

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Senator Wilson

Seneca Loring - Represented Innocent and Pagan Cemeteries, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 17 Mar 1867 Clarington, Ohio

2. Marriage (s) date place
Ella Rosa Dunbar
Mrs Ella Dunbar 27 Dec 1897 Dunbar, Nebraska

3. Significant events for example:
- A. Business He was admitted to the Nebraska Bar 1897 and to the Iowa Bar in 1901
 - B. Civic responsibilities Chamber of Commerce; Elks Club; Mason;
Shriners;
 - C. Profession Lawyer; educator

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 42nd, 43rd Iowa Assemblies 1927, 1929

6. Public Offices
- A. Local Shenandoah Board of Education member
 - B. State _____
 - C. National _____

7. Death 6 Mar 1961 Clarinda, Iowa; Buried Rose Hill Cemetery, Shenandoah, Iowa

8. Children Irma Dunbar; Ruth Lucille (Mrs Patty)

9. Names of parents John and Amy (Sykes) Wilson

10. Education He attended the Western Normal School at Sherandoch,
Iowa.

11. Degrees Graduate of State University of Nebraska Law School
with L.L.B. degree in 1897

12. Other applicable information Republican

- His parents both died when he was a child.
- At age 14 he went to Nebraska and worked on a farm until age 20.
- He then entered school at the Western Normal School at Sherandoch, Iowa.
- From then until age 30 he went to school and taught schools alternately
until he completed his law course 1891-1900.
- He began practicing law at Sherandoch, Iowa in 1901.
- From 1891-1893 he taught in Page County schools; 1892-1894 he was
superintendent of schools at Broadwayville, Iowa; 1894-1895 he taught at
Dunbar, Nebraska. 1897 to 1900 he taught at Reister, Iowa.

... have never given me trouble." ... not overlook the ... habit. The more ... the person the more ... is to be able to use ... or better yet, a ... g a., forms of brag- ... n common is that they ... as subtle as they are ... er how cleverly one ... nks she is about slip- ... tle bragging into her ... n. the woman she's ... impress always knows ... ing.

... and the full program will be avail- ... able soon. ... Among the new books on the li- ... brary shelves are, "The War Call- ... ed Peace" by Overstreet. The auth- ... or of "What We Must Know About ... Communism", continues the new ... book along the same subject, look- ... ing at the changes which have ... taken place in Russia and at re- ... cent world events, including the ... Russian leader's last visit to the ... U. S. ... "The Coil of Life" by Moore who ... also wrote "Man, Time and Fos- ... sils" has written a book about the ... break through discoveries of the ... scientists. In dramatic and sim-

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his church and community. ... **Kennedy Pops In ... On Dinner Part** ... WASHINGTON (AP)—Form ... President Harry S. Trum ... Thursday night observed an a ... niversary, and the occasion w ... awash with nostalgia and go ... spirits. ... President Kennedy popped in ... help celebrate the 20th annive ... sary of the creation of the Sena ... War Investigating Committe ... which served as Truman's sprin ... board to national prominence.

GLANCES By Galbraith



ided I was getting soft. If war should come, I want to be ready for it!"

Tribute Paid ... D. L. Wilson

Last rites for Denver L. Wilson, 93, who died at a Clarinda Nursing Home Monday, were held from the Buntz-Tawzer Funeral Home Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The Rev. Gerald M. Rosenberger officiated. ... Mrs. Forrest Benedict, organist, included in her organ selections, "Abide With Me" and "The Old Rugged Cross". ... Mrs. B. V. Guernsey, Mrs. Bert Levine and Mrs. Raymond Sawyer were in charge of the floral tributes. ... Honorary bearers included W. D. Archie, John Behm, R. E. Cunningham, Will R. Day, Earl Fishbaugh, Sr., R. O. Henstorf, Sr., L. L. Hunter, Theo Nordstrom, Henry Read and Harold Teachout. ... Casket bearers were B. V. Guernsey, John Haldeman, Sam Knittle, Rex Longstreet, Walter Nixon, Robert Ross, Raymond Sawyer and Wayne Stevens. ... Interment was at Rose Hill

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ... IOWA, IN AND FOR PAGE ... COUNTY IN EQUITY ... LORRAINE) ... VANDERVORT) ... Plaintiff,) ... VS-) ORIGINAL ... WILLIAM) NOTICE ... VANDERVORT,) Defendant,) ... TO: THE DEFENDANT, WILLIAM VANDERVORT. ... You are hereby notified that the Plaintiff's petition in the above entitled action is now on file in the office of the Clerk of the above named Court, in which petition the above named Plaintiff prays for a decree of absolute divorce from you on the grounds of cruel and inhuman treatment and for the further reason that you have failed to support the parties minor children. Said petition further prays that the Plaintiff be granted the permanent care, custody and control of the parties three minor children and for such further equitable relief as the Court may deem just in the circumstances. For further particulars see copy of said petition on file in the office of the Clerk of the above named Court. ... You are further notified to appear before said Court at the Courthouse in Clarinda, Iowa, on or before the 8th day of April 1961, and that unless you so appear, your default will be entered and judgment or decree rendered against you for the relief prayed for in said petition. ... BENJAMIN W. BROWN ... Attorney for Plaintiff. ... Address: Shenandoah, Iowa ... (March 3, 10, 17 - 31)

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10 Years Ago - 1951
Gen. Omar Bradley, chairman
of the U. S. joint chiefs of staff,
was retiring . . . A huge crowd
of Shenandoahans and surround-
ing community people turned out
for the spring window opening . .
. . Mrs. Emma Stewart Birkshire,
wife of Dr. Birkshire, died at
Rockford, Ill. . . . Bonzo, movie
chimpanzee, died when fire razed
his quarters at Universal-Inter-
national studios . . . John C. Ful-
ton of Metropolitan Supply Comany
Cedar Rapids, spoke to the Fre-
mont County council of teachers
. . . Southwest Iowa county school
superintendents met at Red Oak
. . . Shenandoah High School
speech and dramatic students went
to Clarinda to compete in the pre-
district contest.

25 Years Ago - 1936
The Missouri Valley basketball
championship was split three ways
after Drake U. nosed out Grinnell
College, 37-35 . . . Alfred Sar
was nominated on the Citizen's
ticket at Essex for mayor . . .
Mr. and Mrs. DeForrest Brown
and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Adams
went to Omaha to see Colleen
Moore's doll house . . . Ben Bear,
local merchant, had in his posses-
sion a nickel he didn't plan to
spend, because it was given to
him in payment of a debt con-
tracted 50 years before by Dr.
E. O. Giere of Minneapolis, a
former Luther College student . .
. . Robert Poore, Council Bluffs,
was elected president of the Fre-
mont-Page-Mills Counties cow
testing association . . . Ed Tope
received word of the death of his
older brother, L. W. Tope, at
North Bend, Ore.

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was moving . . . Mr. Owen, fath-
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to Akron, Colo., where he had a
ranch on which his son resided . .
. . C. A. Wenstrand returned
from a rest at Excelsior Springs,
Mo. . . . Carl Wenstrand spent the
week end at home from his job

Cemetery.
Paul Millhone, Kent Thornell,
Homer S. Stephens and Max Turn-
er, Clarinda attorneys, attended
the services with the Shenandoah
attorneys. The lawyers were
seated together in a special sec-
tion.

Denver L. Wilson, a son of John
and Amy Wilson, was born near
Clarrington, Ohio, on March 17,
1867, and passed away on March
6 at the age of 93.

Mr. Wilson was graduated from
the Western Normal College,
taught school for a while, then
attended the University of Nebras-
ka Law College from which he
was graduated in 1897.

On December 27, 1897, he was
united in marriage to Dora Dun-
bar of Dunbar, Nebraska. To this
union, two children were born.
Mrs. Wilson preceded him in
death on August 5, 1956.

Mr. Wilson began the practice
of law in Shenandoah in 1901, and
continued to practice here for 40
years, retiring in 1941. He served
four years as a member of the
Iowa State Senate.

Surviving are one son, Ivan Wil-
son, and one daughter, Mrs. Ruth
Wilson Patty, both of Shenandoah.
One grandson, Norman Wilson
Patty, was killed in action on Oki-
nawa on April 19, 1945.

Mr. Wilson was a member of
the Elks Lodge, the Masonic
Lodge, and of the First Method-
ist Church in Shenandoah. His
great love of people ever caused
him to give much of his time and
energy to helping others through
his church and community.

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- s Knight, William Francis Theodore- b 3 May 1903 Shenandoah d 23 Dec 1970 San Antonio, TX; f William S Knight m Myrtle L Pratt; md 27 June 1934 Atlantic, IA Irene Mabel Tinnell
- s Varley, Sarah Margaret 'Sadie'- b 15 Jan 1897 Farragut, IA d 11 June 1975 Shenandoah 78y 4m 26d; f John Henry Andrews m Alice M Peterkin; md 16 Dec 1916 Omaha, NE Forrest Vernon Varley
- s Varley, Forrest Vernon- b 23 Dec 1895 Tarkio Twp, Page Co, IA d 29 May 1976 Shenandoah 80y 5m 17d; f Charles Henry Varley m Bertha May Brewer; md 16 Dec 1916 Omaha, NE Sarah Margaret Andrews
- s Ecker, Irene Mabel- (stone-Knight) b 15 Sept 1910 College Springs, IA d 9 Aug 1991 Clarinda, IA; f Perry Garfield Tinnell m Christie Rose McCumber; md 1st 27 June 1934 Atlantic, IA William Francis Theodore Knight; md 2nd 8 May 1970 Orië Ecker

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- s Hunter, Lida Mary- b 24 July 1877 Page Co, IA d 4 Jan 1949 Shenandoah 71y 5m 10d; f Joseph Shepard Tunnicliff m Mary Ella Minnick; md 25 Dec 1900 Mt Pleasant, IA Louis LaFayette Hunter
- s Hunter, Marian Eleanor- b 3 Jan 1907 Castle Rock, CO d 23 March 1962 Omaha, NE 55y 2m 20d; f Louis LaFayette Hunter m Lida Mary Tunnicliff
- s Hunter, Louis LaFayette- b 29 Sept 1877 Morton Twp, Page Co, IA d 28 Aug 1962 Shenandoah 84y 11m 1d; SP AM War 1st Sgt Iowa Co E 51st Inf; f Elizur Porter Hunter m Sarah Ellen McEnheimer; md 25 Dec 1900 Mt Pleasant, IA Lida Mary Tunnicliff
- s Hunter, Nellie Marie- b 4 Nov 1902 rural Shenandoah d 26 July 1990 Shenandoah; f Louis LaFayette Hunter m Lida Mary Tunnicliff
- s Hunter, Joseph Porter- b 14 Jan 1906 Castle Rock, CO d 30 July 1993 Shenandoah 87y; f Louis LaFayette Hunter m Lida Mary Tunnicliff; md 21 April 1930 York, NE Ellen Gallagher
- s Hunter, Ellen 'Nellie'- b 22 Oct 1904 County Leitrim, Bundorn, Ireland d 7 June 1995 Shenandoah 90y; f John Gallagher m Maria Cullen; md 21 April 1930 York, NE Joseph Porter Hunter

Lot 19

- s Patty, Norman Wilson- b 6 Oct 1924 Shenandoah d 19 April 1945 Okinawa 20y 6m 12d; WWII US Army Pfc Iowa 381st Inf 96th Div; f Jessie Patty m Ruth Wilson
- s Wilson, Dora- b 22 March 1873 Dunbar, NE d 5 Aug 1956 Shenandoah 83y 4m 14d; f John Dunbar b Scotland m Ann b Scotland; md 27 Dec 1897 Dunbar, NE Denver L Wilson
- s Wilson, Denver L- b 17 March 1867 Clarington, OH d 6 March 1961 Clarinda, IA 93y 11m 19d; f John Wilson m Amy; md 27 Dec 1897 Dunbar, NE Dora Dunbar
- s Broff, Stella- b 5 Sept 1910 Bancroft; MN d 25 Dec 1970 Shenandoah 60y 3m 20d; f William J Anderson m Marie Ingvaldson; md 25 Jan 1941 Harold Martin Broff
- s Broff, Harold Martin- b 15 March 1903 Shenandoah d 28 Feb 1980 Shenandoah 76y 11m 13d; WWII US Army; f Amandus Peter Broff m Anna Anderson; md 1st 25 Jan 1941 Stella Anderson; md 12 July 1973 Naoma Barbara Savage Arvidson
- s King, Vena Belle- b 17 Nov 1899 Lincoln Twp, Page Co, IA d 8 April 1988 Omaha, NE 88y 4m 21d; f Charles David Cutter m Neva Means; md 26 Jan 1921 Jesse Earl King
- s King, Jesse Earl- b 10 March 1900 rural Norwich, Page Co, IA d 8 June 1993 Shenandoah 93y; WWI US Navy PH M3; f Skyles Austin King m Ethel Ferris; md 26 Jan 1921 Vena Belle Cutter
- s Patty, Ruth- b 5 July 1899 d 26 Nov 1993 Laguna Hills, CA 94y; f Denver L Wilson m Dora Dunbar; md Jessie Patty

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SPECIAL TREATMENT OF THEIR CHIEF ENTERPRISES IN
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a member of the University Club, Des Moines; the Wakonda Country Club, Kiwanis Club, and is a Republican in politics.

He married in 1913 Laura Withington, who was born at Toledo, Iowa, and finished her education in Grinnell College of Iowa. Her father, Wallace Withington, was a farmer, banker and land operator, with extensive connections in North Dakota, but is now living in Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Shambaugh have two children, Elizabeth Joan and Nancy Withington, both attending school at Des Moines.

HON. DENVER L. WILSON. The career of Hon. Denver L. Wilson, one of the most prominent attorneys of Shenandoah and Page County, and member of the State Senate, contains all of the incidents necessary to compiling a true American romance. From the time that he was left an orphan, as a lad, through the period of his hardships on a neighboring farm, where he was practically a bound boy until breaking his bondage by running away, and on through the ensuing years, which brought him fame, prestige and means, his life has been full of incident, abounding in color and characteristic of ambitious manhood in the making.

Senator Wilson was born at Clarington, Monroe County, Ohio, March 17, 1869, and is a son of John and Amy (Sykes) Wilson. He was named for James W. Denver, a friend of his father, after whom the City of Denver was named. Mr. Denver, of Kansas, having at one time owned nearly all of the present State of Colorado. John Wilson was born in Virginia and as a young man went to Ohio, where he met and married Amy Sykes, a native of Virginia. Mr. Wilson was a farmer and stock dealer, and died on his farm in Monroe County, Ohio, in 1875, his wife having preceded him in death two years. They were the parents of three children: One who died in infancy; Louis S., engaged in the practice of law at Raton, New Mexico; and Denver L., of this review.

Denver L. Wilson was about six years of age at the time of his father's death, when he was taken into the family of a neighborhood farmer, where for the next five years he labored in the fields almost incessantly, with only several months in the winter in which to gain educational advantages. At fourteen years of age he ran away to Nebraska, where he found employment on various farms, and by the time he was twenty-one years of age had earned and saved enough money to enter school at Shenandoah, where he entered the Western Normal College. After graduating from the latter institution he taught school at Braddyville and Riverton, Iowa, and Dunbar, Nebraska. He then took the liberal arts and law courses at the University of Nebraska, from which he received the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws as a member of the class of 1897, and immediately opened an office at Shenandoah, where he is now the oldest attorney in point of continuous practice. Senator

Wilson has always enjoyed a large and prominent clientele, has appeared as counsel in many famous and hard-fought cases, and is entitled to practice in all of the courts of Iowa and Nebraska. He belongs to the Page County Bar Association, the Iowa State Bar Association and the American Bar Association, and occupies a high position not only in the confidence and esteem of the general public, but among his professional contemporaries. A pillar of the Methodist Episcopal Church, he is a member of the board of trustees and a generous contributor to its movements. Fraternally he is a York Rite Mason and Shriner at Des Moines, and a life member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a Republican in his political views, and in 1926 was the successful candidate for the office of state senator, a capacity in which he has served with honor, dignity and effectiveness. In addition to his large law practice Senator Wilson is the owner of much farming property.

In 1897 Senator Wilson was united in marriage with Miss Dora Dunbar, of Nebraska, and to this union there have been born two children: Ruth, the wife of Jesse Patty, a druggist of Omaha, Nebraska; and Ivan D., a graduate of the University of Iowa, class of 1928, who is engaged in the practice of law in association with his father at Shenandoah. He married, in 1929, Miss Caroline Cooper, of Shenandoah.

OSCAR C. PERRIN, president of the First State Bank of Greene, has made banking his profession since he left school. A real banker has closer contact with the diversified business interests of a community than probably any other business or professional man, and farmers, merchants, professional men and others throughout this section of Butler County have come to look upon Mr. Perrin as their chief adviser in a financial way, and it would be difficult to overestimate his standing and influence as a financier.

Mr. Perrin was born near Clarksville, Butler County, January 24, 1868, son of Jeremiah and Anna (Hillman) Perrin. His father was a native of England, first settled in Pittsburgh, and in 1851 came to Iowa as a pioneer of Butler County, acquiring land and developing a farm. He was a man of very substantial character and highly esteemed in his community. He died in 1905, leaving two sons, Oscar C. and Mark J. Mark J. Perrin was for many years a resident of Waterloo, but died at Clarksville.

Oscar C. Perrin grew up on an Iowa farm, had the advantages of the common schools and finished his education in the Clarksville High School. Immediately after leaving school he went to work in the private bank of Louis Slimmer at Clarksville, and later he assisted in organizing the Butler County State Bank, Clarksville, of which he is now vice president. His chief interests have been centered at Greene since 1887, when he became assistant bookkeeper for the First National Bank. Later this was reorganized as the First State Bank of Greene and in



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- *Sex:* M
- *Birth:* 1870 in Ohio¹

Marriage 1 [Ella Dora Dunbar](#) b: 1873 in Otoe County, Nebraska

- *Married:* 1897¹

Children

1. [Ruth L Wilson](#) b: 1900 in Iowa
2. [Ivan B Wilson](#) b: 1906 in Iowa

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