

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Atkinson, William J. Senator
Represented Butler's County, Iowa

1. Butler's
2. Butler C. State

1. Birthday and place 17. May 1876 on a farm near Clarksville Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place
① Rachel Patti Mason
② Ila L. Bartram

3. Significant events for example:
A. Business Was admitted to the bar in 1906; by his effort the National Association of Chautauques and Lyceums was established in Butler Iowa
B. Civic responsibilities Mason; Knights of Pythias; Elks Club; Grained
C. Profession Lyceum Bureau manager; teacher

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 35th, 36th General Assemblies 1913, 1915

6. Public Offices
A. Local _____
B. State Speaker of the House in 36th General Assembly 1915
C. National _____

7. Death 1 Aug 1925 Iowa City, Iowa; Buried Lynnwood Cemetery, Clarksville Iowa

8. Children No children

9. Names of parents Henry and Sophia (Cloukey) Atkinson

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10. Education

11. Degrees

He spent 3 years at Upper Iowa University, Fayette, Iowa and the one year at the State University, Iowa City, Iowa where he studied history and political science; Graduated from law school in 1886.

12. Other applicable information

Republican

- He was age 13 when his father died. He then left the family farm. He was devoted to farm work in the summer and taught school in winters in Butler County.
- He later engaged as assistant principal of the Clarksville Iowa school. He was a principal of a school at Ridgeway, in Winnebago County, Iowa.
- His first wife, Rachel, born 1873, died 1909
- He was admitted to the bar in 1906, but never practiced.
- After college he engaged in the Lumber and Chert business.

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Applicability

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HON. WILLIAM I. ATKINSON

The Allison Tribune

A Butler County Newspaper for Butler County People

ALLISON, IOWA, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 1925

WM. I. ATKINSON DEAD OF CANCER

Was Former Butler County Resident

William I. Atkinson, manager of the Western lyceum bureau of Waterloo, former speaker of the Iowa house of representatives, died at the University hospital at Iowa City at 9:00 p. m. Saturday, August 1. Death resulted from a hemorrhage, following several months' illness from a cancer of the tongue.

Funeral services were held at 9:30 a. m. Tuesday from the First Congregational church in Waterloo. Rev.



WILLIAM I. ATKINSON.

Arthur E. Fish, Cedar Falls, officiated, assisted by Rev. A. B. Curran, Grace Methodist church and Rev. G. B. Shoemaker, former pastors of Mr. Atkinson. Interment was made at Clarksville where the Masonic lodge had charge of the services. Pall bearers at Clarksville were: W. C. Shepard of Allison, C. G. Burling of Clarksville, Clarence Soesbe of Greene, C. H. Cook of Clarksville, Carl Davis of Waterloo and Dr. Harry Fields of Waterloo.

The following article concerning Mr. Atkinson is taken from Monday's Waterloo Courier:

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While he was a patient at Iowa City he received letters of encouragement and cheer from nearly every county in the state. His room at the University was filled with letters from friends in Waterloo, Des Moines and other cities. "No matter what they say, it pains me to hear that you are ill," said one of the letters. "I am glad to hear that you are well," said another. "I am glad to hear that you are well," said another. "I am glad to hear that you are well," said another.

Miss Rachel Patti Maxon, who died in 1909. While he was serving as speaker of the house he was married to Miss Ila L. Bartram of Des Moines who survives.

Had Wide Acquaintance

Few men had a wider acquaintance among platform talent than Mr. Atkinson. His long associations in the lyceum and chautauqua field brought him into personal contact with the best known lecturers, musicians and other entertainers. It was through his efforts that the National Association of Chautauqua and Lyceum Managers was brought to Waterloo a few years ago. People of this vicinity at that time were given the privilege of hearing the cream of speaking and musical talent. It was the first time that this convention had ever been entertained in a city as small as Waterloo. Ordinarily it is held in Chicago.

Mr. Atkinson was a man of kindly bearing and deep sympathies. His spirit was as gentle as that of a child, although physically he was a giant. His physical prowess was taken advantage of by the athletic director while he was attending the university. He was a member of the football team which had won a Big Ten conference championship. His hobby of latter years was helping the boys to get a college education.

He was an interesting conversationalist and excelled as a raconteur.

He was a well known member of the Knights of Pythias, of the Elks and of the Masonic orders, being also a Shriner. He was also one of the supreme directors of Mystic Workers.

SHELL ROCK NEWS

Mr. Wm. Whitehead has purchased the Fred Harmon residence and moved into it. Mr. Fred Elsham and family of Britt have rented the John Anderson residence, vacated by Mr. Whitehead. Mr. Elsham is the new proprietor of the Purity Bakery.

The J. C. Willey and Alfred McInroy families started last Sunday for Nebraska to visit relatives. They went by auto.

Mrs. Minnie Miner left for her home in Ravenna, Nebr., last Monday after a three weeks visit with her sister, Mrs. J. S. Neal.

Miss Nettie Flood of Allison spent several days last week with Mrs. Harlan Yarcho.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Mansfield and daughter, Jean, and Mrs. Mary Wheat started on an auto tour last Saturday morning. They will visit in the east, being gone two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hoeg and family of Independence visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Avery, last Friday. They went on into Minnesota and Wisconsin, being on a three weeks vacation.

Mrs. Annie Renning, Miss Pheobe Trotter, Mrs. May Renning and daughter, Maynerd, are camping at Cedar Falls, attending the Bible conference.

Mr. and Mrs. James Brad y of Lambert, Minn., and their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sweeney and son of Tracy, Minn., spent last week visiting her sister, Mrs. August Voight, also the Pat Cadam and Dave Wilcox families.

Lester Whitehead, Harold Van Vlack and Clint Renning went to Des Moines last Saturday, where they will attend the Citizen's Military Training Camp for a month.

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Paul McGregor, youngest son of Mrs. Alga McGregor, was at the Waverly hospital last Friday, where he had an operation on the nose and throat.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Henning and baby of Buck Creek were Sunday guests at the W. H. McGregor home.

TO SEED 30 ACRE ALFALFA TRACT

Lime Added to Soil in Preparation

(S. G. Denner, County Agent.)

Tyden and Anderson Bros. of Bennezzette township are preparing to put in a thirty acre field of alfalfa this fall. They have tested the soil on this field and made provision for the required amount of lime. Northern grown Grimm seed will be used on this field and the Anderson Bros. expect to do the seeding some time next week.

M. A. Hauser of the Extension Department, will be in Butler county on August 13 and 14 for work on weeds. Mr. Hauser will demonstrate a method for getting rid of Canada thistles and will give lectures on controlling quack grass and other weeds. Four meetings will be held in different parts of the county to give everyone a chance to attend which everyone is most convenient. Unknown weeds may be brought in for identification at any of these meetings. Anyone wishing to have their soil tested, should bring in samples and the county agent will be prepared to test them at this time.

This demonstration will be distributed over the county according to the following schedule:

Thursday, August 13th:
Forenoon—Monroe Township.
Afternoon—Bennezzette Township.

Friday, August 14th:
Forenoon—Fremont Township.
Afternoon—Shell Rock Township.

The report of the Butler Cow Test Association by Homer Tague, the official tester, for the month of July shows a total of 295 cows tested with an average production of 648 pounds of milk and 256 pounds of butterfat. R. M. Skillen has the high cow for the month, a purebred five year old Holstein that freshened April 28th, 1925, producing 1,907 pounds of milk, testing 3.8 per cent, producing 72.5 pounds of butterfat.

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I. V. Hodgins of Greene has ten high grade Guernseys which averaged 834 pounds of milk and 33.7 pounds of butterfat.

Jim McCracken of Greene has eight high grade Shorthorns which averaged 854 pounds of milk and 31.8 pounds of butterfat.

The high testing herd for the month is owned by Dan Hart of Shell Rock. His herd testing 5.6 per cent.

Three members of the association are using milking machines, eighteen members have silos, twelve members are feeding grain and five members are feeding oilmeal with grain. One more purebred sire has been brought into the association which make total of twenty-one in the association at present.

More of the war explosive pyratol is now available for distribution to farmers for land clearing purposes only. All orders must be in before August 22nd.

Tures of over 51 per cent. of their cattle owners on T. B. notations and

ST. JACOBUS LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, August 9, 1925.
On this Sunday we will celebrate our annual mission festival. The services will be held as follows.

Morning service at 10:30 in the German language with the Rev. S. Bredow of Ceylon, Minn., preaching the sermon.

Afternoon services at 2:15 in the English language with the Rev. P. Kumpf of Readdy, Iowa, preaching the sermon. There will also be an address in the German language on Missions in this service by Rev. A. Bartels, of Readdy.

No Sunday school on this Sunday. Dinner will be served free to all members and visitors at 12:00 noon.

Special offerings will be lifted in both morning and afternoon services for the cause of Missions.

You are cordially invited.
Rev. W. C. Njassen, Pastor.

JOHN AND MARY MOST POPULAR NAMES ON IOWA FARMS

John and Mary are the most favored names on the Iowa farm.

This is revealed in a study of the names of 1,019 men and women from this state who had entries in the National Seed Corn Show by the Sears-Roebuck Foundation. Three hundred and ten merely gave their initials and of the remaining 709, sixty-three were found to be Johns, by far the most popular name of the collection. William was runner-up with 25, and Charles, George, Frank, Henry and Edward came in the order named. Among the feminine entrants, Mary was considerably ahead of the others, with Elizabeth, Alice and Dorothy tying for second place in popularity.

That the farmer has a leaning toward "different" names is evident from the following cognomens discovered in the records of Iowa and five other middle western states. Theophile, Hybo, Hart, Turin, Esculline, Doise, O'Mille, Swan, Sweetser, Tray, Lone, Dial, Glenn, Garrett, Sever, Denn, Gane, Plym, Bena, Churrie, Macjella, Hollan, Adlibert, Fruifred, Elrie, Mind, Ornelius, Aschel, Booe, Murad and Rats. Also he is neglecting the more fanciful names such as Omar, Delbert, Elaine, LaVerne, Donnell and Ivanhoe.

The man who boasts of his five clubs may run against a full house.

A peculiar case has been filed in the district court, in which E. E. Knock is suing J. A. Franken for \$879.08. Mr. Knock claims, first that he was at an expense of \$65 to replant a field of 32 acres of corn, which had been planted with seed corn bought from Mr. Franken—four bushels at \$3.00 per bushel—which did not grow, hence it had to be replanted. Then he wants \$814.08 for 768 bushels of corn that should have raised, if the seed had not rotted and decayed in the ground as he claims it did. This was all in May 1924. Mr. Knock claims that the seed corn was guaranteed to him to grow to the extent of 94 per cent. The case probably will come up at September term of court.—Wellsburg Herald.

OBITUARY

Herman Heuer was born on the 24th of January, 1857 in Stalorf, Hanover, Germany. He was the eighth child of Christopher Heuer and his wife Catherine nee Thiemann. Soon after his birth he was brought to Holy Baptism and there became a child of God and an heir of his Kingdom. His elementary instruction he received in the parochial school of his native village. At Ebsdorf he received instruction preparatory to confirmation there in 1871. In 1876 he left his native country and came to the United States. He settled first at Waverly, Iowa, where he obtained a ward he came to Butler county and was married here in 1884 to Emma

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LINE BUYS HIS FOURTH FARM

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n" the part he made famous on
stage, while supporting him are
ck Mullah, Enid Bennett and Wal-
McGrail.

No, Willie, steel wool does not
ow on hydraulic rams.

CROSSING IOWA IN 1857

In the summer of 1857 Edward L.
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n a distance a town rising from
ocean. Newton, declared the
veller, was a place of much preti-
on with houses widely scattered.
st of Newton the stage passed
r a long stretch of swamp land
h three or four preemption houses
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At Fort Des Moines the travellers
nd all the hotels full and were ob-
d to "put up at the stage house."
ring the night it rained hard, and
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stage started for Council Bluffs
next morning. "I had heard a
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got out to walk it seemed as if
lifted a common sized farm at ev-
step."

After passing Adel the route enter-
upon a rolling prairie, and the
ge passed through "a perfect sea
beauty." The variety and coloring
the prairie flowers were a constant
light to the botanist. Three days
er leaving Iowa City the travellers
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"No matter what they say, it pays
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going through a stack of letters that
brought messages of good cheer.

Mr. Atkinson spent his life doing
those things and the influence of many
kindly acts will long survive. "The
gospel of helpfulness which he ex-
emplified brought him comfort in his
last days.

Born in Bötter County.

William L. Atkinson, who was rep-
resentative from Butler county for
two terms in the Iowa legislature and
speaker during his last term, was
born in that county March 17, 1876.
His father, Henry Atkinson, was born
in England and his mother in Canada.
His father settled on a farm in Butler
county in 1854 and his mother came
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entertained at the William Simpson
home in Janesville last Sunday.

Leslie McBride came from Sioux
City last Sunday for a visit with his
parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. McBride.
They will all visit at Cedar Falls and
Dubuque and then go to the lakes to
camp.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hobson visited
his mother near Dumont last Sunday.

Mrs. Ella Fitzgerald left for her
home in Lennox, S. D., last Wednes-
day, after an extended stay with her
sister, Mrs. Mary McCormick.

Mrs. G. L. Wehrhan and daughter,
Myrtle, spent the past week at All-
ison, caring for the home of her son,
Howard, who is away on a vacation.

Frank Hill will exhibit his herd of
Durocs at the Cedar Falls fair next
week. He will also show at Mason
City, Hampton, Des Moines and All-
ison. He has a complete herd of 20 to
25 head. His son Russell, also has
entries in the pig club classes.

Walter Peterson has moved from
the Lashbrook residence into rooms
above his cafe.

A new public drinking fountain has
been put in on the corner near the
city hall.

Chas. Miner of Ravenna, Nebr., vis-
ited his brother, Earl, last week.

Miss Mary Keeler came home from
Cedar Rapids, Thursday where she
graduated from Coe college.

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Pierce enter-
tained several guests last week, Wed-
nesday, in honor of Mr. Pierce's
birthday. His parents from Cedar
Falls, a brother from Sacramento,
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culosis. Twenty-one of these counties
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owners signed up to test. Many of
these counties are already accredited
or tuberculosis free and the farmers
are getting 10 cents per hundred
premium on their hogs from these ac-
credited counties. In areas where
counties have tested the percentage
of condemned tuberculosis hogs at
the market has been greatly de-
creased. As an example of this, 50 loads
less of hogs were condemned for
tuberculosis at three packing plants
in Sioux City in 1925 than in 1924, as
a result of farmers in that territory
starting to eradicate tuberculosis in
their cattle.

The farmers of Butler county have
helped pay the expense of testing in
other counties of the state, as State
and Federal aid has been available
and is available at present to the
counties testing.

T. B. petitions are being circulated
in the county at present. This work
has been going on for two years and
the time limit fixed by the state will
be up before September 1st. All
petitions must be turned in at the
Farm Bureau office before Aug. 15th.

Lost articles found in railroad
trains entering Chicago in one day
included a clergyman's cassock, a
diver's suit, three wireless sets and
two bottles of whiskey.

When the husband of Mrs. Marg-
aret Morgan of Chicago left her he
took a piano and watch he had given
her as presents, but the court forced
him to return them.

The man who boasts of his five
clubs may run against a full house.

A peculiar case has been filed in
the district court, in which E. E.
Knock is suing J. A. Frank for
\$879.08. Mr. Knock claims, first that
he was at an expense of \$65 to replant
a field of 32 acres of corn, which had
been planted with seed corn bought
from Mr. Frank—four bushels at
\$3.00 per bushel—which did not grow,
hence it had to be replanted. Then
he wants \$814.08 for 768 bushels of
corn that should have raised, if the
seed had not rotted and decayed in
the ground as he claims it did. This
was all in May 1924. Mr. Knock
claims that the seed corn was guaran-
teed to him to grow to the extent of
94 per cent. The case probably will
come up at September term of court.
—Wellsburg Herald.

OBITUARY

Herman Heuer was born on the
24th of January, 1857 in Stadorf,
Hanover, Germany. He was the
eighth child of Christopher Heuer
and his wife Catherine nee Thieman.
Soon after his birth he was brought
to Holy Baptism and there became a
child of God and an heir of his
Kingdom. His elementary instruction
he received in the parochial school of
his native village. At Ebsdorf he
received instruction preparatory to
confirmation there in 1871. In 1876
he left his native country and came to
the United States. He settled first at
Waverly, Iowa, where he obtained a
position on a farm. Some time after-
ward he came to Butler county and
was married here in 1884 to Emma
Busse, which union was blessed with
three children, two sons and one
daughter, one son, however, died in
infancy. Mr. Heuer followed the oc-
cupation of a farmer up to the year
1914, when he retired and moved to
Allison.

About two years ago he began ail-
ing. A cancer of the stomach had
set in with its slow but fatal work.
Once last fall he was on the verge of
the grave, but to the joy of those near
and dear to him he rallied once more,
and during the past spring and sum-
mer was often seen walking about the
town. Several weeks ago, however, he
again became bedfast. This time he
was not to arise again. He departed
this life on Wednesday morning, July
29th, 1925, at about 6:45 o'clock. Mr.
Heuer is survived by his widow, one
son and one daughter, and two grand-
children. His age at the time of his
death was 68 years, 6 months, and 5
days. May he rest in peace.

Funeral services were from the St.
Jacobus Lutheran church Saturday
afternoon at 2:00 o'clock in charge of
the pastor, Rev. W. C. Nassen, assisted
by Rev. A. Voelker, of Greene. In-
terment was made in the family lot
at the Allison cemetery.

Relatives from a distance who were
present for the funeral included Mrs.
W. H. Heuer, Mrs. Ella Muller, and
Walter, Erwin, Leo and Claude Heuer
and families of Sumner; Werner
Heuer and family of Waterloo; Wm.
Thieman and wife, Chas. Thieman and
family, Werner Thieman and family
and Herman Kirschner and family, of
Albert City; Augusta Hilmer of Shell
Rock; and Will Kromer and family of
Tripoli.

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fare of his city and county. His career was such as to warrant the trust and confidence of the business world, for he conducted all transactions on the strictest principles of honor and integrity, and his devotion to the public good was unquestioned, arising from a sincere interest in the welfare of his fellowmen. In every relation of life he manifested qualities which won him unqualified confidence and esteem and proved him worthy of the respect and honor which were so uniformly accorded him. His name is perpetuated in the extensive business interests which he established, and his memory lives in the hearts of those who knew and loved him for his splendid and noble manhood.

HON. WILLIAM I. ATKINSON.

Hon. William I. Atkinson, member of the state legislature and speaker of the house in the thirty-sixth general assembly, was one of the youngest men who has ever presided over that body. His capability, his impartiality and his sagacity made him a most popular officer and his rulings received the strong indorsement of the legislative body.

Iowa is proud to number the Hon. William I. Atkinson among her native sons. He was born in Clarksville, March 17, 1876, a son of Henry and Sophia Atkinson, in whose family were seven children, of whom he was the youngest. He left the home farm at the time of his father's death, which occurred when William I. was but thirteen years of age. There came to him an early recognition of the value of education in preparation for life's practical and responsible duties and he made every effort to advance in that direction. During his high school days he worked at farm labor through the summer vacations and afterward school teaching enabled him to continue his studies. For a time he was a teacher in the rural schools of Butler county and afterward became assistant principal of the schools of Clarksville. Still later he was offered and accepted the position of principal of the Ridge-way schools and the money which he earned at teaching enabled him to pursue a three years' course in the Upper Iowa University at Fayette and then enter the State University, in which he devoted a year to the study of history and political science. He afterward matriculated in the law college and completed his course by graduation with the class of 1906. He was then admitted to the bar but has never engaged actively in practice, for his attention was directed into other business channels wherein he has made steady progress. During his college days he became interested in the lyceum business and following the completion of his law course he concentrated his energies upon lyceum work, in which he has developed a business of gratifying proportions. From the position of agent he was advanced to that of district manager for the Mutual Lyceum Bureau of Chicago, his territory comprising Iowa, South Dakota and southern Minnesota. He managed the interests of the bureau with such keen insight and capability that he won the commendation and approval not only of the home office, but of all those for whose interests he cared in connection with public entertainments. In September, 1913, at the convention in Chicago, he was elected vice president of the International Lyceum Association. The following comment has been made upon his business career: "The story of his rise from an agent to the district manager for the Mutual Lyceum





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In 1909 Mr. Atkinson was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who bore the maiden name of Rachel Patti Maxon and who prior to her marriage was a talented reader of Brooklyn, New York. Mr. Atkinson is a prominent Mason, having attained the Knights Templar degree of the York Rite, while with the Nobles of El Kahir Temple he has crossed the sands of the desert. He also has membership with the Knights of Pythias and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He has become perhaps almost as widely known in political circles as he has through his business connections, for he is now one of the recognized leaders of the republican party in Iowa. He has ever stanchly advocated the principles of the party and his fitness for leadership led to his selection in Butler county for the office of representative in the state legislature. During his first term there came to him the unusual honor of being given a chairmanship, for he was placed at the head of the committee of the college for the blind. He was also made a member of the committees on state educational institutions, normal schools, roads and highways, public health, schools and textbooks, enrolled bills, appropriations and soldiers' and orphans' homes. He has been greatly interested in legislation affecting schools and the public health, advocating many valuable material changes in connection with the rural school system and with the development of state schools. After serving in the thirty-fifth general assembly Mr. Atkinson won many friends who recognized his worth and his capacity. His ability and clear perception of legislative duties and powers were recognized by his fellow members and resulted in his election to the office of speaker of the thirty-sixth general assembly. This election, according to the Butler County Press, "was not due to accident nor to political activity. His measure was carefully taken by associates in the legislature and his election followed as a just and fair tribute to a deserving official. The people of the state have not been disappointed in the judgment of the members of the thirty-sixth general assembly. Mr. Atkinson discharged the duties of his high office with ability, fairness and satisfaction to his fellow members and the whole people of the state, being responsible to all for his official acts. He has never had occasion to apologize for any of his official acts and we always know where he stands on all public questions." It is well known that Mr. Atkinson's position is never an equivocal one. He frankly and freely discusses his opinions if they are asked for and makes no secret of his position upon any vital question. He has labored for many interests that he believed to be for the benefit of the commonwealth along the lines of substantial reform, progress and improvement and he has been

spoken of by a contemporary biographer as a man "whose splendid physique is but the expression of a still broader, stronger and more stalwart nature. With him life is real and earnest and he attacks each duty with a contagious enthusiasm that produces gratifying results."

JAMES F. POWELL.

James F. Powell, publisher of the Ottumwa Courier, was born in Harrington, Delaware, August 16, 1868, a son of C. C. and Kate (Fountain) Powell, who were natives of Delaware and Maryland respectively. When his textbooks were put aside he turned his attention to the printing trade, mastering the mechanical processes of the business and gradually working his way upward to positions of importance in connection with newspaper publication. In 1895 he became foreman on the Ottumwa Courier and five years later was advanced to the position of assistant business manager. In 1901 he became business manager and in 1905 took over the publication of the paper, to which he now devotes his time and energies. He is interested in the Lee Newspaper Syndicate and is one of the prominent representatives of newspaper interests in Iowa.

On the 11th of September, 1907, in Fremont, Nebraska, Mr. Powell was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary E. Gardner, a native of Nebraska and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gardner, who removed to that state from Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Powell have three sons, Robert, John and William. The family attended the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Powell gives his political allegiance to the republican party, but aside from manifesting a citizen's interest in the questions and issues of the day, is not active in politics. He is a Mason and Elk and has some club relations but could not be called a club man in the usual sense of the term, as his time and energies are concentrated upon his business affairs.

HON. JOHN L. WILSON.

Whenever a resident of Clinton county is asked to name the most prominent farmers of the district, almost immediately is mentioned the name of John L. Wilson, proprietor of the Walnut Stock Farm, whose important agricultural and stock raising interests place him in a prominent position in business circles, while his public spirit has gained him recognition as one of the foremost citizens of the county. He was born October 25, 1857, on the farm where he now resides, his parents being Matthew and Sybbila (Rugh) Wilson, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania, where they were reared and married. The former was a son of John and Nancy Wilson, and John Wilson was the progenitor of this branch of the family in America, coming from Ireland with his parents, who settled in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, when he was eight years of age. He spent his life as a farmer and continued his residence in Allegheny county until called to his final rest. In politics he was a stalwart democrat but never cared to hold office. His religious affiliation was with the Presbyterian church. M. J. Stick, the maternal uncle of Sybbila

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along this line during his twenty years on the school board, for the past fifteen years of which he has served as president. His cooperation can always be counted upon in the promotion of public enterprises, which have for their object, community advancement and growth. He was one of the promoters of the Electric Light & Power Company, in which he is still a stockholder and director. He is a man of more than ordinary ability and the position which he occupies in social, political and professional circles is the fit reward of a life of well directed energy and straightforward dealings.

HON. WILLIAM I. ATKINSON.

The consensus of public opinion accords Hon. William I. Atkinson a prominent position in public regard. Attacks have been made upon him but they have been of a partisan nature and none questioned the integrity of his motives or the honesty of his position. It is said that no man in Butler county has a wider personal acquaintance and perhaps none has a larger circle of friends. Faith in him was strongly expressed in the election of November, 1912, when he was chosen to represent his district in the state legislature, being the first native son that Butler county has sent to the general assembly. He was born in Clarksville, March 17, 1876, his parents being Henry and Sophia Atkinson, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this volume. He was thirteen years of age when his father died at which time he left the farm. He was the youngest of seven children, but at an early age he realized the importance of acquiring an education and he spared no labor that would bring about this end. While attending high school the vacation months were devoted to farm work and later he taught school, whereby he was enabled to continue his own studies. His early teaching experience was in the rural schools of Butler county and subsequently he was engaged as assistant principal of the schools of Clarksville. He was also at one time principal of the school at Ridgeway, Winneshiek county, Iowa. He worked his way through three years at the Upper Iowa University of Fayette and next entered the State University, where he devoted a year to the study of history and political science before entering the law college from which he was graduated in 1906. He was then admitted to the bar, but has never engaged actively in practice. The elemental strength of his char-

acter is displayed in the resolute way in which he obtained an education in the face of difficulties and obstacles, which would have utterly deterred many a young man of less resolute spirit and laudable ambition. While in college he became greatly interested in the lyceum business and following his graduation from the law department he gave his entire attention to lyceum work, which developed to large proportions and won him promotion from the position of agent to that of district manager for the Mutual Lyceum Bureau of Chicago, his territory comprising Iowa, South Dakota and southern Minnesota. He managed the interests of the bureau with such keen insight and capability that he won the commendation and approval not only of the home office, but of all those for whose interests he cared in connection with public entertainments. In September, 1913, at the convention in Chicago, Mr. Atkinson was elected vice president of the International Lyceum Association.

Mr. Atkinson was united in marriage to Miss Rachel Patti xon, a talented reader of Brooklyn, New York, who died in 1909. He has a circle of friends almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintances and they reach far beyond the limits of Butler county, for he is now widely known in this and adjoining states. In Masonry he has attained the Knight Templar degree and is also a member of El Kahir Temple of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He also belongs to the Knights of Pythias and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. In politics he has ever been a stalwart republican and following the suggestion of many friends he at length announced himself as a candidate for the position of general assemblyman from Butler county. His election followed and during his first session he was given a chairmanship—an unusual honor—being placed at the head of the committee of the college for the blind. He is also a member of the committees on state educational institutions, normal schools, roads and highways, public health, schools and text books, enrolled bills, appropriations and soldiers' and orphans' homes. He is greatly interested in legislation affecting schools and public health. He has studied the interests of humanity rather than material things and he strongly opposed the proposed change made by the state board of education in state schools and has been an unfaltering advocate for better rural schools. Speaking of his business career a contemporary grapher has written, "The story of his rise from an agent to the district manager for the Mutual Lyceum Bureau, handling the territory embraced in his own state, South Dakota and southern

Minnesota, is an inspiration to the many thousands who have since looked to him for their higher, nobler amusements; their purposeful, profitable, mental and moral uplift, and those musical and literary treats that have turned thousands of dreary evenings into a joy forever. The lyceum and the chautauqua have been the greatest liberalizers in religion, politics and business, more so than any other institution extant. That is why Iowa appreciates William and looks to him as a candidate who will represent the state as well as Butler county. On March the 8th, 1912, William I. Atkinson of Clarksville, was elected a member of the State Historical Society in recognition of his work in that line. This is an honor that comes only by invitation. Here I have not said a thing about those traits of character, those tests of manhood's real worth that are revealed only to those who know the inward workings of our lives. I will simply say that God only makes a few men who always ring true and fortunate indeed is he who enjoys the friendship of one of these."

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V. C. BIRNEY, M. D.

Dr. V. C. Birney, the oldest medical practitioner in Butler county, dates his residence in Greene from 1872 and since that time has become established as one of the leading and prominent physicians and surgeons in this section of the state. He was born in Ontario, Canada, November 1, 1849, a son of Dr. Lewis and Mary (Ferris) Birney, the former a native of New York state and the latter of Canada. The father grew to manhood in his native community and later moved to Toronto, Ontario, where he studied medicine. After receiving his degree he moved to the States, locating in Floyd county, this state, in 1856. He engaged in general practice there for many years, afterward moving to Nora Springs, where he spent his declining years, his death occurring about 1908. His wife survives him and is still hale and hearty at the age of eighty-eight.

Dr. V. C. Birney came to Iowa with his parents when he was but a child and he grew to manhood in Floyd county, acquiring