

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Weeks, Albert Wright Senator _____

Represented Guthrie County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 7 Oct 1850 Painesville, Lake County, Ohio

2. Marriage (s) date place
① Lorena W. Bowen 2 June 1878 Guthrie County, Iowa
② Jennie Barbara Biggs 17 Mar 1887 Guthrie County, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:
A. Business Was secretary of the National Republican League
1902-1906; passed the bar exam for Iowa in 1875
B. Civic responsibilities I.O.O.F.; Mason; Knights of Pythias
Lions Club
C. Profession Lawyer; teacher; supply store

4. Church membership Methodist Episcopal

5. Sessions served 30th, 31st, 32nd General Assemblies 1904, 1906, 1907

6. Public Offices
A. Local _____
B. State _____

C. National He was a delegate to the National Republican Convention in 1884.
in 1866 he was an alternate delegate to the National Republican Convention that
elected Abraham Lincoln as President of the United States

7. Death 17 Dec 1932 Ottumwa, Iowa; buried Union Cemetery, Guthrie County, Iowa

8. Children By 1st wife - Lorena (Mrs. Jill) Henry (he succeeded his father in death); by
2nd wife - Sittie Biggs (succeeded his father in death); Albert Wright

9. Names of parents Larry and Sarah (Remilla) Wright Weeks

10. Education He was educated in the district school in the
winter; in 1870-1871 he attended a few terms at
McLain's Academy at Iowa City, Iowa

11. Degrees Attended University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, graduating in
June 1873 - LL.B. degree

12. Other applicable information Republican

- In 1855 the family moved to Iowa settling on land purchased from the government in Brown Township in Iowa County, Iowa.
- He spent 1873-1874 in the law office of Yocum, Anderson and Robb at Albia, Iowa.
- In 1874 he moved to David City, Nebraska. In the following May he returned to Iowa, taught school in winter 1875-1876.
- He moved to Guthrie Center, Iowa in May 1876 and began practicing law.
- His first wife, Lena, born circa 1858 in Siles, Pennsylvania, died 13 Nov 1884.
- His second wife, Jennie, born 1861 in Geneva, Illinois, died 1912. Both wives buried in Union Cemetery, Guthrie Center, Iowa.

E. W. WEEKS DIED

Notable Career Is Ended In Peaceful Sleep; Age 82 Years

FUNERAL SERVICE WILL BE HELD TODAY, THURSDAY, AT THE METHODIST CHURCH IN GUTHRIE CENTER.

Elbert Wright Weeks, 82, for fifty-five years a prominent citizen of Guthrie Center, answered the final summons of the Eternal Reaper Saturday afternoon, December 17th, at about 5:30 o'clock, while sitting at his writing desk in his room at the Masonic Sanitarium at Beltsford, Iowa. He had been out for an enjoyable afternoon walk and had returned to his study and was engaged in writing when the end came. At six o'clock an attendant at the sanitarium called at his door to announce that the evening meal was served, and, receiving no response, opened the door to find Mr. Weeks resting his head on his arm, pen in hand, on his desk, as though asleep. But the spirit of this notable man had gone to the Home for which he had long been preparing.

It was only about a month ago that Mr. Weeks had entered the sanitarium, and he had written friends here that he was enjoying the beautiful surroundings and the service there, and was happy in his work of completing the final proofs of his book, which will be published in the coming two weeks. This book, the title of which is "A Record; History, Biography, Memory, Pioneer times and Peoples, Guthrie Center, Iowa," is in type form and nearly ready for the press runs. A special story regarding it will be published in The Guthrie in the very near future.

The passing of Mr. Weeks was a great surprise to his wide circle of friends, as he had been quite well and seemed destined to be with us for some years. Yet his death was ideal in its setting of tranquillity and was as though he had become tired after his writing and had fallen asleep.

No more fitting story of his life could be presented on the pages of The Guthrie than that penned by Mr. Weeks himself as a preface to his forthcoming book. It recites incidents and facts known only by him. A portion of this preface is given as follows:

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occupied one was bought and its hickory logs, and oak clapboards were brought and put together upon the prairie land. Its walls were reinked, and the hand made clap boards relaid for its roof. Mother caught the water from the leaks in pans and tubs and swept up the snow that sifted in through its open spaces. It was not until March, 1857, the family took possession of their pioneer home.

The farm program was work, everybody busy, frugality, sober, earnest thought and conduct, district school, posts and rails, and stove wood during the winter followed by breaking the prairie, fencing, piling and burning roots, planting and harvesting.

It was the time of the hickory shirt, blue denim breeches, home-made straw hat. It was sixty years before we had reached the high, cultivated and civilized level of pajamas, B. V. D's, and six-fingered gloves. The saucer and knife were the ranking tools of the service. Mother's cooking was the only domestic method of food production. Three

Music Contest Will Feature F Bureau Annual Convention

AT THE SHRINE TEMPLE IN DES MOINES ON JANUARY 18, 19 AND 20 1933.

Early entry of Farm Bureau music groups in three major state contests to be held at the state convention of the organization at the Shrine Temple, Des Moines, January 18, 19 and 20, has assured officials of plenty of music for the three days.

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I was born near Painesville, Lake county, Ohio, October 7, 1850. My ancestry was of the common country folk, familiar with agricultural labor and rural life. In the early fifties, father made an excursion into the great undeveloped West, having in mind a new home, self-owned, more room, employment and keep for the increasing household. His first stop was at Iowa City, the capital city of a state four years old; its first governor—Hon. Ansell Briggs, completing his administration.

A new capitol, remarkable for its plain substantial architectural lines, stood majestic, attractive, and imposing on a high bluff overlooking the surrounding country, imparting to beholders the inspiration and thought of a metropolis.

State highways, mail and stage routes extended from this, the capital city, to the great unfiled West, over which passengers, freight, and mail were transported to the scattered towns, settlements and unoccupied regions of the interior.

Father ventured afoot from Iowa City over the Montazuma and Oskaloosa State Highway, as it extended west across the "Welch Hills" to the Sehoorn settlement, where it entered the valley of Old Man's Creek, which it followed into and across Green township, Iowa county.

On this journey of exploration, his second stop was at the first stage station, twenty miles west from Iowa City; it was the pioneer home of Edward Ricord, whose extensive holdings were part timber and part prairie.

Ricord talked the "Yank" from the "Western Reserve" (Northern Ohio) into preempting prairie, (Mesa) land, the "Yank" thought he must have timber land, but was satisfied with a cheap forty of Ricord's timber, and preempted a tract of three forties of brush and prairie land, the timber forty was detached from the other forties. These tracts were the pioneer farm holdings of the Weeks' in Green township, Iowa county, Iowa.

Some years later an adjoining forty was bought from the Rev. Geo. Litzenberg.

The Weeks' migration in 1855 to Iowa was Henry and Sarah Weeks with their children: Amelia, Elbert and Milford. The family lived a while in a log cabin belonging to Ricord, and two winters in the Britton cabin, here Nettie was born, Jessie and Mary were born after the family moved upon the farm. In those primitive times, away from the timber it was difficult to get a cabin, finally an un-

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In the late sixties, having completed the district school curriculum of McGuffey's reader, Pineo's grammar, Ray's arithmetic, and Noah Webster's blue speller, I obtained two semesters of high school work and a period of review at McClain's Academy at Iowa City. I taught a winter term of the McArtor District school, which brought me to the middle of June, 1872, moneyless and jobless.

I hired to Nels Mills on the Chauncey Price farm, south of Amana eight miles, during the months of July and August that year at \$26.00 per month. September 1st he paid me \$51.50 I had drawn 50 cents to go to Yankee Robinson's circus at Marengo during the two months. Gum, gas, laundry and barber bills were unknown expenditures to a farm hand who was earning \$1.00 per day, harvesting, haying and threshing during those busy months.

I entered the law department of the Iowa State University in September, 1872 and graduated therefrom the following June. The degree of L. L. B. was conferred upon me and I was sworn in as a member of the Iowa Bar.

I spent the winter of 1873-4 in a law office in Albia, Iowa, the winter of 1874-5 in Davis City, Nebraska, the winter of 1875-6 at home, and taught my second term of the McArtor school.

I located at Guthrie Center in May, 1875. The place was an unincorporated settlement in the territory of Center township and was the county seat of Garfield county, 14 miles from the nearest railroad, in the midst of a sparsely settled agricultural region, its highways "headed the sloughs" and followed the ridges. Its world contract was limited to one mail per day and the delivery of freight every other day from Guthrie switch (now Menio).

My location in this primitive community was final and permanent, and as a young man I resolved to participate in its affairs, of development and growth, and during all the fifty-five years of my domicile therein I have been intensely interest-

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Eight counties, Montgomery, Marion, Mahaska, Muscatine, Black Hawk, Keokuk, Marshall and Madison, have evidenced great interest in the women's quartet contest and will be among those participating.

Entries in the male quartet contest to date include Jasper and Madison county groups. A quartet from Jasper county won the state contest two years ago. Medals will be awarded the members of the winning quartets in each contest by the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation.

A fourth musical event will be the mass singing of the Farm Bureau Adult chorus composed of Farm Bureau members who have been interested in chorus singing in their own townships. It is expected that a chorus of several hundred will participate in this feature. In addition to the singing of this large group, the Polk county Farm Bureau chorus of sixty-five voices will also be featured on the program.

Preliminaries of the musical contest will be held on the opening morning of the state convention, Wednesday, January 18. Finals will be held in the afternoon to be followed with the announcement of the winning groups and the presentation of medals.

"We are planning a great three day convention this year and every indication points to an outstanding meeting," Chas. E. Hearst, president of the Iowa federation, stated today. "Contest entries have never come in so early in past years, and letters concerning special delegations indicate that farmers are more interested than ever in farm organization activities and in the problems which today confront the industry."

GEO. WESLEY BRANSON.

George Wesley Branson passed away at his home near Monteith Wednesday, December 14, at the age of 66 years, 2 months and 2 days.

Funeral services were conducted from the church in Monteith Sunday afternoon, December 18, by the Rev. Jones of Knoxville and interment was made in the Monteith cemetery.

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Our good friend, J. C. Botts of Woodstock, Ill., sends us copies of The Daily Sentinel of that city telling of the plight of the farmers in that section. Conditions certainly are astonishingly unfavorable at present, but we hope there will soon be a change. We do not figure it will be caused by any political moves, but by the return of confidence and a will to do things by the people of this section.

Of course the Omaha jury would not convict Tom Dennison, veteran politician and alleged gang leader. Such cases in court are a challenge to the free voters of this country. Sooner or later we are going to meet that challenge or let the gangsters rule the roost. The fight now for beer is the first step in the crusade to put the gangsters in control of the government.

Again The Guthrie wishes to express its disapproval of many of the present-day attempts to "cut out everything" in sight, to put people out of jobs on the pretext of economy. Reasonable economy is right and proper and this newspaper is practicing that very thing,—if not more so. But the public and the taxpayer must learn that we can not stop everything and keep right on going.

An effort is to be made to enact a law in the next legislature to permit municipalities to secure loans from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation for self-liquidating projects. We see in this a good chance to get our much needed extensions and improvements to the Guthrie Center water works system. Even if it is "all wet," we want it.

In a store the other day we ran across this notice pasted on the scales: "Use your own judgment. Our answer to the many inquiries of what frankfurters or any other sausage is made of that can be sold for 5 cents a pound when the price of ground meat is from 10 to 18 cents." Now what do you suppose, after using your own judgment?

Suggestion to apparently patriotic citizens: "Next time it snows, get out early and shovel off your sidewalks. You'll feel better and have a better appetite for the struggle you will have with the snow. And it is good exercise, anyway."

And now comes the packers of pork who claim the domestic allotment plan will cut the price of hogs. Not very much—there isn't much more to cut.

Nevertheless the sergeant at arms at the national capitol will let our Congressman Wearin in when the time comes.

Christmas comes but once a year,—and right now a lotta fellers are thankful for just that.

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ed and active in its welfare and social life. Opportunities for service and co-operation were ever present and ample, its churches, schools, fraternities, service groups and administrative needs were broad fields, beckoning for laborers.

The people and incoming settlers were the common, plebeian or proletariat of history. This class was so numerous, they were reckoned as God's favorites, it was this class that heard the Master "Gladly".

The endeavor to acquire and live, local pride, the mutual purposes of all, brought the people close, very close together, and the tragedies and joys of one fell upon all; each knew and took interest in all the others.

As this community moved across the years with its multiplied problems and obligations its members became comrades, friends, yea, dearer and closer, they were as members of a family circle. Fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, their plain faces and forms, in the radiant golden glow of memory stimulated by an affection and high regard becomes attractive and beautiful to the writer, who is thereby prompted to delay yet a little longer their passing.

Notwithstanding I may be charged with egotism, I cannot refrain from naming the high points in the record of my life. I do not include matters and events relating to my domestic and church activities. I do not plead merit, or deserving ability for being richly favored:

Graduation in law State University and admission to the bar—1873. My location at Guthrie Center, Iowa,—1876.

Delegate from the Seventh District of Iowa to Republican National Convention, the Blaine and Logan Convention—1884.

Grand Chancellor Knights of Pythias, Domain of Iowa, 1891-02.

Secretary National Republican League—1900-06.

A guest, with others of President Roosevelt, at dinner at the White House—1903.

Representative 30-31-32 and Extra G. A.—1904-7.

My bill, House file 40, introduced in January 1904 being the first move to put the highways of the state under scientific and departmental supervision.

My minority report and its adoption in March, 1904 against discontinuing and merging the Engineering Department of the State University with the one at the State College at Ames.

My Chairmanship of the Judiciary Committee of the 32nd General Assembly of Iowa.

Fifty-four years active practice of law at Guthrie Center, with one office change.

In closing I give expression to my amazement, gratitude and admiration for my time, place and parentage in the world's

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Weather Bureau Uses Apparatus

In the arctic wilderness of northern Alaska, there is little opportunity to retrieve sets of recording instruments sent up by balloons and let down by parachutes so the Weather Bureau is making use of an apparatus known as the radio meteorograph weighing slightly more than three pounds which automatically sends back to earth continuous radio signals showing the temperature and barometric pressure as the instruments go up and come down. These signals are received at the receiving station on the ground where the record is translated into terms intelligible to the average citizen.

These records are being obtained at the Coppermine station once each month. This station is important because it is in the path of winds from the arctic region which influence the climate of North America. Similar efforts are being made by other nations which will undoubtedly produce results valuable in weather forecasting in Iowa, according to Charles D. Reed, director of the Weather and Crop Bureau of the Iowa Department of Agriculture.

Horticultural Show Successful

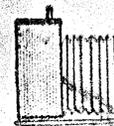
The Iowa State Horticultural Society, in reporting to the Department of Agriculture, states that the Ninth Mid-West Horticultural Exposition which was held at Marshalltown, Iowa, November 15 to 20, 1932, was attended by 9000 people and everyone was well pleased with the exhibits.

The quality of fruit, flowers, vegetables and garden exhibits were of a very high standard. There was a total of \$5,871.00 offered in premiums. Of this amount, 87% was awarded. There were entries from 11 states. Only 18.18% of the premiums were awarded to out of state exhibits, while Iowa won 81.82%.

More than ever The Guthrie is going to be YOUR newspaper;

life and great program. May worship and praises be unto Jehovah forever more.

Funeral services will be conducted from the Methodist Episcopal church in Guthrie Center Thursday, December 22, (today) at 2 p. m., by the pastor, Rev. John F. Rex, assisted by Rev. Alexander Wimberly of the Presbyterian church. Interment will occur in Union cemetery. The Masonic Order will have charge of the services at the grave. The body will lie in state at the church from 1 to 2 o'clock.



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been built in 1910. His annual shipments reach from forty to seventy-five carloads of corn, seventy-five to one hundred carloads of popcorn and forty to seventy-five carloads of oats. He also conducts a seed distributing station and he employs three men to handle the popcorn crop alone. While he gives the greater part of his attention to the grain trade he also buys live stock and annually ships from seventy-five to one hundred carloads of hogs. He is a man of marked energy, always ready to meet any emergency and finding correct solution for intricate business problems. In his vocabulary there is no such word as fail and obstacles and difficulties in his path seem but to serve as an impetus for renewed effort on his part.

On the 11th of June, 1896, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Petersmeyer and Miss Wilhelmina Meyer, a native of Missouri, and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Meyer. Her father was born in Germany and in young manhood became a resident of Missouri, whence he removed to Odebolt, Iowa, in 1894, since which time he has been a resident of Sac county.

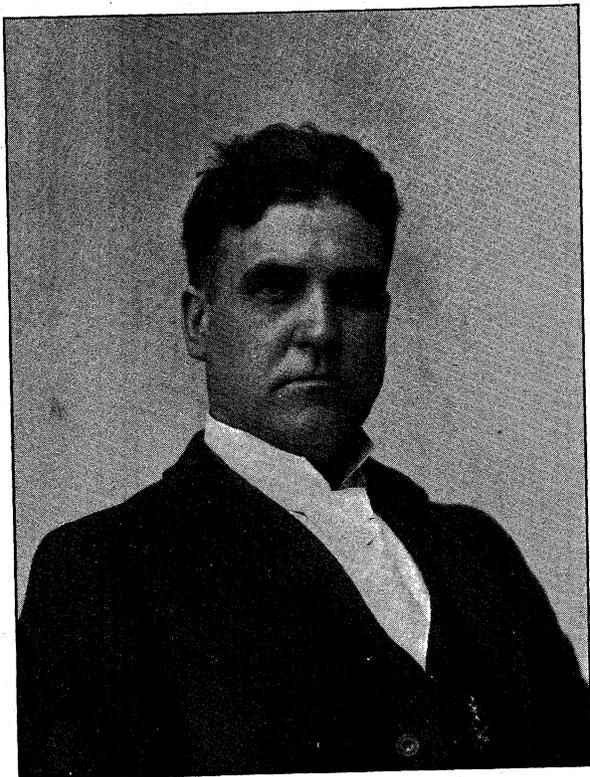
Mr. Petersmeyer votes with the republican party and is a firm believer in its principles but has never been an office seeker. He and his wife are helpful and generous members of the Methodist Episcopal church and at all times they stand for those forces which are most effective in promoting material, intellectual, social, political and moral progress.

HON. ELBERT W. WEEKS.

Hon. Elbert W. Weeks, of Guthrie Center, is a man ready to meet any emergency, whether in the trial of a case before the court, in the management of political affairs, in shaping the legislation of the state or in any other connection. He has been well trained in the school of experience and is well poised. He does not form his conclusions hastily but when he has determined that a course is the correct one to pursue he does not vacillate or waver in the slightest degree. During three sessions of the general assembly he represented his district in the house and he has been a leader in advanced movements for the betterment of the state along various lines of civic improvement.

Elbert W. Weeks was born October 7, 1850, in Lake county, Ohio, and his father, Henry Weeks, was a native of Long Island, New York, born in 1821. For a considerable period he lived in the Buckeye state but the greater part of his life has been passed in Iowa, where he has followed the occupation of farming. He wedded Miss Sarah Wright, a native of Canada, and they became the parents of six children, of whom four are yet living.

Elbert W. Weeks was only about five years of age when the family came to Iowa and in the common schools of Iowa county he pursued his early education; while later he had the privilege of attending McClain's Academy at Iowa City, in which he matriculated in 1870. He spent two and one-half terms in that institution and in 1872 became a law student in the State University of Iowa, from which he was graduated with the class of June, 1873. He further continued his preparation for the bar by reading law in the office of Yoakum, Anderson & Robb, attorneys of Albia, Iowa, for a year and on the expiration of that period he opened a law office in David City, Nebraska. After a brief period, however, he returned to this state



E. W. WEEKS.

and in May, 1876, took up his abode at Guthrie Center, where he entered into partnership with A. K. Updegraff, with whom he was associated, however, for less than a year. In 1879 he formed a partnership with Lyman Porter but after a year was alone in practice for some time. Later he was joined by his nephew, W. L. Ferson, in a partnership that continued for a year. Mr. Weeks was afterward associated with a Mr. Shultz for a year and since then has been a partner of Charles B. Hughes. His ability advanced him rapidly at the bar. He has an analytical mind and his discrimination as to the strong points of law and of evidence has brought him prominently before the courts as a successful practitioner. The thoroughness with which he prepares his cases has been one of the important elements in winning for him the many favorable verdicts that he has gained. He has a most attractive home in Guthrie Center and the city has ever found in him a stalwart champion of all those plans and measures which have to do with its upbuilding and advancement.

A contemporary writer said of Mr. Weeks in connection with his political activity: "From early manhood he has figured prominently in republican politics. In affairs of state, as taken aside from the extraordinary conditions of warfare, there are demanded men whose mental ken is as wide and whose generalship is as effective as those which insure successful maneuvering of armed forces by the skilled commander on the field of battle. The nation's welfare and prosperity may be said to hinge as heavily upon individual discrimination and executive ability in the one case as in the other. It requires a master mind to marshal and organize the forces for political purposes and produce the best results by concerted effort. Such a leader is found in Elbert W. Weeks, who may well be called one of the commanders of the republican party in Iowa. He has done much effective work in planning campaigns and in executing the actual routine service of office, which is so necessary to the conduct of campaigns. For six years he was secretary of the National Republican League. In connection with his political work he has become acquainted with many men of national prominence and has been entertained by President Roosevelt at Washington. Three years ago he was elected to represent the thirty-fifth district in the state legislature, where he served so acceptably that he was reelected in 1906. He served as chairman of the judiciary committee and on various other important committees and was connected with much valuable constructive legislation, while to each question which came up for settlement he gave earnest consideration, supporting various measures whose worth to the commonwealth has been proven." He remained a member of the house through three successive sessions of the general assembly and left the impress of his individuality upon various laws which were enacted and which have proven effective forces in upholding the interests of the commonwealth.

In June, 1878, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Weeks and Miss Lorena V. Bower, a native of Guthrie county, who died in 1884, leaving two children: Lena, now the wife of Jacob Till, of Independence, Iowa; and Henry J., who was cadet-at-large for Iowa at West Point. In 1887 Mr. Weeks wedded Jennie Biggs, a native of Illinois, and to them have been born two children, Seth and Wright.

Mr. Weeks holds membership with the Masons and has attained the Knight Templar degree in the York Rite. He is also connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is a prominent representative of the Knights of Pythias, in which he served for a year as grand chancellor of Iowa. Those who know Mr.

Weeks personally appreciate his geniality and unfeigned cordiality and admire him for his marked ability and devotion to the public good. He is a leader of public thought and action in his county. He has made the practice of law his real life work and has conducted important litigation in the federal and state courts with gratifying success, winning well earned fame and distinction. He has much natural ability but is withal a hard student and is never content until he has mastered every detail of his cases. What he does is for the best interests of his clients and for the honor of his profession and no man gives to either a more unqualified allegiance or riper ability.

THOMAS DOVE FOSTER.

The general public and the press were united in the opinion that when Thomas Dove Foster passed away on the 20th of July, 1915, Ottumwa lost one of its most valued, prominent and honored citizens. He was so closely associated with the community in its material and moral progress that the news of his demise carried with it a sense of personal bereavement throughout the entire city and, in fact, wherever he was known. The story of his life is the story of English thrift and business sagacity grafted on western energy and enterprise. The wisdom and determination with which he pushed his way along is a study for American youths, but business activity constituted only one feature of his career. The simplicity and beauty of his daily life as seen in his home and family relations constituted an even balance to his splendid business ability. Moreover, the motive power of his career was found in his Christian faith and the teachings of the church were those that guided him in every relation. The influence which he exerted was always one for good and there are many who have reason to bless him for the timely word of encouragement and cheer which he spoke or for the substantial assistance which he rendered in an hour of need.

Mr. Foster was born at Bradford, Yorkshire, England, November 25, 1847, a son of William and Mary (Morrell) Foster. His education was acquired in public and private schools of England and Ireland, but he did not graduate. However, the honorary degree of LL. D. was conferred upon him by Lenox College of Hopkinton, Iowa, in 1906. His initial step in the business world was made in connection with the pork-packing business and general merchandising at Castlecomer, in County Kilkenny, Ireland, under his father, and he was employed by the firm of John Morrell & Company of Liverpool, England, in August, 1865. After three years spent in the firm's employ at Liverpool he was transferred by the company to the New York branch in July, 1868, and, advancing steadily from one position to another of greater importance and responsibility, he came, in April, 1872, to the position of general manager of the firm's business in the United States and Canada. In May, 1893, he was further advanced, becoming chairman of John Morrell & Company, Limited, which position he filled to the time of his death, and in that connection he directed the policies and interests of the business on this side of the Atlantic, bending his efforts to administrative direction and executive control. Constant activity in the direction of the company's multiplicity of affairs, with which he was engaged early and late and every day, often taking him on long and arduous

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HONORABLE ELBERT WRIGHT WEEKS

MR. SPEAKER: I esteem it a privilege to speak a few words in commemoration of the life and works of my good friend, Elbert Wright Weeks, late of Guthrie county, Iowa.

Elbert Wright Weeks, son of Henry and Sarah Weeks, was born near Painsville, Ohio, October 7, 1850, and passed away in the Masonic Sanitarium at Bettendorf, Iowa, on December 17, 1932, at the age of 82 years, 2 months and 10 days.

In 1855, Mr. Weeks, with his father, mother, sister, Amelia, and brother, Milford, came to Iowa, locating in the county of Iowa. Later three other sisters joined the family circle: Nettie, Jessie and Mary.

Mr. Weeks received his education in the rural schools of Iowa county and from the State University of Iowa from which institution he received his law degree in 1873.

In the spring of 1876 he selected Guthrie Center as the location in which he chose to continue his law practice and make his home. He married on June 2, 1878, Lorena Bower of Guthrie Center, to which union two children were born: Lena and Henry J. Mrs. Weeks died March 13, 1884.

In 1887 Mr. Weeks again married, his second union being with Jennie Biggs. To this union were born two children: Seth B. and E. Wright. In 1910 he was again called upon to surrender his companion to death.

The members of his immediate family who are left to mourn his death are his daughter, Lena Till of Des Moines, and son, E. Wright of Hollywood, California; Seth and Henry both preceded him in death several years ago; also six grandchildren: Polly Marie Weeks of Washington, D. C.; Margaret Jane Burson of Des Moines, Iowa; Elbert Wright, Jr., Henry John and Nancy Bell Weeks of Hollywood, California; Lorena Haggerty and Marguerite Haggerty, a great grandchild, all of Des Moines, Iowa, and his sisters, Mrs. Jessie Ferree of Des Moines, and Mrs. Nettie Talbot of Pasadena, California, besides a host of other relatives and friends.

Mr. Weeks was an enthusiastic member of the Methodist Episcopal church, at times filling the pulpit in the absence of the pastor. He was a member of the I. O. O. F. for more than fifty years and affiliated with the A. F. & A. M. for nearly fifty years, in which brotherhood he attained the Knights Templar. He was also a prominent member of the Knights of Pythias and a member of the Guthrie Center Lions Club.

Honorable E. W. Weeks was a member of the Thirtieth, Thirty-first, Thirty-second, Thirty-second Extra General Assemblies from Guthrie county of the House of Representatives in the State of Iowa. Concerning his activities in the political life of the county and state the following excerpt is taken from "Past and Present of Guthrie County, Iowa," published in 1907 by the S. J. Clark Publishing Company of Chicago, which contains biographical sketches of prominent and leading citizens:

"Elbert Wright Weeks may well be called one of the commanders of the Republican party of Iowa. He has done much effective work in planning campaigns and in executing the actual routine service of office, which is so necessary in the conduct of campaigns. For six years he was secretary of the National Republican League, in connection with his

political work he became acquainted with many men of national prominence and was entertained at Washington by President Theodore Roosevelt. In 1903 he was elected to represent the district in the state legislature. During his term in office he served as chairman of the judiciary committee and was connected with much valuable legislation."

The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. John R. Rex and Rev. Alexander Wimberly, assisted by the Masonic Order. Interment was made in the Union Cemetery near Guthrie Center.

Thus we chronicle the ending of a beautiful life that is gone from our midst. He established a pioneer home and did much to build up our county and state. During his fifty-five years' experience in law practice he made many acquaintances all over the land, from north to south and from east to west, who deeply appreciated his friendship and judgment. At the time of his death the sun was just sinking in the west, the week had drawn to its close, his book commemorating the lives and works of prominent citizens of Guthrie county had just been completed and his earthly life ended almost at the close of the year.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Forty-fifth General Assembly, That in the passing of the Honorable Elbert Wright Weeks the state has lost a valuable citizen, and this House by this resolution tenders its sympathy to the family surviving him; and

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the Journal of the House and the Chief Clerk of the House be instructed to have an enrolled copy sent to the family.

R. ARNO PEET,
BLAKE WILLIS,
T. G. JENSEN,

Committee.

Unanimously adopted April 11, 1933.

HONORABLE HENRY LUSK WILSON

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare memorial resolutions commemorating the life, character and public services of the Honorable Henry Lusk Wilson, a former member of the General Assembly of Iowa, begs leave to submit the following:

Henry Lusk Wilson was born July 12, 1858, in Crystal township, Tama county, Iowa. He was the son of West and Margaret Drynam Wilson.

Mr. Wilson received his education in the district schools in Crystal township and in the public schools and private academy in Traer. He entered the livestock business, first in Beaman, Gladbrook and Manly, then in January of 1883 he located permanently in Osage, Iowa, fifty years ago.

He was married April 30, 1895, to Ethel Lovejoy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Lovejoy of Rock township. Besides his wife he is survived by four children, Mary Young of Waukee, Margaret DeLaney of Stacyville, Katherine Twomey of Osage, and Henry Lovejoy Wilson of West Lafayette, Indiana. There are three grandchildren, Elizabeth and Frank Wilson Young and Richard DeLaney.

Mr. Wilson had twelve brothers and sisters. Those living are Jane

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of Iowa, and now a member of the board of supervisors of this county), he commenced selling merchandise at Algona. In 1868, Francis C. Rist, a brother-in-law and a pioneer of 1855, entered the firm. In January, 1870, Mr. Smith sold out his interest, and entered the banking business in company with Capt. Wm. H. Ingham, as president, and Lewis H. Smith, as cashier, which has been continued to this time with the largest line of depositors and business of any bank in the county. He has always been a republican in politics, was a member of the state republican central committee in 1858-59-60, and was secretary of state conventions in those years. He was made a Mason in 1867, in Prudence Lodge No. 205, and was master of the lodge three years; also a companion in Prudence Chapter No. 70. He is also a Knight Templar in Esdraelon Commandery No. 52, of Estherville, Iowa. He does not belong to any church, but attends the Congregational church, where his wife is a regular member. He was trustee of Algona college from its inception in 1870 to its dissolution. Commencing in 1878, he was a member of the board of trustees of the Insane Hospital at Independence, serving twelve years, being president of the board eight years.

He was married in August, 1857, to Abbie M. Rist, daughter of Hon. Luther Rist, formerly of Whitenville, Mass., and a pioneer of Kossuth county of 1866. She died in 1866, leaving four children, Mary A., Nellie E., Fannie S., and Edward L., the last named being now dead.

He was married the second time in 1872, to Eugenia Rist, widow of Francis C. Rist, who was a son of Luther Rist, above named, and a pioneer of 1855. She had at that time three children, Charles W., Hiram E. and Dick, who are still living. The children by the last marriage are Mabel F., Ruby E., and Hortense M., all of whom are now living.

WEEKS, ELBERT WRIGHT, a lawyer and successful republican politician, of Guthrie Center, is a familiar figure in republican conventions, state and national, and has been an important factor in the politics of his state. Possibly this may be accounted for in part by the fact that he was born in Ohio. That event, which gave to the world a man of worth and to many, a royal, true friend, occurred in Lake county, Ohio, October 7, 1850. His parents were Henry Weeks, a farmer, born on Long Island, and Sarah A. Wright, his wife, a native of Canada. In 1856 the family removed to Green township, Iowa county, Iowa, and settled on a farm. The son, Elbert, had about the same experiences as other farmers' boys, doing his share of the farm work during the busy seasons and going to school when he could be spared. He was an industrious boy, picking up a

dollar whenever he could by extra work for neighbors, making rails or doing whatever offered. Largely by his own efforts he attended the State university and graduated from the law department in June, 1873, locating for the practice of his profession in Guthrie Center, May, 1876. Mr. Weeks has always been active in politics. He is naturally adapted to it, for he knows how to make friends and to hold them. Always ready to help others, it is to be expected that he would be selected for political honors, as he has been several times. He was a delegate to the republican national convention in 1884 and an alternate in 1888. He was one of the organizers



of the republican state and national leagues and has been a delegate from Iowa to nearly all the national conventions of the league for ten years. He was assistant secretary of the convention in Milwaukee in 1896. He was elected state secretary of the republican league in 1895 and held the office several years. He has been regarded as a congressional probability in the Ninth district for several years. Mr. Weeks belongs to the Odd Fellows' Encampment, is a Knight Templar in Masonry, and was grand chancellor of the Knights of Pythias of Iowa for 1891 and 1892. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He was married June 2, 1878, to Miss Lorena

Bower: Two children were born to them: Lena, born January 3, 1880, and Henry, born March 2, 1884. Mrs. Weeks died March 13, 1884, and Mr. Weeks was again married March 17, 1887, to Miss Jennie Biggs. They have two children: Seth, born December 15, 1887, and Wright, Jr., born January 27, 1890. Successful in his profession, with a happy home and a multitude of friends, Mr. Weeks is what people call "comfortably fixed in life."

HARRIS, ROBERT HENRY, usually called "Bob Harris," of Missouri Valley, Harrison county, editor of the Missouri Valley daily and weekly *Times*, is the son of Judge D. M. Harris. He was born in Williamsport, Maury county, Tenn., March 23, 1854. His mother's maiden name was Martha Minerva White. In 1854 his parents moved to Audubon county, Iowa, where his father became county judge, and served three terms in the Iowa state legislature. He was a candidate for lieutenant-governor on the democratic ticket in 1866, and afterward a candidate for congress on the democratic ticket from the Ninth congressional district, in both cases being defeated, as the state and district were both largely republican.

"Bob" Harris received a common school education in the district schools of the state. In 1863 his father commenced the publication of the *Guthrie County Ledger*, in the town of Panora, and the subject of this biography commenced at that early age, 9 years, to make himself useful in his father's office, and under the instruction of John McLune, foreman of the *Ledger*, he took his first lesson as a typo. In 1868 his parents moved to Missouri Valley, and his father established the *Harrisonian*, the first paper in this young city, where "Bob" became a leading hand in its publication, working in the office and attending school until 1872, when he went on a tramp, working in many offices throughout the country. During that year Judge Harris, the father, sold his paper, and went to Independence, Kan., and bought of V. B. Bennett, the *Kansas Democrat*, in which "Bob" became a typo and continued with his father, until 1874, when he returned with his parents to Iowa. During that year his father established the *Audubon County Defender*, at Exira, and he assisted in its publication. In 1875 they sold the *Defender* office and located in Atlantic, Cass county, Iowa, and established the *Cap Sheaf*, a weekly paper,

and in 1876 sold the *Cap Sheaf*, and returned to Missouri Valley and bought the *Missouri Valley Times*. They conducted this paper under the firm name of D. M. Harris & Sons until 1894, when "Bob" bought the entire outfit, and became its editor and publisher. It is one of the leading papers of the west. His first and last dollar was made in the profession of printer, having learned the entire business from A to X, to editor and publisher, and never engaged in any other business.

Mr. Harris has always been a democrat, having been born of democratic stock, and having been engaged in publishing a democratic paper from childhood. He is well fitted to fight the battles of the party in a state in which democracy is in the minority, being aggressive and fearless. He has



never held nor has he sought any public office. He has been a Mason from early manhood and also belongs to several other social orders. He was married in Audubon county, Iowa, on September 15, 1874, to Miss Frances Chapman. They have had four children born to them, three of whom are living, viz: Frank, born March 12, 1876, is a musician of note, having studied his profession in Berlin, Germany, for two years; Earl R., born October 5, 1878, who is now local editor of the *Daily Times*, and Della, born December 1, 1884.

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profession, and he has a genius for hard work, which was largely developed by his being early thrown upon his own resources. In his practice he was successful, but always found more satisfaction in, and felt himself better adapted to, the work of an adviser or counselor than that of a general practitioner. Careful, conservative, conscientious, judicial and withal practical in his views and opinions, it was both natural and fitting that he should be called to the high office he now holds as Judge of the Fifteenth Judicial District of Iowa. He was appointed to this office by Governor Shaw, September 1, 1900, to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of Hon. Walter I. Smith, and at the general election on November 6, following, was elected to fill out the unexpired term. In political faith Judge Wheeler has always been a Republican. He is a member of the Masonic order, and as a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows has filled numerous offices in the local lodge and been active and prominent in its work.

On April 4, 1888, Mr. Wheeler married Miss Helen E. McCune, of Solon, Iowa, and they have two children—Bertha, eleven years old, and Gertrude, aged six. Both Judge and Mrs. Wheeler are active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

ELBERT W. WEEKS.

GUTHRIE CENTER.

The subject of this sketch, who ranks among the successful lawyers of Iowa, and who is recognized as a progressive and wide-awake citizen of his city, is a native of Lake county, Ohio, and was born October 2, 1850. He is a son of Henry and Sarah (Wright) Weeks, the former a farmer by occupation and a native of New York, and the latter a native of Canada. They settled in Iowa in 1856, and are still living, in Iowa county.

Elbert spent his early life, until he began his professional studies, on the farm with his father, and besides the district schools attended McClain's Academy at Iowa City. He took his law course at the Iowa City Law School, and in 1873 received from it the degree of Bachelor of Laws. The same year of his graduation he was licensed to practice at Iowa City, and then spent one year in the law office of Messrs. Yocum, Anderson & Robb at Albia, Iowa. Going thence to Nebraska,

he spent one year there, and in 1876 settled at Guthrie Center, where he has continued till the present time (1900), conducting his constantly growing practice alone, with the exception of the first year, when he was in partnership with Mr. A. K. Updegraff, and the year 1879, when he was associated as a partner with Mr. Lyman Porter. His practice has been limited to no special line, but has been general in character, and there have been few cases of note before the courts of his county with which he has not been connected, and he has been both professionally and financially successful.

Mr. Weeks has given considerable attention to political matters, and is prominent in the councils of the Republican party. He was a delegate to the National Republican convention in 1886 that nominated Mr. James G. Blaine for the Presidency, and is now secretary of the Republican League of Iowa, and assistant secretary of the National Republican League.

Mr. Weeks stands high in Masonic circles, is a Noble of the Mystic Shrine and a Knights Templar, and is also a member of Knights of Pythias, in which he has filled all the chairs of the subordinate lodge, and served the order as grand chancellor, 1891 and 1892. He is a trustee of Simpson College at Indianola. In religious belief he is a Methodist.

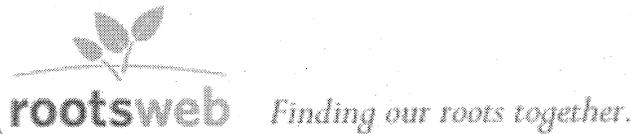
In 1878, at Guthrie Center, he married Miss Lorena V. Bower, who died in March, 1884, leaving two children, Lena and Henry. In 1887 he married Miss Jennie Biggs of Guthrie Center, by whom also he has two children, Seth and E. Wright.

EBENEZER E. McELROY.

OTTUMWA.

Ebenezer E. McElroy, Ottumwa, was born in Greenfield, Ohio, February 16, 1849. His parents were Thomas G. and Esther K. McElroy; the father was a farmer, as were all his ancestors, and comes of Scotch-Irish descent.

For three years our subject pursued a course at the South Salem (Ohio) Academy, and, for a like period, was a student at Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y. He graduated from the latter in the class of 1872.



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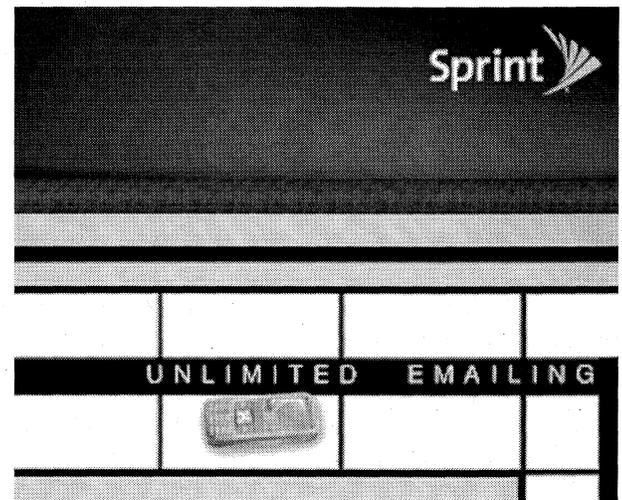
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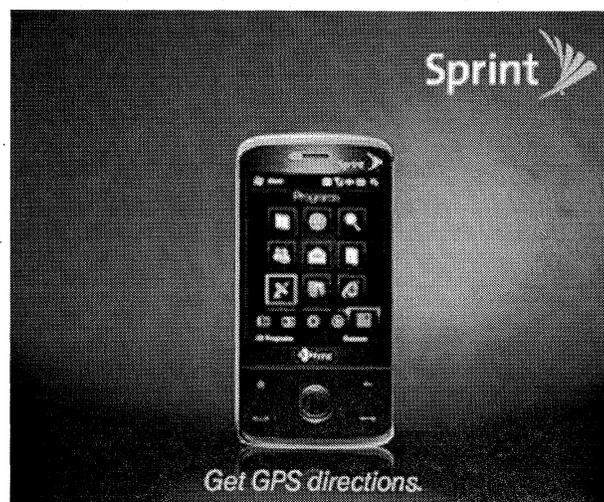
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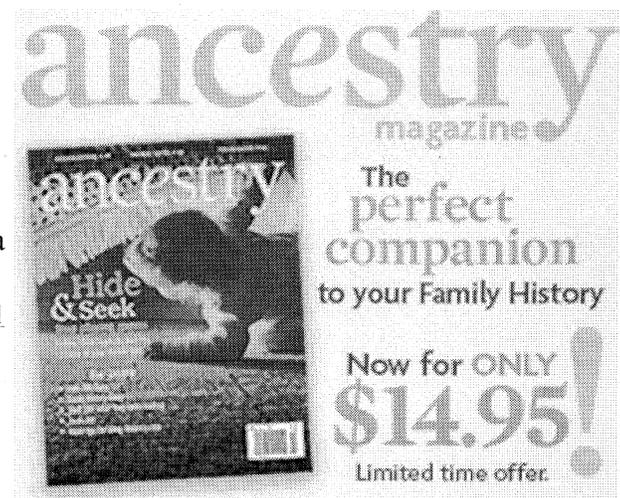
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- *ID:* I11636
- *Name:* Elbert Wright WEEKS
- *Surname:* Weeks
- *Given Name:* Elbert Wright
- *Sex:* M
- *Birth:* 7 Oct 1850 in Painesville, Ohio ¹
- *Death:* 17 Dec 1932 in Masonic Sanitarium, Bettendorf, Iowa ¹
of Failing Health
- *Burial:* 22 Dec 1932 Union Cemetary, Guthrie Center, Iowa ¹
- *_UID:* 265360331D648C44BCC6DD69BCFF7887DF81
- *Occupation:* 1873 passed the Bar Exam ¹
- *Event:* Appointed 1877 Secretary of the School Board ¹
- *Event:* Guest 1903 president Teddy Roosevelt at White House ¹
- *Event:* Representative BET 1904 AND 1908 General Assembly of Iowa ¹
- *Religion:* BET 1891 AND 1892 Grand Chancellor - Knights of Pythias, Iowa ¹
- *Religion:* Masons - is a Knight Templar ¹
- *Religion:* Odd Fellows Encampment ^{1 1}
- *Change Date:* 18 Nov 2007 at 08:24:40



Marriage 1 [Lorena V. BOWER](#) b: ABT 1858 in Salem , Pennsylvania

- *Married:* 3 Jun 1878 in Guthrie Center, Iowa ¹
- *Event:* Minister Jun 1878 in Rev. a.J. Delano performed the ceremony

Children

1.  Lena WEEKS b: 3 Jan 1880 in Guthrie Center, Iowa
2.  Henry John WEEKS Lt.Col. John Henry Weeks b: 2 Mar 1884 in Guthrie Center, Iowa

Marriage 2 Spouse Unknown

- *Married:* 17 Mar 1887 in Guthrie Center, Iowa ¹

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