

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Purdy, George Hartley Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Served from Gloyd County

1. Birthday and place 27 Aug 1866 Ontario, Canada

2. Marriage (s) date place 20 May 1891 in

Hattie Mint 23 June 1892 Spencer, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business \_\_\_\_\_

B. Civic responsibilities Mason; Knights of Pythias;  
Eastern Star

C. Profession Farmer - raised registered Duroc - Jersey  
swine; grew fruit; grocery business

4. Church membership Congregational

5. Sessions served 36<sup>th</sup> General Assembly 1915

6. Public Offices

A. Local Mayor of Rockford 2 years; city councilman

B. State \_\_\_\_\_

C. National \_\_\_\_\_

7. Death 19 Apr 1915 Mason City, Iowa; Buried Riverside Cemetery, Rockford, Iowa

8. Children Charles Richard; George Mint; Harold B.;  
Marie

9. Names of parents Daniel Purdy and Edith (Greenly) Purdy

Purdy, George H.

10. Education Attended public schools of Mason City, Iowa

11. Degrees Attended Cornell College at Mt. Vernon, Iowa  
where he studied Civil Engineering

12. Other applicable information Republican

- Came from Ontario, Canada to northern Iowa
- Moved with his parents to Mason City, Iowa in 1869
- After college he was in the grocery business at Spencer,  
Iowa for 10 years.
- Moved to Rockford, Iowa in 1910



to see whether a man could be shot in that manner. The head of the bed was just to the north of the window, but it would have been impossible to have shot the man accurately from that angle to have come close enough to the head to leave powder marks, say the officers. The bullet them in the Koslosky house. One of calibre bullet.

Two .32-calibre revolvers were found by the officers, but neither of the men the Koslosky house. One of these gave evidence of not having been shot recently, while the other was loaded except for one exploded cartridge. The latter was found, wrapped in paper, in a dresser drawer at the Kelley house and was the cause of all of the inmates of that house being taken into custody. There was said to have been ill feeling between the two families for some time.

One of the ironical coincidents of the tragedy is the fact that above the head of the murdered man were the two Greek symbols of divine protection, one picture representing Christ and another the Virgin Mary. When found by the officers, the man was laying on the front part of the bed with his head in a pool of his own blood. There was no blood on the clothing of his wife.

It is highly probable the finding of the murder in record time is due to the co-operation of the police and the county officers. The police received the call first and the sheriff was at once notified. The entire police force, including the chief and both captains, were on the scene within a few minutes after the report was made. The sheriff, his deputy, the coroner and the county attorney also got there at about the same time. Captain Buchanan at once stationed men to watch the house and so that nobody entered or left the house except the officers, until a thorough search had been made. The men were then lined up and marched to the court house. It was later learned the man who did the shooting was standing on the front porch of the house when the officers arrived. He was, in fact, the man who had notified the police of the murder.

Jaskovich finally made his confession when he was confronted with Mrs. Koslosky. He said he got up about 5 o'clock yesterday morning, went into Koslosky's room and shot him. He had spent the night in the room next to the murdered man. After firing the shot he stated he went on Henderson street to Main to get to a telephone. He went to the Reep grocery, across the street from the McKinley school. Here he found the store closed, but on the north side he found a small pile of manure covering a cellar window. Here he buried the revolver, which he dug up for the officers after he made his confession. After burying the weapon, Jaskovich says he went back to the house and then two blocks and half north to the house of F. A. Mavis, where he asked him to call the police.

Cause for the shooting, according to the confession, goes back to June 6, 1914. At this time Koslosky was fined \$100 for bootlegging. He did not have the money and Jaskovich paid the fine. Since then he claims Koslosky has paid him but \$9 of the money, the \$9 being sent to Jaskovich's family in Russia.

Saturday night he asked Koslosky one more for the money and he was told that he had no receipt and could not collect the \$91. "Your source Iowa Territory and State Legislators Collection compiled by volunteers and staff at the State Historical Society of Iowa Library, Des Moines, Iowa."

confessed. According to the alleged confession Riddle had strangled and beaten the girl to death after she had accused him of having wronged her.

Calvin Coleman, father of the murdered girl, declares that he is not convinced that young Riddle was his daughter's slayer. He intimates that others were concerned in the crime. He declares that a plot was formed weeks ago to kill his daughter and that he has sufficient evidence to prove his statement.

# GEORGE PURDY PASSES AWAY

### Floyd County Member of Legislature Dies at Park Hospital From Cancer of Gall Bladder.

Rep. George Purdy, of Rockford, late member of the house from Floyd county in the Thirty-sixth general assembly, died at the Story hospital here Saturday afternoon at 3:55. As was stated Saturday, the late legislator was not expected to live at that time. He was suffering from cancer of the gall bladder and had been sick but a short time. Just before the close of the legislature he was forced by recurring attacks of liver trouble, to abandon his work at the capitol and return to his home in Rockford.

Mr. Purdy was born at Ontario, Canada on Aug. 27, 1866. He was the son of Daniel Purdy and Edith Greenly-Purdy. A number of years ago he came to northern Iowa, where he had made his home since. He was married to Hattie Flint at Spencer on June 23, 1892. He is survived by three sons, Charles Richard Purdy, George Flint Purdy and Harold Purdy, and one daughter, Miss Marie Purdy. He is the last of his family, three sisters having passed on before him.

Politically a republican, Mr. Purdy was one of the strong members of the general assembly, while he was able to attend to his duties. He was a member of the progressive faction, where he worked consistently. He was chairman of committee on horticulture, and a member of the committee on agriculture, appropriations, agricultural college, board of control, constitutional amendments, roads and highways, and military.

Four years ago the late representative left his home in Mason City, where he had been a well-known and highly respected resident, to live on a farm two miles from Rockford. He had lived in and around Mason City for about forty years prior to going to Rockford. At Rockford he engaged in the business of raising stock and growing fruit. He was a member of the Congregational church, and the Masonic and Knights of Pythias lodges.

Funeral services were held this afternoon at 3:00 o'clock from the home of H. E. Wyatt at Rockford. The services will be in charge of Rev. Bliss of the Congregational church and burial will be made at Rockford.

### HELD FOR SEDUCTION.

Leland DeBaur was arrested by Sheriff Marsh in Lincoln county Saturday afternoon, and was taken by the sheriff of Franklin county to Hampton, where he is held on the charge of seduction. A judge

Washington, April 26—Some of the practices of nation wide associations of manufacturers and dealers of farm machinery are characterized as being of doubtful legality, tending to limit competition and increase prices, while a large part of them are held to be proper for protection of legitimate interests, in a report by the old Bureau of Corporations submitted today to President Wilson. The report was drawn before the Bureau was merged with the new Federal Trade Commission.

Almost every important manufacturer of farm machinery, the report says, is a member of the National Implement and Vehicle Association, while the dealers have organized the National Federation of Implement and Vehicle Dealers' Associations which is composed of numerous state and interstate associations. The two organizations are national in scope and work in close co-operation.

Efforts of manufacturers to fix wholesale prices, control of retail prices, concentrated control of patents, opposition of dealers to direct transactions between manufacturers and consumers, as well as efforts to reduce costs of manufacture and distribution, are reviewed at some length. The fight of organized dealers against competition of mail order houses, the report says, has been carried to the extent of efforts to have postal rates revised to increase charges on packages and to curtail advertising facilities of mail order houses by persuading manufacturers who sell through dealers not to advertise in farm papers which carry mail order advertisements.

The great problem of the dealers associations, the investigators found, was to find some lawful means of keeping members informed of manufacturers who refuse to confine their trade to regular dealers.

"While the organized dealers, disclaim any intention of maintaining a black list or of instituting a boycott against anyone" says the report, "It is clear that if they be permitted to disseminate information of this character, those loyal to the principles of their associations would refuse to continue business relations with offending manufacturers even in the absence of an express agreement to do so."

# FEDERATION OF COUNTRY CLUBS

The committee appointed at the banquet held in Mason City, Iowa, March 26th, met pursuant to call of the Chairman, Mrs. H. J. Fullerton, in the Civic League Rest Room, Mason City, Iowa on Monday, April 19, 1915, for the purpose of considering a County Federation of the Country Clubs of Cerro Gordo County.

A constitution was drawn up to be submitted to the delegates of all the clubs, for the approval, at a meeting to be held on May 15th. (Saturday) 2 p. m. sharp, in the directors room of the First National Bank, Mason City, Iowa.

A letter to Country Clubs just sent out by the secretary, Mrs. C. J. Hagan, reads:

"If your club has not already sent to take the matter up with your club at the next meeting and select the delegate, and send her name to Mr. Chas H. Barber secretary of the

Outline of Personal History of

*Purdy, George H.*

RESIDENCE

*Rockford, Iowa*

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

EDGAR R. HARLAN, CURATOR

The Historical Department of Iowa

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

1. Name in full (all names) *George Hartley Purdy*
2. Chief occupation or profession *Farmer. Up to date fruit and blooded stock farm.*
3. Former occupation or profession *Grocer for ten years*
4. Date and place of beginning each *Spencer, Iowa*
5. Present residence address *Rockford, Iowa*
6. Present business address *Rockford, Iowa*
7. Date of birth *August 27, 1866*
8. Place of birth *Ontario, Canada*
9. If born abroad, where *" "*
10. Emigrated to America, when *1869*
11. First migrated to what state and county, whether born abroad or in America *Mason City, Iowa*  
*1869;*
12. Emigrated the second time to what state or county *Spencer, Iowa*
13. Further emigration, if any *Mason City, 1899; Rockford, 1910.*
14. Education. Give name and location of rural, high, business or technical school, college or university *Public*  
*schools, Mason City; Cornell College, engineering, civil, Mt. Vernon, Iowa*
15. Date of graduation and degree if any

16. *Place of death* Mason City, Iowa
17. *Date of death* April 24, 1915
18. *Place of burial* Riverside cemetery, Rockford, Iowa
19. *Name of father in full (all names)* David James Purdy  
Grocer
20. *Occupation of father*
21. *Full Maiden name of mother (all names)* Ada
22. *Residence when married*
23. *Military service, if any (exact dates)*
24. *Political offices, (from the smallest to the largest, with dates)* Mayor of Rockford for two years;  
councilman of Rockford; representative of Floyd county 1915.
25. *Director or trustee of financial, religious and educational institutions*
26. *Politics* Republican
27. *Religious denomination if any*
28. *Religious preference if non-affiliated with a denomination*
29. *Member of what societies or associations of learning*
30. *Member of what secret organizations, with honors or offices held, with dates* Masonic Lodge of Mason  
City; Order of Eastern Star, Black Prince lodge, Knights of Pythias of  
Rockford.
31. *Member of what clubs if any*
32. *Belonged to what firms (give names in full and dates if possible)*
33. *Officer or director in any corporation*
34. *Enclose business card if possible*
35. *Enclose photograph and autograph*

36. *Author of books or pamphlets, with titles and publishers in full and dates of publication*.....

37. *Miscellaneous*.....



## FAMILY HISTORY

1. *To whom married* Hattie Flint.....
2. *Date of marriage* May 20, 1891.....
3. *Place of marriage*.....
4. *Date of his or her birth*.....
5. *Place of his or her birth*.....
6. *Religious denomination*.....
7. *Date of his or her death*.....
8. *Place of his or her death*.....
9. *Place of his or her burial*.....
10. *Father's full name*.....
11. *Born where and when*.....
12. *Occupation of his or her father*.....
13. *His or her mother's full name*.....
14. *Born when and where*.....
15. *Parents' residence at time of their marriage*.....
16. *Miscellaneous remarks on their family*.....

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| 1. <i>To whom married second time</i> ..... | 9. <i>Place of his or her burial</i> .....                    |
| 2. <i>Date of marriage</i> .....            | 10. <i>Father's full name</i> .....                           |
| 3. <i>Place of marriage</i> .....           | 11. <i>Born where and when</i> .....                          |
| 4. <i>Date of his or her birth</i> .....    | 12. <i>Occupation of his or her father</i> .....              |
| 5. <i>Place of his or her birth</i> .....   | 13. <i>His or her mother's full name</i> .....                |
| 6. <i>Religious denomination</i> .....      | 14. <i>Born when and where</i> .....                          |
| 7. <i>Date of his or her death</i> .....    | 15. <i>Parent's residence at time of their marriage</i> ..... |
| 8. <i>Place of his or her death</i> .....   | 16. <i>Miscellaneous remarks on their family</i> .....        |

CHILDREN OF George Purdy

AND Hattie Purdy

NAME	PLACE OF BIRTH	DATE	PLACE OF DEATH	DATE	MARRIED TO WHOM	WHERE	DATE
Marie Purdy							
Harold							
Flint							
Richard							

CHILDREN OF

AND

NAME	PLACE OF BIRTH	DATE	PLACE OF DEATH	DATE	MARRIED TO WHOM	WHERE	DATE

SIGNATURE Rockford Register

DATE April 29, 1915

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war and was mustered out with the rank of first lieutenant. He then returned to Illinois to practice his profession and was married in 1864.

In 1886 he was nominated by the republicans of the fifth district for young manhood he soon demonstrated his powers and in 1870 he moved with his family to Grundy Center, Iowa.

Soon after coming to Iowa he entered the field as proprietor and editor of the New Century and later from 1883 to 1888 he owned the Grundy Center Argus. In 1877 he had the honor of being elected as the first mayor of Grundy Center.

In 1883 Mr. Kerr was elected a member of the legislature of Iowa and was a great leader. In 1884 he was chosen elector on the Blaine and Logan ticket.

In 1886 he was nominated by the republicans of the fifth district for congress and elected by a good majority.

Daniel Kerr was clean, upright and a man of high ideals, honored by all and a man in need was never turned from his door. He was a devout member of the first presbyterian church and was correct in practice as well as theory of the golden rule "Whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, do even so unto them."

Mr. Kerr was a man whose place in his community would be difficult to fill by another for a man of such unusual character and one whose conception of life as big and broad as his leaves a lasting impression on any community and his memory should never be forgotten.

To honor his memory, it is therefore,

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the journal of the House as an expression of our appreciation and that of the state, for one who was of so much service to her interests.

W. A. MOOTY,

W. N. GILBERT,

F. P. MOWERY,

*Committee.*

Adopted January 25, 1917.

HON. GEORGE H. PURDY.

MR. SPEAKER—Your committee appointed to prepare resolutions commemorating the life and public service of the honorable Geo. H. Purdy, state representative in the thirty-sixth general assembly, report as follows:

Mr. Purdy was born in Ontario, Canada, August 27, 1866, of American parentage. He moved with his parents to Mason City, Iowa, in 1869, where he attended the public schools and later Cornell college at Mt. Vernon, where he took the civil engineering course, afterwards engaging in the grocery business at Spencer, Iowa, for ten years. He was married at Spencer, Iowa, May 20, 1891, to Hattie Flint, and to this union four children were born. In 1899 he moved

back to Mason City and was engaged in the growing and jobbing of fruit and raising registered Duroc-Jersey swine, moving to Rockford, Iowa, in 1910. He held township and town offices, and was elected representative in 1914.

Mr. Purdy was a republican in politics, a member of the Congregational church, and was a member of the Masonic lodge, the Order of the Eastern Star and of the Knights of Pythias. He died at Mason City on the 19th day of April, 1915.

Mr. Purdy was a man of honor and integrity and stood high in the confidence and esteem of his associates. He was kind, considerate, generous, and served well in every capacity in which he was engaged; therefore, be it

Resolved, that in the death of Hon. Geo. H. Purdy, the state has lost a worth yand influential citizen, and that we extend to his relatives and friends our sincere sympathy; and be it further

Resolved, that this resolution of respect and appreciation be printed in the journal of the House and that the Chief Clerk be directed to forward an engrossed copy to the family of the deceased.

GEO. H. DUNKELBERG.

J. C. GRASON,

B. J. HORCHEM.

*Committee.*

Adopted January 30, 1917.

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HON. JOHN FOX.

MR. SPEAKER—Your committee, appointed to present resolutions with respect to the life and service of John Fox, late of Dallas county, Iowa, begs leave to submit the following:

John Fox, late of Dallas county, Iowa, was born in Yorkshire, England, January 24 1841. He was one of that great company that have come to America from the old world seeking here the opportunity that is the crowning gift of a democracy. He grew to young manhood among the hills of Pennsylvavnia. In his twenty-first year, when about to enter upon full American citizenship, he gave proof of his appreciation of the land of his adoption by volunteering for its defense. He enlisted as a member of Company G 20th Ohio Volunteers in September 1861, and was honorably discharged in 1864. He came to Iowa in 1869 as a part of that wonderful home-loving and home-seeking movement of the fifties and sixties. He was seeking and found a home upon the virgin soil of Dallas county, where he long lived, contributing his full share in the development of the state. He represented Dallas county as a member of the House of Representatives in the 32nd (regular and special sessions) and 33rd general assemblies, serving with credit upon many important committees. On all moral questions especially he was a strong champion of the right. He was a faithful member of the Methodist church, an active worker in the Grand Army of the Republic and a prominent



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## George H Purdy

Birth **Aug 1866** in [Canada English](#)  
Death

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- 1869**  
Age: 3 [Arrival](#) [1 source citation](#)
- 1872**  
Age: 6 [Arrival](#) [1 source citation](#)
- 1891**  
Age: 25 [Marriage to Hattie F Purdy](#) [1 source citation](#)
- 1900**  
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Age: 44 [Residence](#)  
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#### Family Members

##### Parents

No Father

No Mother

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[Hattie F Purdy](#)  
1872 -

[Marie Purdy](#)  
1894 -

[Harold G Purdy](#)  
1896 -

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Name: **George H Purdy**  
 Home in 1900: **Spencer, Clay, Iowa**  
 Age: **33**  
 Birth Date: **Aug 1866**  
 Birthplace: **Canada**  
 Race: **White**  
 Gender: **Male**  
 Immigration Year: **1872**  
 Relationship to head-of-house: **Head**  
 Father's Birthplace: **Canada England**  
 Mother's Birthplace: **New York**  
 Spouse's name: **Hattie F Purdy**  
 Marriage Year: **1891**  
 Marital Status: **Married**  
 Years Married: **9**  
 Occupation: [View on Image](#)  
 Neighbors: [View others on page](#)

Household Members:	Name	Age
	<a href="#">George H Purdy</a>	<b>33</b>
	<a href="#">Hattie F Purdy</a>	<b>28</b>
	<a href="#">Marie Purdy</a>	<b>6</b>
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