

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Burt, Myron Leroy Senator _____
Represented Taylor County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 24 June 1878 near Wimons, Marshall
County, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Mabel K. Keith 17 Sept 1901 Illinois

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities T.O.O.F.; Knights of Pythias

C. Profession Electrical engineer

4. Church membership Christian

5. Sessions served 33rd General Assembly 1909; 35th General Assembly 1913

6. Public Offices

A. Local _____

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 25 Feb 1938 near Belvidere, Illinois; buried

8. Children Myron Leroy, Jr.; Robert L.

9. Names of parents Joseph Frank and Margaret Jane (Franklin) Burt

10. Education He attended school at Rockford, Illinois until 1890,
he graduated from high school at Dighton,
Kansas in 1897.

11. Degrees He completed a course of study in Electrical Engineering
in the Scranton School of Correspondence

12. Other applicable information Republican

- In 1887 he moved with his parents to Rockford, Illinois where
they lived 4 years.
- In 1890 they moved to Dighton, Lane County, Kansas
- From 1892-1897 he worked after school and Saturdays in a
printing office learning the printers trade
- In summer 1897 he was hired by The Kansas City Journal. He
stayed there a short while going from there to Rockford Edison
Company.
- He worked there until 1902 when he engaged in the electric
lighting business at Bedford in Taylor County, Iowa under the
name of Bedford Light, Heat and Power Company
- His wife, Mabel, born 1879, died 1964, buried Fairview Cemetery,
Bedford, Iowa.



Myron L. Burt
of Bedford

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Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925

Name: **Myron L Burt**
 Census Date: 1 Jan 1925
 Residence County: Union
 Residence State: Iowa
 Locality: Creston
 Birth Location: Iowa
 Marital Status: Single
 Gender: Male
 Birth Year: abt 1907
 Race: White
 Relation to Head: Son
 Mother: Mabel Keith
 [Molle Burt]
 Mother's Birth Year: abt 1880
 Mother's Birthplace: Illinois
 Father: M L Burt
 Father's Birth Year: abt 1879
 Father's Birthplace: Illinois
 Marriage Place: Illinois
 Line: 24
 Roll: IA1925_1963

Neighbors:

Houschold Members:	Name	Age
	M L Burt	46
	Molle Burt	45
	Myron L Burt	18
	Robert L Burt	14

Source Information:

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Description:

This database contains Iowa state censuses for the following years: 1856, 1885, 1895, 1905, 1915, and 1925. It also includes some head of household censuses and other special censuses from 1836-1897. Information available for an individual will vary according to the census year and the information recorded.

HISTORY
OF
TAYLOR COUNTY
IOWA

FROM THE EARLIEST HISTORIC TIMES TO 1910

By FRANK E. CROSSON

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several years but is now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Keenan lost their only child, Hugh, who died when but eleven months old.

Mr. Keenan has been a life long democrat but would never consent to hold public office, preferring to give his attention to his private business affairs. He has always lived at peace with fellowmen. He has never incurred an indebtedness, nor has he ever sued any man. Mrs. Keenan is a member and an active worker in the Christian church. They are people of the highest respectability, and Mr. Keenan has a very wide acquaintance in Taylor and adjoining counties, his business transactions taking him to various sections of this state and Missouri. He has advanced year by year in the business world and today he stands as one of the most prominent stock buyers and feeders of this section of Iowa.

MYRON LE ROY BURT.

Varied business interests enter into the development, growth and progress of Bedford and among the enterprises which are indicative of the city's advancement is that of which Myron Le Roy Burt is proprietor. He is conducting a successful business under the name of the Bedford Light, Heat & Power Company and in all of his business relations shows a ready adaptability to the needs at hand and an intelligent appreciation of the opportunities that are presented. He was born near Minonk, Marshall county, Illinois, June 24, 1878.

His father, Joseph Frank Burt, was likewise a native of that state and is now a farmer of Lane county, Kansas, where he has lived for the past eighteen years. He was reared, however, in Marshall county, Illinois, and there resided through the period of his early manhood. He married Miss Margaret Jane Shanklin, who was born in Kentucky and was a daughter of James and Sarah (Perkins) Shanklin, who were likewise natives of that state. Her father was a farmer by occupation and became an early resident of Marshall county, Illinois, where he died when eighty-eight years of age. His widow still survives and is now about ninety-two years of age. They were the parents of three sons and a daughter, the latter being Margaret Jane, who became Mrs. Burt. Both Mr. and Mrs. Burt are members of the Christian church and their many good qualities of heart and mind have won for them the friendship and kindly regard of those with whom business or social relations have brought them in contact. They have three children: James Floyd, living in Greensburg, Kansas; Myron L., of this review; and Clarence Leslie, also of Greensburg.

After spending the first eight years of his life in his native county M. L. Burt accompanied his parents on their removal to Rockford, Illinois, where they lived for four years. He was a youth of twelve when he went with them to Lane county, Kansas, where he acquired a common-school education, after which he spent two years in the Kansas University at Lawrence. He next returned to Rockford, where he began working in the electric light business and in December, 1902, he came to Bedford and purchased the Bedford Light, Heat and Power plant, which he has since operated. His establishment is well equipped

and he gives to his patrons good service in all these connections. He has now many subscribers and his business is steadily increasing in volume and importance.

Mr. Burt was married September 17, 1901, to Miss Mabel K. Keith, a daughter of Lewis and Louisa (Farley) Keith. Two children were born of that union, Myron Le Roy, Jr., and one who died in infancy. The parents are members of the Christian church and Mr. Burt belongs to Bedford Lodge, No. 91, I. O. O. F., and to Bedford Lodge, No. 101, K. P. His study of the political questions and issues of the day has led him to give unfaltering allegiance to the republican party and in 1908 he was elected on that ticket to represent the eighth district in the state legislature, receiving a majority of three hundred and sixty-five. He is now serving on the railroads and transportation, mines and mining, municipal corporations, labor, suppression of intemperance, telephones, claims, institute for feeble-minded and enrolled bills committees, and is chairman of the senatorial district. He keeps well informed concerning the issues before the people and his labors in support of his party have been far-reaching and effective. Moreover, he is always progressive as well as loyal in his citizenship and the political honor to which he has attained is worthily won. In local affairs he is a champion of all those interests which are a matter of civic virtue and civic pride, and his record as a business man and citizen well entitles him to the high regard in which he is uniformly held.

GEORGE S. BEACH.

There are few citizens of Taylor county who more richly merit the title of a self-made man than does George S. Beach, who occupies a foremost rank among the prominent and progressive agriculturists and business men of Grove township. A native of New York, he was born in Herkimer county on the 15th of December, 1853, and he continued to make his home in the Empire State until ten years of age. In 1863 he came west with his mother to Illinois, taking up his abode in Monmouth with an uncle, General Harding, by whom he was reared to manhood. General Harding was a very prominent man in his locality, having served one or more terms in congress from the Monmouth congressional district. He was colonel of the Eighty-third Illinois Volunteer Infantry during the Civil war and was in command during the second battle of Fort Donelson.

Mr. Beach acquired his early education in the schools of Monmouth and later, upon reaching years of maturity, was employed by his uncle to manage his farming interests. Later he attended school in Chicago and studied law with a cousin in that city, and upon the completion of his legal course was admitted to the bar. Returning to Monmouth he again took charge of his uncle's farms, being thus engaged until the time of his marriage, after which, in 1876, he came to Iowa and purchased two hundred and forty acres of land in Taylor county. The following year he established his home upon that farm and set about its further development. Systematic, methodical and progressive in his methods, he so carefully managed his affairs that as the years passed he became very successful and was able to add to his original purchase from time to time until today his farm consists of five