

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Hillis, Blake Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Represented Dallas County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 3. Jan 1892 Perry, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Isabel Dillon 1 Nov 1919 Woodward, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Practiced law in the same office building for 42 years; member of the Dallas County, Iowa and American Bar Associations

B. Civic responsibilities Mason; Shiner; Elks; American Legion; Perry Chamber of Commerce

C. Profession Attorney

4. Church membership Presbyterian

5. Sessions served 45<sup>th</sup> General Assembly 1933

6. Public Offices

A. Local Perry city attorney; school board member 9 years; Dallas County Attorney 1925-1929

B. State Member of the Board of Governors of the Iowa State Bar Association

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

7. Death 20 Sept 1961 Des Moines, Iowa; buried Violet Hill Cemetery, Perry, Iowa

8. Children Ed; Annabel (predeceased her father in death)

9. Names of parents Arthur E. and Belle D. (Blake) Hillis

Willis, Blake

10. Education He was educated in the schools of Perry, Iowa

11. Degrees He earned a B.A. from the University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa in 1914; he graduated from the College of Law also at the University of Iowa in 1916

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He opened a law office in Perry in 1916 immediately after graduating from law school and being admitted to the bar
- Military service - World War I
- A main street in Perry was named after William Ames which originally marked the dividing line between the two Willis farms
- His wife, Sarah, born 1894, died 1983, also buried in Villet Hill Cemetery, Perry, Iowa.



# Red China Issue To UN Today

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP) —The United States and the Soviet Union come to grips today on the perennial issue of giving Red China a U.N. seat. For the first time in a decade both agree the General Assembly should debate the question.

The two big powers are sure to clash, however, when the 21-nation Steering Committee meets later in

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (AP)—The United States today demanded that the question of banning nuclear weapons tests be given urgent consideration by the United Nations. The Soviet Union insisted it should not be taken up separately, but as part of a general disarmament debate.

Representatives of the two countries clashed in the General Assembly's 21-nation Steering Committee, which was drafting the agenda for the current session. Each blamed the other for the collapse of the Geneva talks on a nuclear test ban.

the day to decide how the explosive question shall be placed before the 9-nation assembly.

Still opposed to admitting the Peiping regime, the United States has agreed only to assembly debate on the issue.

The Red China issue was one of several serious cold war disputes that cropped up either on the agenda or in the background almost as soon as the assembly met Tuesday. Among others are Berlin, disarmament and the future of the United Nations itself.

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## Mayor Proclaims Poppy Day



BLAKE WILLIS

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# Blake Willis, Perry Attorney, Succumbs

Blake Willis, 69, prominent Perry attorney for more than 40 years, former state legislator and member of a pioneer Perry family, died Wednesday at 6:20 p.m. at the Iowa Methodist Hospital in Des Moines, where he had been hospitalized since Sept. 5.

Funeral services for Mr. Willis will be held Friday at 2:30 p.m. at the Workman-Timmon Funeral Home with the Rev. Roy Wilson, minister of the First Presbyterian Church, officiating. Burial will be at Violet Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Willis was born July 3, 1892, in Perry, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Willis. His marriage to the former Isabel Dillon took place Nov. 1, 1919 at Woodward.

Lawyer Since 1918

He opened a law office in Perry

in 1916, immediately after his law school graduation and admittance to the Iowa bar, and he had practiced law in the same office building for 42 years.

He was a member of the American Bar Association, the Iowa State Bar Association, the Dallas County Bar Association and was a former member of the Board of Governors of the Iowa State Bar Association.

He served as a member of the Iowa State Legislature representing Dallas County as representative in the Iowa House from 1933-34 and served as Dallas County attorney from 1925-1929. He had also been city attorney of Perry.

For nine years he was a mem-

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## Berlin Is C

# Rusk Oper

By JOHN  
NEW YORK (AP) — started a series of cold war  
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hattan hotel where Rusk h  
was accompanied by a pas  
bassador Adlai E. Stevenson  
Foreign Minister Valeria A.

## Mrs. Hager, 70 Dies Thursday

Mrs. Ellen Marie Hager, died Thursday at 9:15 a.m. her farm home on Route 1, Pe Her death was attributed to heart condition.

Funeral services for Mrs. Hager will be held Saturday at 9 a.m. at St. Patrick's Church with Rev. Albert Wilwerding officiating. Rosary will be Friday at 7 p.m. at the Fouch Funeral Home where the body lies in state.

Mrs. Hager was born July 1891, in New York, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Lawl. She was married to Joseph Anthony Hager Sept. 17, 1912, Ogden. They had resided on the same farm or in the immediate vicinity since their marriage.

Mrs. Hager was a member of St. Patrick's Church and Regi Guild Band No. 4.

She is survived by her husband Joseph, three daughters, Mr

ached Wednesday night in a radial but cool atmosphere on neutral grounds in this Northern Rhodesian frontier town.

Smiling and outwardly confident Shombe made the announcement first at a news conference. Mahmoud Khiri of Tunisia, who took over as chief U.N. negotiator after Dag Hammarskjold met his death in a plane crash flying to the peace talks, confirmed the agreement later.

Both sides emphasized that the agreement is subject to approval of U.N. headquarters in New York.

### Gene Hardy New County Engineer

ADEL — According to an announcement made this week by the board of supervisors, Dallas County will have a new county engineer beginning January 1st. He is Gene Hardy of Winterset, who will be replacing L. N. Croft. Hardy has been assistant engineer of Madison County for the past several years. He plans to move to Adelle about January 1. All personnel of the engineer's office will be retained.

### 3-Month Hospital Stay For Air Crash Survivor

NDOLA, Northern Rhodesia (AP)— Harry Julien, the injured lone survivor of the Hammarskjold plane crash, will be in the hospital here for three months, a senior hospital spokesman said Wednesday.

The American U.N. security guard had severe burns and multiple injuries.

### Exiled Novelist Commits Suicide

MUNICH, Germany (AP)—Police said today that Dimitri Kandaurov, 59-year-old exiled Russian novelist, committed suicide by hanging himself in his home here Wednesday night.

Kandaurov worked for radio liberation, and anti-Communist radio station largely financed by private American money.

ko. They are trying to pave the way to East-West negotiations, but Rusk wants to find out first whether the Soviets are willing to talk about mutual concessions or simply want to force Western approval of their policies for Germany.

Complete failure was reported Wednesday by the two powers in their attempts to reopen negotiations on disarmament. But they did announce a statement of principles for future negotiations which will open the way for what promises to be a detailed disarmament debate.

### Mr. Willis...

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ber of the Perry School Board and at the time of his death held memberships in Perry Industries, The Masonic Lodge, the Raccoon Valley Shrine Club and the Za-Ga-Zig Shrine, the Perry Elks Lodge, and the Perry Golf and Country Club. He served as first secretary of the country club when it was organized in Perry. He was also a member of the Perry Chamber of Commerce and the American Legion and was a veteran of World War I.

He is survived by his wife, Isabel; one son, Ned, a member of his law firm; and four grandchildren, David, Mary Ann, Rebecca and Eliza.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Annabel.

The original city of Perry was planned and built on land owned by Mr. Willis' grandfather, Harvey Willis, and his great-uncle, John Willis.

Willis Ave., which bears the family name, marks the dividing line between the two Willis farms.

The body will lie in state at the funeral home until the service at 2:30 p.m. Friday.

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pression that the western allies are acting from weakness or fear of war. Such an impression, Western diplomats said, would increase the danger of war over Berlin by encouraging a Soviet miscalculation of Western intentions.

Rusk was reported intent on getting across two points to Gromyko: First, the Western powers will not consider negotiating away their West Berlin rights or tolerate interference with their access to the city. Second, the Western powers are prepared to negotiate on German problems, including Berlin, though they will not negotiate on the Soviet Union's terms.

was ordered back into uniform Oct. 1.

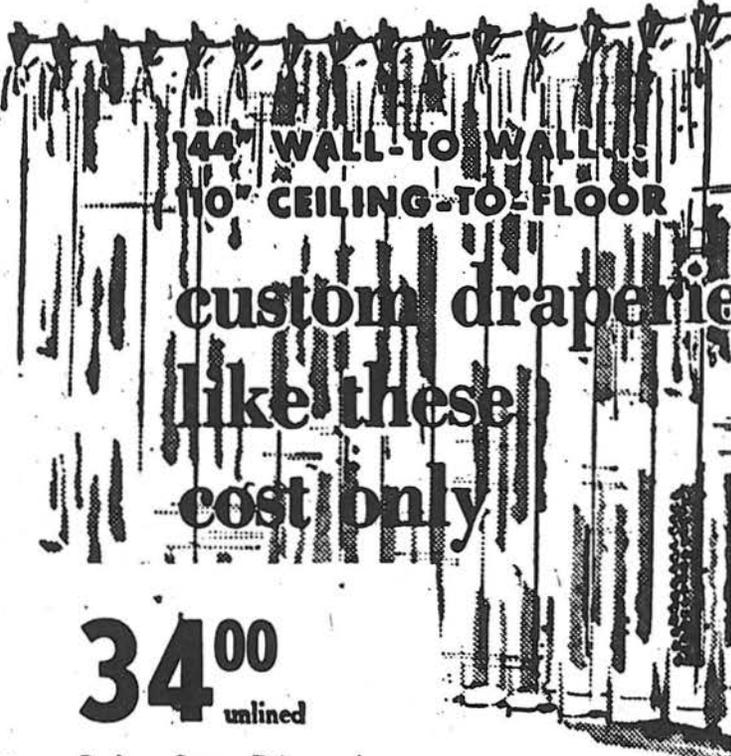
The spokesman said the 30-year old mother will be discharged. She had been on the reserve list since 1955 when she was relieved of regular duty.

### Espionage Legislation Gets Senate Approval

WASHINGTON (AP) — Legislation to extend espionage laws to activities of American citizens abroad was passed by voice vote in the Senate Wednesday and sent to the White House.

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pany for ten years. He was a member and chairman of the Frothingham Public Library, Water Safety Chairman of O'Brien County, Chairman of the Paullina Red Cross, charter member of the Lion's Club, President of the Paullina Golf Club, and Representative from O'Brien County in the State Legislature from 1949 to 1957.

Besides his wife and daughters, he is survived by six grandchildren.

*Therefore Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixtieth General Assembly of Iowa:* That in the passing of the Honorable Jacob Van Zwol, the state has lost an honored citizen and a faithful and useful public servant, and the House by this resolution would express its appreciation of his service, and tender its sympathy to the members of his family.

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

MARVIN W. SMITH,  
ROY J. SMITH,  
A. L. MENSING,  
*Committee.*

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#### BLAKE WILLIS

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable Blake Willis, begs leave to submit the following memorial:

Blake Willis was born July 3, 1892, at Perry, Iowa, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Willis.

He was a graduate of the State University of Iowa and was admitted to the bar in 1916 and had practiced continuously except for time in World War I service.

On November 1, 1919, at Woodward, Iowa, he married Isabel Dillon.

Mr. Willis served as Dallas County Attorney from 1925 to 1929. He was a member of the Dallas County, Iowa State and American Bar Associations, Masonic Lodge, Elks, Perry Chamber of Commerce and American Legion.

Mr. Willis served in the House of Representatives during the session of the Forty-fifth General Assembly from 1933 to 1934.

He passed away on September 20, 1961. Surviving him are his widow, Isabel, Perry, Iowa; his son Ned, of his law firm at Perry, Iowa, and four grandchildren. A daughter, Annabel, preceded him in death.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixtieth General Assembly of Iowa:* That in the passing of the Honorable Blake Willis the state has lost an honored citizen and a faithful and useful public

servant, and the House by this resolution would express its appreciation of his service, and tender its sympathy to the members of his family.

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LEROY H. PETERSEN,  
SAMUEL E. ROBINSON,  
RAYMOND C. FISHER,  
*Committee.*

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Blake Willis

**Birth:** 03 JUL 1892  
Perry, Dallas County, Iowa USA  
**Death:** ABT 21 SEP 1961  
Iowa Methodist Hospital, Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa

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Timeline

- 1892 Birth**  
3 Jul  
Perry, Dallas County, Iowa USA
- 1895 Census**  
F24, age 2, single white male, born Dallas County, Iowa  
Age: 3  
Description: Perry, Spring Valley Township, Dallas County, Iowa, page 474 H24
- 1900 Residence**  
Age: 8  
Union, Boone, Iowa
- 1900 Residence**  
Age: 8  
Union, Boone, Iowa
- 1915 Residence**  
Age: 23  
Boone, Iowa
- 1918 Armed services**  
Jul  
Age: 26  
served in World War
- 1919 Location with Isabel G Dillon**  
1 Nov  
Age: 27  
Methodist Church, Woodward, Dallas County, Iowa
- 1919 Marriage to Isabel G Dillon**  
1 Nov  
Age: 27  
Perry, Dallas County, Iowa USA
- 1920 Residence**  
Age: 28  
Perry Ward 3, Dallas, Iowa
- 1925 Residence**  
1 Jan  
Age: 32  
Dallas, Iowa
- 1925 Residence**  
1 Jan  
Age: 32  
Dallas, Iowa
- 1925 Residence**  
Age: 33
- 1930 Residence**  
Age: 38  
Spring Valley, Dallas, Iowa
- 1930 Residence**

Family Members

- Arthur E. Willis**  
1858 - 1944
- Belle D. Blake**  
1865 - 1930
- Isabel G Dillon**  
1894 - 1983
- Edmund B Willis**  
1921 - 1998
- Annabelle Willis**  
1929 - 1950

Family Group Sheet

Records

- 1900 United States Federal Census
- 1900 United States Federal Census
- 1920 United States Federal Census
- 1930 United States Federal Census
- Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925
- Iowa State Census, 1895
- World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918

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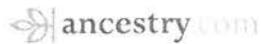
### World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918

Name:	<b>Blake Willis</b>
County:	<b>Dallas</b>
State:	<b>Iowa</b>
Birthplace:	<b>Iowa; United States of America</b>
Birth Date:	<b>3 Jul 1892</b>
Race:	<b>Caucasian (White)</b>
Roll:	<b>1642995</b>
Draft Board:	<b>0</b>
Age:	
Occupation:	
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Height/Build:	
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**Description:**  
This database contains an index and images of World War I draft registration cards completed by approximately 24 million men living in the U.S. in 1917 and 1918. Information that may be found for an individual includes: name, place of residence, date and place of birth, race, country of citizenship, occupation, and employer. [Learn more...](#)



You searched for **Blake Willis** in **Iowa**

### Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925

Name:	<b>Blake Willis</b>	
Birth Year:	<b>abt 1893</b>	
Birth Place:	<b>Iowa</b>	
Gender:	<b>Male</b>	
Race:	<b>White</b>	
Marital Status:	<b>Married</b>	
Census Date:	<b>1 Jan 1925</b>	
Residence State:	<b>Iowa</b>	
Residence County:	<b>Dallas</b>	
Locality:	<b>Perry</b>	
Relation to Head:	<b>Head</b>	
Mother:	<b>Isabel Blake</b>	
Mother's Birth Year:	<b>abt 1873</b>	
Mother's Birthplace:	<b>Iowa</b>	
Father:	<b>Arthur Willis</b>	
Father's Birth Year:	<b>abt 1862</b>	
Father's Birthplace:	<b>Iowa</b>	
Marriage Place:	<b>Iowa</b>	
Spouse Name:	<b>Isabel Willis</b>	
Roll:	<b>IA1925_1681</b>	
Line:	<b>17</b>	
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Household Name:		Age
Members:	<b>Blake Willis</b>	<b>32</b>
	<b>Isabel Willis</b>	<b>30</b>
	<b>Ned Willis</b>	<b>3</b>

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### 1930 United States Federal Census

Name:	<b>Blake Willis</b>											
Home in 1930:	<b>Spring Valley, Dallas, Iowa</b>											
	<a href="#">View Map</a>											
Age:	<b>37</b>											
Estimated Birth Year:	<b>abt 1893</b>											
Birthplace:	<b>Iowa</b>											
Relation to Head of House:	<b>Head</b>											
Spouse's Name:	<b>Isabella</b>											
Race:	<b>White</b>											
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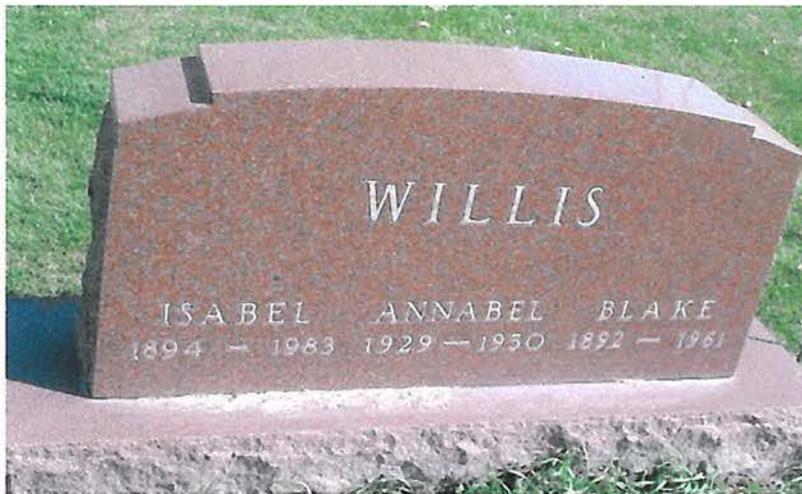
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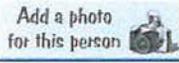
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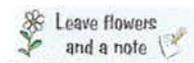
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