

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative McLain, William James Senator \_\_\_\_\_  
Represented Pottawattamie County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 21 Jan 1866 Rock Island County, Illinois

2. Marriage (s) date place

Edith Brentman 24 Dec 1896 St. Albans, Vermont

3. Significant events for example:

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

B. Civic responsibilities Mason, Knights of Pythias

C. Profession Farmer; stockman (raised Chester White hogs and  
Shorthorn cattle)

4. Church membership Methodist Episcopal

5. Sessions served 44<sup>th</sup> General Assembly 1931

6. Public Offices

A. Local \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

7. Death 21 Oct 1935 Brooklyn, Iowa; buried Brooklyn Memorial Cemetery, Brooklyn, Iowa

8. Children Mildred (Mrs. Breckenridge); Marvin; Miriam (Mrs. Hollison); Maynard; Margery

9. Names of parents John and Sarah (Middleton) McLain

10. Education He was educated in the schools near his home in Scott Township of Poweshiek County, Iowa, later attended the Grinnell Academy, Grinnell, Iowa

11. Degrees \_\_\_\_\_

12. Other applicable information Republican

- In 1867 the family they moved to Scott Township, Poweshiek County, Iowa where the family lived many years.
- After marriage, the couple moved to Colorado, but after a few months they returned to Poweshiek County and took up farming.



# BIG TOWNSEND MEETING WILL BE ON SUNDAY

Former Local Pastor To Speak Here At U. P. Church.

A large turnout is expected Sunday at the United Presbyterian church at 3:30 p. m. when Rev. C. R. Zimmerman of Marengo will deliver an address on the Townsend Plan. A large delegation of Marengo Townsend backers are expected to accompany Rev. Mr. Zimmerman.

Special interest is attached to the address on account of the fact that Rev. Zimmerman was formerly pastor of the local Methodist church.

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# STUDY GROUP WILL DISCUSS THE NEW

Public Invited to Talks on HO and FS&SA

Charles Vogel and Wilf will be the main speakers at the first meeting of a new study group which has just been formed. The purpose will be to discuss New Deal programs. The meeting will be held at the American Club rooms at 7:30 o'clock evening and it is planned to have similar study groups each week.

At the first study group speakers will talk on the New Deal, FS&SA, initialed organization and the New Deal program. Each speaker will give a twenty-minute talk and then give detailed information concerning the organizations.

Similar meetings are being held all over the country as a part of a widely publicized Report on the New Deal by Mrs. Jamison, Fifth district Democratic committeewoman for the Young Women's League. She is furnishing details for the meetings and local plans are being made. Miss Louella Focht of the Democratic club.

The meetings are to be held weekly, according to Miss Jamison, and the public is cordially invited to attend.

Another meeting will be held in November and Dean Shelton will bring information on the New Deal program.

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In last night's meeting three new candidates were voted upon to become members. It is expected that four more will be accepted at the next meeting. After the meeting Wednesday night a lunch will be served and that ought to pull all members to be present.

Miss Arlene Hanson spent Sunday at the home of Bernice Deppe.

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He attended the Grinnell academy. On the 24th of December, 1896, he was married to Miss Edith Brennan. They lived in Colorado but after a few months returned to Poweshiek county and took up farming.

He was a republican in politics and served as state representative one term. Surviving are four children, Mrs. Mildred Breckenridge of Ames, Marvin of Brooklyn, Mrs. Miriam Melison of Grinnell and Maynard of Brooklyn.

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## Large's Window Creates

Quite a lot of attention attracted to the Large window which has a exhibit of biological products honor of National Pharmacy. The exhibition is a showing of drugs and the prevention and infectious diseases. Drug form are shown, the medicine being a species of sea which iodine is extracted ningham did the decoration

HISTORY OF  
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Mr. McKee was married in Iowa county, November 21, 1882, to Miss Laura Jane Cole, who was born in Madison county, Indiana, February 25, 1852. Her parents, Crossman Jacob and Catherine (Eaton) Cole, were both natives of New York, the former born April 7, 1827, and the latter October 24, 1828. They were married in Madison county, Indiana, in 1851, and in 1856 removed to Keokuk county, Iowa, where they resided until the death of the mother. The father followed farming and harness-making throughout his business career and died while on a visit to Indiana, June 23, 1886, when fifty-nine years of age, while the mother died in Keokuk county, Iowa, February 28, 1870, at the comparatively early age of forty-two years. In their family were six children, of whom Mrs. McKee is the eldest, the others being: Cynthia Ann, deceased; Martha Ellen, the wife of John Sigler, of Virginia; William T. A., a resident of Montezuma; Ida Viola, who became the wife of John Garber but is now deceased; and Lucy Elizabeth, the wife of Carney Henderson, a resident of Oxford, Iowa.

Mrs. McKee accompanied her parents on their removal to Iowa and attended the schools of the school district near which they resided, but she received the major part of her education at Sigourney, Keokuk county. She eventually engaged in teaching, and before and after her marriage taught forty-eight terms in the district schools. She holds a life certificate to teach in the state of Iowa. For the past few years she has devoted her time to the raising of fancy poultry, making a close study of this line of work. From the time of its organization to the present she has acted as superintendent of the poultry department of the Poweshiek County Farmers Institute and ever takes an active interest in its development and work. Mr. and Mrs. McKee have no children of their own but have reared a nephew, Charles Joseph Garber, who is now engaged in farming in Deep River township.

Mr. McKee is a republican in his political views and his wife is a member of the Methodist Protestant church, in the work of which she takes an active part. They are both well known in Deep River township as well as other sections of Poweshiek county and Mr. McKee has a reputation for fair and honorable dealing which is surpassed by no man in his locality.

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#### WILLIAM JAMES McLAIN.

William James McLain has followed farming on his present property of three hundred and sixty-seven acres, located on section 5, Lincoln township, since 1897. He was born in Rock Island county, Illinois, January 21, 1866, a son of John and Sarah (Middleham) McLain, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of England. In 1848 the father emigrated to the United States and followed farming in Pennsylvania until about 1850, when he continued his journey westward, locating on a farm in Rock Island county, Illinois. About 1867 or 1868, he removed to Poweshiek county, Iowa, purchasing land in Scott township, which he cultivated until the time of his death in 1896 at the age of seventy years. He was a republican in his political faith and was a mem-

ber of the United Presbyterian church, in which he filled various offices, and he also assisted in building several churches. The mother of our subject still survives and makes her home on the farm in Scott township.

William James McLain was but an infant when brought to Poweshiek county by his parents, and in the schools of his home district he acquired his early education but later attended Grinnell Academy. During the periods of vacation he was trained in the work of the home farm and after completing his education he returned to the farm and there remained for some time. Eventually, however, he went to Colorado, where he remained for six months, but in 1897 returned once more to Poweshiek county and since that time has lived on his present place, consisting of three hundred and sixty-seven acres on section 5, Lincoln township. He has here a valuable property, his fields having been placed under a high state of cultivation, and in addition to general farming he raises Chester White hogs and shorthorn cattle on quite an extensive scale, making his shipments to the Chicago market. In addition to this property he is also interested in farm lands in Dakota and Montana. He has made wise use of his capital, investing it where it has brought substantial returns, and today he is classed with the well-to-do citizens of his section of the county.

Mr. McLain was married on the 24th of December, 1896, in Fort Collins, Colorado, to Miss Minnie L. Breniman, a daughter of Reuben and Minnie (Pierce) Breniman. The former, of Swiss descent, is a farmer by occupation, while the mother is of English descent. The father formerly owned the farm on which our subject now resides. Unto Mr. and Mrs. McLain have been born three daughters and two sons, Mildred, Margery, Miriam, Marvin and Maynard.

In politics Mr. McLain is a republican and for two terms served as township trustee. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in Harmony Methodist Episcopal church. His genial, cordial nature has endeared him to all with whom he comes in contact, and no man in the community has a wider circle of warm friends.

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#### C. F. SCHULTZ.

A well spent youth, coupled with thrift and energy, enabled C. F. Schultz to acquire a competence which makes it possible for him to spend his latter days in the ease and comfort which is ever considered to be the just reward of well directed effort.

He was born in Prussia, Germany, on the 28th of August, 1842, a son of Christopher and Mary (Rabach-Schroeder) Schultz, who were also natives of the fatherland, in which country the mother passed away. The father, who was a carpenter by trade, engaged in ship building, preparing the heavy timbers in the woods for the vessels. Six children were born unto Mr. and Mrs. Schultz: Charles; Louis; Henry; Hugh; C. F., our subject; and Augusta, the only daughter. In 1850 the father emigrated to America on a sailing vessel.

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1937

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OF THE  
**Forty-seventh General Assembly**

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LAMAR FOSTER, Speaker of the House

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## HONORABLE WILLIAM J. McCLAIN

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee appointed to prepare resolutions commemorative of the life, character and public service of the late Honorable William J. McClain, of Poweshiek county, Iowa, beg leave to submit the following report:

William J. McClain was born in Rock Island county, Illinois, on January 21, 1866, a son of John and Sarah McClain.

In 1867, with his parents, he moved to Scott township, Poweshiek county, where they resided on a farm.

He attended the local schools and later attended Grinnell Academy.

He was married December 24, 1896, to Miss Edith Breniman. They lived for a while in Colorado, but after a short time moved back to Lincoln township where they resumed farming until moving to Brooklyn. To them were born five children: Mildred, Margery (deceased), Miriam, Marvin and Maynard.

Mr. McLain was a great reader, very well informed on farm problems and a keen business man. He was the type of man of whom could be said, "He bore malice to none, and charity to all."

He was a member of the Methodist church, Masonic lodge and Knights of Pythias. He was elected representative and served in the Forty-fourth General Assembly. In politics, he was a republican.

Mr. McLain died on October 21, 1935, after a short illness. He leaves to mourn his loss besides his wife and children, eleven grandchildren and several brothers and sisters.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved*, That in the passing of the Honorable William J. McLain, the state has lost a valuable and honored citizen, and the House would tender by this resolution its sincere sympathy to the surviving members of his family in their sorrow and

*Be It Further Resolved*, That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the Journal of the House, and that the Chief Clerk be instructed to send an enrolled copy to the family of the deceased.

J. W. FRIZZELL,  
ROY J. SOURS,  
J. P. GALLAGHER,

*Committee.*

Unanimously adopted, April 19, 1937.

## HONORABLE FRANKLIN PIERCE MOWERY

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare suitable resolutions commemorating the life, character, and public services of the Honorable Franklin Pierce Mowery, a member of the Thirty-seventh General Assembly of Iowa, beg leave to submit the following:

Franklin Pierce Mowery was born in Jefferson county, Iowa, June 29, 1853, and passed away at his home Tuesday morning, September 1, 1936, at 4:55 a. m. at the age of 83 years, 2 months and 4 days, being the first one summoned to break the immediate family circle.



You searched for **William J. McClain** in **Iowa**

1900 United States Federal Census

Name: **William J McCain**  
[**William J McClain**]

Home in 1900: **Lincoln, Poweshiek, Iowa**  
[**Lincoln, Poweshiek, Iowa**]

Age: **34**

Birth Date: **Jan 1866**

Birthplace: **Illinois**

Race: **White**

Gender: **Male**

Relationship to head-of-house: **Head**

Father's Birthplace: **Ireland**

Mother's Birthplace: **England**

Spouse's Name: **Minnie D McCain**

Marriage year: **1897**

Marital Status: **Married**

Years married: **3**

Occupation: [View on Image](#)

Neighbors: [View others on page](#)

Household Members:	Name	Age
	<a href="#">William J McCain</a>	34
	<a href="#">Minnie D McCain</a>	32
	<a href="#">Mildred McCain</a>	2
	<a href="#">Margery McCain</a>	1
	<a href="#">Leola Dale</a>	27
	<a href="#">Lorenz Duffus</a>	24

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1930 United States Federal Census		
Name:	<b>William J McClain</b>	
Home in 1930:	<b>Brooklyn, Poweshiek, Iowa</b>	
	<a href="#">View Map</a>	
Age:	<b>64</b>	
Estimated Birth Year:	<b>abt 1866</b>	
Birthplace:	<b>Illinois</b>	
Relation to Head of House:	<b>Head</b>	
Spouse's Name:	<b>Minnie L McClain</b>	
Race:	<b>White</b>	
Occupation:		
Education:		
Military Service:	<a href="#">View image</a>	
Rent/home value:		
Age at first marriage:		
Parents' birthplace:		
Neighbors:	<a href="#">View others on page</a>	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	<a href="#">William J McClain</a>	<b>64</b>
	<a href="#">Minnie L McClain</a>	<b>63</b>
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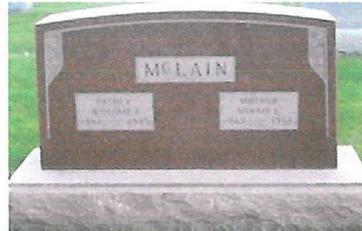
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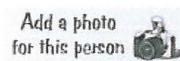


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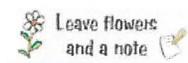


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