuque County
and Lyons in an academy.

11. Degrees

12. Other applicable information Republican

- At age 5 he moved with his parents to Cataragus
County, NY, then to Lafayette, IN and then to
Dubuque County, IA, settling at Cascade, Iowa.
- Military service - Civil War - Co H. 6th Iowa Cavalry
- After military service he was employed in the
furniture business and then later began farming.
- In 1875 he bought farmland in Cedar Rapids.
- In 1878 they moved to Jonda, Iowa where they farmed.
- In the military he spent one year fighting the Indians on the frontier in
Minnesota and the Dakotas.

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**BUILDING UP BIG
RESERVE OF FOOD**

**UNITED STATES WILL SUPPLY A
STOCK TO FEED CIVILIZED
WORLD FOR YEARS.**

With a wheat crop forecast ap-
proaching the billion-bushel mark for
1918 and greatly increased acreage in
all cereals, America has reached what
may perhaps be its high-water mark
agriculturally during the war and will
be in a position to store up a reserve
against the time when many men still
engaged in farming may be called into
the army and other war work.

The importance of this reserve was
indicated by a cable recently received
from the British ministry of food, ask-
ing that America continue to send all
the food that can be given shipping
space, to build up a like reserve in
Britain against possible lean years to
come.

With this demand it is impossible
for the United States, even in the face
of a good crop, to go back in any way
to prewar habits of eating and wast-
ing.

Enormous Wheat Crop.

A total wheat yield of 931,000,000
bushels is indicated in the recent de-
partment of agriculture forecast,
based on conditions June 1. The win-
ter wheat estimate is 587,000,000 bush-
els, or 40,000,000 more than the De-
cember forecast. The spring wheat
yield is estimated at 344,000,000
bushels.

The total of the two will be an in-
crease of 122,000,000, or 15 per cent
over the average crop for the years
1912 to 1916, and a jump of 280,000,000
bushels, or 43 per cent over last year's
yield.

The oats crop is estimated at 1,500,
000,000 bushels, which is 87,000,000
bushels less than was harvested last
year, but 204,000,000 bushels more
than the average crop. Record crops
of barley and rye are indicated in es-
timates of 235,000,000 and 81,000,000
bushels respectively.

Limitless Hay.

The hay crop is expected to be larger
than last year, although the acreage,
69,531,000, shows a slight decrease.

The acreage of wheat this year, 58,
881,000, is 28.2 per cent greater than
last year, much of it from virgin land.
Winter wheat acreage shows
increases of 32.7 per cent and 21.5 per

DEATH OF AN OLD CASCADER

**Hon. James Mercer Died at Fonda from
Injuries Received in Accident.**

The Reuben Hawkins family re-
ceived the sad announcement Mon-
day of the death of Hon. James Mer-
cer, of Fonda, who was injured in a
runaway accident last Thursday and
died Sunday evening. He suffered a
broken leg and other injuries that
made his recovery impossible owing
to his advanced age.

Mr. Mercer was a son of Andrew
Mercer, a pioneer settler of Cascade,
and was born near Collinsford, Can-
ada, 71 years ago. He came to Cas-
cade with his parents and grew to
manhood in this town and vicinity.
His father was a skilled mason and
stone cutter, as were also his sons,
and built many of the stone buildings
in this city. He cut the stone in the
old bridge that still spans the Ma-
quoketa, also for St. Martin's church
torn down nineteen years ago, the
B. F. Crawford residence in East
Cascade, which was the Mercer home,
and also the Byum residence on the
Eastside.

James Mercer was married to Miss
Anna Stewart, who was a clerk in
the Cascade postoffice under the ad-
ministration of Postmaster Thomas
Crawford. About 1878 they removed
to Fonda, where Mr. Mercer engaged
in farming. In the 80's he was a
member of the state legislature from
Pocahontas county.

Mr. Mercer was a man of high
character and stalwart principles,
and his death is sincerely regretted,
particularly the unfortunate accident
that brought his life to a close, be-
cause despite his years he was still a
rugged mar.

He is survived by his wife and the
following children: Mrs. Effie Tarr,
of Caldwell, Idaho; Mrs. Nellie Gai-
ther, of Idaho; Mrs. Lena Walker, of
Chicago; Mrs. Oora Yeager, of Ore-
gon; Miss May Mercer, of Idaho;
Rollo, of Fonda; and Ralph Mercer,
of Camp Jackson, S. C., a soldier in
the motor truck division. He is also
survived by his sister Mrs. Reuben
Hawkins of Cascade township.

Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins went to
Fonda Monday to attend the funeral
which was expected to be held on
Tuesday.

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THE
PIONEER HISTORY
OF
POCAHONTAS COUNTY, IOWA,

FROM THE TIME OF ITS EARLIEST SETTLEMENT
TO THE PRESENT TIME, IN

THREE PERIODS:

- I. 1855-1869, PERIOD OF EARLY SETTLEMENT BY THE PIONEERS.
- II. 1870-1882, PERIOD OF ORGANIZATION AND EARLY RAILWAY.
CONSTRUCTION.
- III. 1883-1904, PERIOD OF GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT.

INCLUDING

THE COMPLETE HISTORY OF EACH TOWNSHIP, TOWN AND
IMPORTANT BUSINESS ENTERPRISE; BIOGRAPHICAL
SKETCHES OF THE LEADING CITIZENS; AND
AN INTERESTING OUTLINE OF THE

EARLY HISTORY OF IOWA.

BY

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TRAITS OF OVER 450 PERSONS.

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THE TIMES PRINT,
1904.



JAMES MERCER
County Supervisor 1883-85
Representative 1890-97



MRS. JAMES MERCER



FRED SWINGLE



MRS. NELLIE R. SWINGLE

Fonda and Vicinity.

farmer. Having realized the convenience and value of good-improvements, he gives them his first attention. He has learned also how to keep "the cattle upon the hills" and to have "the valleys (prairies) covered over with corn." His intelligence and excellent character as a citizen brought him into favorable prominence during his residence in Junction township, and in Cedar he has served two years as a justice of the peace, '93-94, and is now serving his second year as trustee. He has also rendered efficient service to the Presbyterian church, as a trustee since 1895 and as an elder since 1897.

On Nov. 7, 1875, he married Anna White, of Vernon county, Wis., and his family consists of five children: John Weston (b. July 25, '78), graduated at Fonda in '97, spent one year at Fayette college and is now pursuing his studies at the Iowa State University. Olive M. graduated at Fonda in '97 and is now a teacher. Dora E., Samuel G. and Otto Roy.

Mercer James (b. 1847), representative from this district in 1890-91, is a native of Galt, Ontario, Canada; and is a son of Andrew and Euphemia Mercer, both of whom came from Scotland. At the age of five years he moved with his parents to Cataaugus county, N. Y., soon afterwards to La Fayette, Ind., and in 1855 to Cascade, Dubuque county, Iowa. Here he grew to manhood and remained twenty years. After attending the public school he spent two years in the academy. On Oct. 24, 1864, at the age of sixteen he became a member of Co. M. 6th Iowa Cavalry and spent one year fighting the Indians on the frontier (see page 46) in Minnesota and the Dakotas, which did not then have a settlement beyond Yankton. After his return from the army he found employment in the furniture business and three years later commenced farming. In the spring of 1875 he

bought and began to improve the northwest sec. 35 Cedar township. The large and comfortable house, now occupied by his family, was built with his own hands in 1885, he having acquired a practical knowledge both of carpentry and masonry. His buildings are surrounded by several groves of different kinds of timber, of which the maples were planted in 1877 and the evergreens in 1893. By subsequent purchases his farm has been increased to 400 acres and he is recognized as one of the most thrifty and substantial men in the community.

He has rendered an efficient public service, to all of which he has been called without having acquired the arts of the politician. He served as township clerk four years, 1879-82; one term as justice of the peace and has been secretary of the school board since 1890. He was a member of the board of county supervisors three years, '83-85. In '89, at Peterson, he received the Republican nomination and at the general election held that fall was elected without opposition a member of the house of representatives of the 23d General Assembly of Iowa from the 77th district, composed of Clay and Pocahontas counties. In 1895 while he was busy "earning his bread by the sweat of his brow" he was nominated a second time for the legislature and lacked only a few votes of election. He has been a trustee and treasurer of the Presbyterian church since the dedication of the building in 1887, and an elder and deacon since 1897.

The highest practical objects of human attainment, such as the enjoyment of a happy home, the education of his children, the ennobling privileges of the church, together with the profitable cultivation and improvement of his farm, have been the praiseworthy ambitions of his life. He has always been a total abstainer and a practical prohibition-

ist. His steadfastness of purpose and successful achievements have won for him a public confidence, recognition and honor that only a few usually enjoy. In his youth he acquired the habits of industry and economy, and adopted the principles of integrity and honor, that fit every one for noble achievements. He is a splendid representative of the sturdy yeomanry that have developed her resources and made Iowa great.

On Nov. 14, 1872, while living at Cascade he married Anna, daughter of William and Anna (Brown) Stewart, of Ontario, Can., who has proven a wise counsellor and a faithful helper to him in all his endeavors. His family consists of seven children: Effie M., a graduate of the Normal school at Shenandoah and a teacher for two years at Sac City, two at Plover and three at Pocahontas, in 1900 married Thomas W. Tarr, of Cedar township. Nellie A., who enjoyed three terms at Buena Vista College and three terms at the Iowa State Normal at Cedar Falls, has been teaching since 1896. Cilena G., a Fonda graduate in '94, graduated from the State Normal in '97, then engaged in teaching and in June 1900, completed the fourth year course at the State Normal. May B., a Fonda graduate in '97, graduated at the State Normal in 1899 and is engaged in teaching. Cora L., a Fonda graduate in '99 and winner of the medal in the County Declamatory Contest at Havelock that year, is also a teacher. Rollo C. and Ralph J. are at home.

McCartan Bernard (b. Oct. 31, 1826), who died in Cedar township Oct. 2, 1887 in his 61st year, was a native of Down county, Ireland, the son of Bernard and Ann (Brush) McCartan. In 1845 with his parents he came to America and found employment in the lead mines at Dubuque, where he married Mary, daughter of Roger and Margaret (Baldwin) Mc

Namara. He then located on a farm in that vicinity. in 1869 moved to Webster county and in 1871 to the sw¹ sec. 3, Cedar township. He was the first to occupy this farm and improved it finely. The first house built in 1881, 14x18 feet, in 1876 became an attachment to a large and comfortable one. A fine grove of forest and fruit trees was planted, and by subsequent purchases the original farm was increased, previous to his death in 1887, to 540 acres and since that date to 930 acres, all of which are occupied by the younger members of his family.

He was president of the second board of trustees of Cedar township in 1872, president of the school board in 1873 and treasurer of the school funds in 1874. He was a member of the board of county supervisors three years, 1874-76, when the county seat was at Old Rolfe.

He was a good farmer, a man of noble principles and exerted a strong influence in establishing and sustaining Catholic worship in the vicinity of Fonda. In the pioneer days he was recognized as a wise and prudent leader in politics and religion. In matters of charity, he was always ready to respond to the call of the needy, who never left his door without assistance. His wife, a woman of more than average intelligence and loved by all who knew her, died June 11, 1898.

He was the father of thirteen children, ten of whom survived him: 1—Thomas F., county auditor seven years, 1886-92. (see below); 2—Susan E., on May 19, 1895, married Ed. O'Donnell, Fonda; 3—Mary E., Oct. 5, 1897, married John Lilly, owner and occupant of a farm of 80 acres on sec. 21, Dover township; 4—John J., born July 7, 1873, in April 1892 married Katie L. Haggerty and lived four years in Dover township, then engaged in the abstract business for the

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Sioux Indians. Thereafter he made his home at the junction of the Okoboji lakes. He was elected county clerk and justice of the peace on the organization of Dickinson County in 1858. He later held various positions of trust. In 1868 he represented Clay, Dickinson, Emmet and Palo Alto counties as representative in the Twelfth General Assembly. He was a delegate from Iowa to the Republican National Convention in 1868 that nominated General Grant for president. In 1875 in the Republican State Convention he had substantial support as a candidate for lieutenant-governor. In 1894 he was appointed by Governor Jackson as a member of the commission to erect a monument commemorative of the sacrifices in the Spirit Lake massacre. In 1902 he issued a history of Dickinson County, which is a valuable contribution to early history in that part of the state.

JOSEPH HENRY SWENEY was born in Warren County, Pennsylvania, October 2, 1845, and died at Hampton, Virginia, November 11, 1918. Interment was at Osage, Iowa. He came with his parents to Mitchell County, Iowa, in 1855. Here he attended public school and remained on the farm with his parents until 1862, when he enlisted in Company K, Twenty-seventh Iowa Infantry, and remained in the service until August, 1865. He was engaged in the banking business at Osage for several years. In 1880 he was commissioned lieutenant-colonel of the Sixth Regiment, Iowa National Guard, and later was made brigadier-general and inspector-general for the state. In 1881 he was graduated from the Law Department of the State University of Iowa, and for many years thereafter successfully practiced law at Osage. He retired in 1910 because of poor health. In 1883 he was elected senator and was re-elected in 1887, serving in the Twentieth, Twenty-first, and Twenty-second general assemblies. He was president pro tem of the Senate in the Twenty-second. In 1888 he was elected to Congress and served in the Fifty-first Congress. He was a Republican in politics.

JAMES MERCER was born at Gault, Ontario, Canada, April 26, 1847, and died at his home near Fonda, Iowa, July 21, 1918. He came with his parents to Cascade, Dubuque County, in 1855. He attended public schools and academy. In October, 1864, he became a member of Company M, Sixth Iowa Cavalry. In 1875 he removed to a farm in Cedar Township, Pocahontas County. He was a member of the county board of supervisors from 1883 to 1886, and in 1889 was elected representative from the Clay-Pocahontas district, serving in the Twenty-third General Assembly. He was again elected representative from Pocahontas County in 1906 and served in the Thirty-second General Assembly. In 1890 he helped organize the Farmers Mutual Insurance Company of Pocahontas County and was connected with it until the time of his death.

Department of Iowa
Grand Army of the Republic

Veteran's name Mercer, James

War

Residence

Battles, etc.

Occupation Farmer

Nearest relatives

Date birth Apr 26, 1846 Place Canada

Father

Nativity

Date death J1 21, 1918 Place Fonda, Iowa
Cause Cedar Cemetery Place burial "

Mother

Nativity

War record Prvt. M 6 Iowa Cav.

Wife

Rank Company Regiment State Organization
Age 18. Res. Dubuque Co., nat. Canada

Children

Enlisted Oct 18, must Nov 7, 1864
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Ralph J

Fonda, Iowa
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Must out Oct 17, 1865, Sioux City,
Iowa

Sources

Ex-Soldiers Living Iowa 1886: Mercer, Jas
res. Fonda/ Roster Iowa Soldiers

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Department of Iowa
Grand Army of the Republic

Veteran's name Mercer, James

Record Membership and Dues Paid

Offices of honor in G. A. R.

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Reinst. 2nd Term 1897; Sus. 1st Term 1906;
Cd. 2nd Term 1913;

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You searched for **James Mercer** in **Iowa**

U.S. Civil War Soldiers, 1861-1865

Name: **James Mercer**
Side: **Union**
Regiment: **Iowa**
State/Origin:
Regiment Name: **6 Iowa Cavalry**
Expanded:
Regiment Name: **6th Regiment, Iowa Cavalry**
Expanded:
Company: **M**
Rank In: **Private**
Rank In Expanded: **Private**
Rank Out: **Private**
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Film Number: **M541 roll 18**

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U.S. Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles

Name: **James Mercer**
Residence: **Dubuque County, Iowa**
Age at enlistment: **18**
Enlistment Date: **18 Oct 1864**
Rank at enlistment: **Private**
State Served: **Iowa**
Survived the War?: **Yes**
Service Record: **Enlisted in [Company M, Iowa 6th Cavalry Regiment](#) on 07 Nov 1864.
Mustered out on 17 Oct 1865 at Sioux City, IA.**
Birth Date: **abt 1846**
Sources: **Roster & Record of Iowa Soldiers in the War of Rebellion**

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You searched for **James Mercer** in **Iowa**

1900 United States Federal Census

Name: **James Mercer**
 Home in 1900: **Cedar, Pocahontas, Iowa**
 [Fonda, Pocahontas, Iowa]
 Age: **53**
 Birth Date: **Apr 1847**
 Birthplace: **Canada Eng**
 [Canada English]
 Race: **White**
 Gender: **Male**
 Relationship to head-of-house: **Head**
 Father's Birthplace: **Canada Eng**
 Mother's Birthplace: **Canada Eng**
 Spouse's Name: **Annie Mercer**
 Marriage year: **1872**
 Marital Status: **Married**
 Years married: **28**
 Occupation: [View on Image](#)
 Neighbors: [View others on page](#)

Household Members:	Name	Age
	James Mercer	53
	Annie Mercer	55
	Effie Mercer	26
	Nellie Mercer	24
	Lena Mercer	22
	May Mercer	20
	Cora Mercer	18
	Rollen Mercer	14
	Ralph Mercer	11

Source Citation: Year: 1900; Census Place: Cedar, Pocahontas, Iowa; Roll: T623_452; Page: 15B; Enumeration District: 161.

Source Information:



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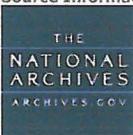
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1910 United States Federal Census													
Name:	James Mercer [James Marcer]												
Age in 1910:	64												
Estimated Birth Year:	1846												
Birthplace:	Canada English [Canada]												
Relation to Head of House:	Head [Self (Head)]												
Father's Birth Place:	Scotland												
Mother's Birth Place:	Scotland												
Spouse's Name:	Anna Mercer												
Home in 1910:	Cedar, Pocahontas, Iowa												
Marital Status:	Married												
Race:	White												
Gender:	Male												
Year of immigration:	1852												
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Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925

Name: **James Mercer**
 Birth Year: **abt 1847**
 Birth Place: **Canada**
 Gender: **Male**
 Race: **White**
 Marital Status: **Married**
 Census Date: **1915**
 Residence state: **Iowa**
 Residence County: **Pocahontas**
 Locality: **Cedar**
 Mother's Birthplace: **Scotland**
 Father's Birthplace: **Scotland**
 Roll: **IA1915_387**
 Line: **328**
 Neighbors: [View others on page](#)

Household Members:	Name	Age
	James Mercer	68

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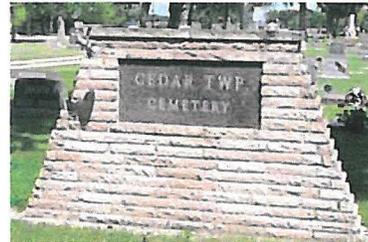
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He cut the stone in the old bridge that still spans the Maquoketa, and for St Martin's church torn down 19 years before 1918, also the B F Crawford residence in East Cascade, which was the Mercer home, and the Byum residence on the Eastside.

As a Frontier Soldier, James participated in the frontier warfare against the Indians. On October 28, 1864, in Dubuque county, James became a member of Co. M 6th Iowa Calvary and spent the ensuing winter at Fort Randall, Dakota territory, accompanying the command under Gen. Sully in the expedition to Devil' Lake region during the summer of 1865. Later, he spent some time at Fort Berthold and Yankton, and on October 17, 1865, at Sioux City was mustered out with his regiment having spent one year in service.

James purchased the land that became the family farm from the United States Government in 1875. It is the northwest quarter of Section 35, Cedar Township, one mile southeast of Fonda.

He was the adjutant of the Fonda, IA G.A.R. post in 1895.

Family links:

Parents:

[Andrew Mercer \(1812 - 1868\)](#)
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