

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative McArthur John Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Represented Linn, Benton and Jones Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 22 Mar 1827 Rose County, New York

2. Marriage (s) date place  
(1) Julia A. Shaley 22 Feb 1853

(2) Mrs. E. Barlow 6 May 1853

3. Significant events for example:

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

B. Civic responsibilities G. A. R.

C. Profession Surveyor; farmer

4. Church membership Presbyterian

5. Sessions served 4<sup>th</sup> General Assembly 1852

6. Public Offices

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

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

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

7. Death 30 Aug 1885 Belle Plaine, Iowa; buried Oak Hill Cemetery, Belle Plaine, Iowa

8. Children Sarah E. (died in infancy); Alice J. (Mrs. Sydney Mills); Leonard (Mrs. James Van Allen);  
Arthur P.; Anna M.; Henrietta (Mr. Joseph Williams); Oscar E.; Eliza (died in infancy); John P.; William D.;  
Frank C.; Charles L. (children adopted)

9. Names of parents John and Sarah (Parrott) McArthur

10. Education \_\_\_\_\_

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

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12. Other applicable information Whig, later Democrat

- Military service - Civil War - Co. E, 144<sup>th</sup> New York Infantry
- In fall 1868 he moved to Thos. in Ia. and then to Belle Plaine, Iowa in 1871
- At Belle Plaine he purchased a farm near the town which he still owned at his death. The farm was 500 acres, engaged in fattening shipping cattle.
- He came to Linn County, Ia. in 1846 when he bought land in Moscow Township.
- He laid out many of the roads in the county, being a surveyor.

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### A TERRIBLE TRAMP.

Days on Foot by a Sick Man, Without Wholesome Food.

Monday night about 7:30 o'clock, a Swiss German named Peter Hoff, who understood not a word of English, entered town sick, starved and wasted, having traveled all the way from Des Moines, as he said next day, in eight days. His misery was so complete that he was pulled out and nursed by a drunken man and his boys, who believed that he was intoxicated. Late in the night E. Smith, son of the Town Marshal and J. D. Wilson rescued him from his tormentors, took him to a restaurant and gave him a meal, of which he ate but little, and was afterwards taken to Mrs. Kroebenhoefts and given

the next day he was able to tell his story and said that he had been in America for two months when he found himself in the State capital seeking employment. He was taken with severe illness, during which he left his savings with his traveling funds in an eat-house, and when he returned it was gone.

He came here on his way to Dubuque, and was very ill during the journey. In order to sustain life he was obliged to subsist upon what was left of an unripe fruit he found on his journey.

His sufferings during these eight days, therefore, can better be imagined than described.

### Among the Churches.

At the time of evening service in the First Methodist church, the service has been changed from eight o'clock to past seven o'clock.

The First Methodist and the First Evangelical churches both held quarterly meetings last Saturday and Sunday. R. W. Milner preached a sermon at the First Methodist church on Sunday morning.

Rev. A. F. Loomis preached a powerful sermon from the First Congrega-

### OBITUARY.

Death Comes to the Relief of John McArthur — Henry Rahbe and Oljo Strowbeam.

John McArthur died at his home on St. Charles street, early Sunday morning, Aug. 30, 1884, from injuries received by a fall a year ago, aged 58 years.

The deceased was born in Albany, N. Y., in 1827. He was twice married. He wedded her who is now his widow, Mrs. E. Barlow, a sister of the Elliott brothers, May 6, 1833. In the fall of 1863 he removed to Wisconsin, and thence to Belle Plaine, Iowa, three years later. He purchased the farm near town which he owned at the time of his death. When he was 27 years of age he became a member of the United Presbyterian church. He served through the greater part of the war as a lieutenant in Co. E, 144th Ill. infantry, and at the time of his death was an honored member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The accident which led to his death happened on the morning of the 19th of September, 1884. There had been a heavy gale, which blew two branches of a tree upon the roof of his house. Mr. McArthur went up into the tree with a saw, and was in the act of clearing away the broken limbs when he fell to the sidewalk below. The fall made terrible havoc with the lower part of the spinal column, injured the first vertebra underneath the ribs, and paralyzed the lower half of his body. In this condition he has lingered ever since, enduring at times the severest suffering. All that medical skill and tender care could accomplish was done, but the case was hopeless.

Funeral services, conducted by Rev. A. F. Loomis, were held in the Congregational church Monday afternoon. The deceased leaves a wife and an absent married daughter to mourn his loss.

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# FALL STO

McArthur, John

Co. E 144th Inf  
New York

Died Aug. 30, 1885  
Buried Belle Plaine  
Iowa

Graves Reg:  
Benton County, Ia.

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of Ohio. Their family consists of five children, to whom were given the following names: Fred M., Ida M., Mand A., Etta B. and Arthur M. The first-named is the efficient engineer of the Ogden Plow Works, and thoroughly skilled in the duties of his position.

Politically Mr. Sadler is a Republican, and socially he belongs to the I. O. O. F.; he is not connected with any church. He has purchased property in this city, at No. 123 Fifth street, West side, where he expects to spend his remaining days.

**HON. JOHN McARTHUR**, surveyor and farmer, living on section 36, Monroe Township, was born in Ross County, Ohio, March 22, 1827. He is the son of John and Sarah (Parrett) McArthur, natives of Pennsylvania and Virginia respectively. The former was born in 1786, and served in the War of 1812, as First Lieutenant under Col. McDaniel, who was stationed with his regiment at Ft. Gratiot, Mich. Just how long he served is not now known, but his widow some years after his death, which occurred Jan. 1, 1840, in Philadelphia, received a land-warrant for his services. During the latter years of his life he was a farmer and stock drover. His widow was born in Virginia in 1793, and died in this county in October, 1859. She left five sons and two daughters besides an adopted daughter. The record of the family is as follows: Ann married Joseph Robbins, a wealthy farmer living near Marion; Frederick P. married Elizabeth Jones, and they are both deceased; the former died in California, and they left one daughter: James married Miss Amanda Morton, and is a widower living at Palo; Duncan married Freelove Lucore, and is now living in Colorado; John, our subject, married Miss Julia A. Straley, Feb. 22, 1853; Daniel died at the age of fifteen; Allan married Miss Catherine Carpenter, now residing in Kansas; the adopted daughter, Jane, married John Garrison, of Clinton Township.

Mrs. McArthur, the wife of our subject, was born in Ross County, Ohio, Sept. 12, 1827, and is the daughter of Peter and Elizabeth (Furnough) Straley, natives of Virginia. Her father was born in

1804, and died in 1829, in Ross County, Ohio, having come from Virginia when a child. His wife was born in 1806, and died in July, 1860, leaving two children, Mary and Julia. The former married Lysander Jones, who is deceased, and she is now living in Page County; Julia is the wife of our subject.

To Mr. and Mrs. McArthur, twelve children have been born, ten of whom are yet living: Sarah E., born Dec. 5, 1853, died when twelve days old; Alice J., born April 24, 1855, married Sydney Mills April 11, 1873, and lives in Cherry County, Neb.; Laura L., born May 23, 1856, became the wife of James Van Ott, Jan. 12, 1875; Arthur D., born Oct. 7, 1857; Anna M., March 13, 1859; Henrietta, born July 30, 1860, married Joseph Pulsiver, April 28, 1885; Oscar E., born Dec. 25, 1861, is now in Dakota; Eliza, born Feb. 19, 1864, died at the age of one month; John P., born May 29, 1865, is living in Nebraska, and William A., born Jan. 22, 1867; Fred C., born April 6, 1868, lives in Dakota; Chester L., born Feb. 19, 1870; Benjamin Edward McArthur, an adopted son, came into the family when two years of age. He was born Dec. 12, 1854, married a Miss Watre, of Kansas, and has one child.

Mr. McArthur came with his mother and family to this county in 1846, entering land on section 31, Monroe Township, where our subject bought a piece of land, and which was the first he ever owned. His wife's family were also early pioneers, coming here as early as 1851. He laid out many of the roads in the county, being a surveyor. The McArthur family for generations were pioneers, living on the border. The father of our subject was a provision dealer, and supplied provisions to the surveyors of the Virginia Military Reservation.

Mr. McArthur owns 590 acres of good land, and has engaged in feeding and shipping cattle. In 1876 he erected a fine brick dwelling-house, and is known as one of the best and most practical farmers in the township. At the age of nineteen he commenced surveying, which he followed for some seven years, having laid out some of the towns in this county. In 1852 he was elected to the Legislature on the Whig ticket, and had the pleasure of meeting and doing business with Hon. James W. Grimes, of this State, who was also elected on the

Whig ticket. Mr. McArthur was in the House when an attempt was made to amend the Constitution of the State. He served one term of two years. He introduced the bill which was passed creating the county of Vinton, which was subsequently changed to Benton. This was the last of the Whig party, and since that time Mr. McArthur has acted with the Democracy. He assisted in the carrying on of the war, and aided many a poor soldier by supplying his wants while in the field, and was a thorough-going Union man.

Mr. McArthur and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church. Mrs. McArthur owns in her own right forty-seven acres of land, near the round-house in Cedar Rapids, which she is holding for her heirs. This she secured with her own money. Mr. and Mrs. McArthur are highly esteemed by all their neighbors, and bear a most excellent name for their kindness of disposition and their upright lives.

**J**OHAN C. G. SCHULTZ, farmer and stock-breeder, living on section 36, Monroe Township, was born in Schwerin, Mecklenburg, Germany, Nov. 20, 1839. He is the son of Christopher and Stina (Listz) Schultz. They were the parents of three children—John C. G. of this sketch, Amelia and Louisa. Our subject married Miss Dora T. Kulper, March 11, 1860, in Pennsylvania. Her parents were Christian and Dora (Abbott) Kulper, natives of Germany, and came to Pennsylvania in 1859; the father was a tailor by trade, and died in July, 1860; the mother died in this county in 1871, and left three children—Mary, Dora and Christian. Mr. and Mrs. Schultz have had four children: Charlie, born in 1861; Dora M., March 31, 1864; Mary L., March 1, 1870; and George L., Jan. 22, 1874.

Mr. Schultz worked on the Lehigh Navigation Railroad in Pennsylvania for eight years as a brakeman. He came to this county in 1855, and to Linn County in 1867, and is one of the leading Germans of this township. When he settled upon his present farm he had thirty acres of timber land, and was in debt \$150; but, thanks to his own pluck and perseverance and that of his good wife, they now have

a fine farm of 120 acres, and have laid away a nice little fortune to support them in their declining years. They have a very interesting family of three children. Mr. Schultz is a member of the Lutheran Church, and in politics votes the Democratic ticket. He and his good wife have the respect and good-will of all who know them.

**C**HARLES F. FLOYD, editor and proprietor of the *Courier Journal* at Center Point, is a native of Keokuk, Iowa, and was born April 27, 1865. He is the son of Isaiah and Mary C. (Griffith) Floyd, natives respectively of Ohio and Pennsylvania. Isaiah Floyd was a carpenter by trade, a skillful workman, and an energetic and industrious citizen. During the late war he served as a Union soldier in Co. B, 20th Iowa, and after his military services were ended he settled in Center Point, which has since remained his home. The parental family consisted of six sons and three daughters, all of whom are living; they are William L., F. H., Charles F., George P., Edgar L., Lulu R., Bertha G., Dellis B. and Arlie D.

Charles F. Floyd was reared under the parental roof, receiving careful home training and attending the district school. In the fall of 1879, at the age of fourteen years, he started out for himself and learned the printer's trade at Center Point. Two years later, at the age of sixteen, he became one of the publishers of the *Courier Journal*. He has been in this office since the time he began as "youngest hand," and is now sole publisher and editor of the sheet. He is a member of the craft of the "art preservative" fully worthy of the commendations and numerous press notices which he has already received.

Mr. Floyd is a practical paragrapher as well as a practical printer, and fills his niche in journalism in the most praiseworthy manner. His present position among the newspaper men of the West is the just reward of his perseverance, his independence of expression and the happy faculty of correctly judging of the demands of the times. He is outspoken and fearless in his impressions of right and wrong, making it his chief endeavor to give honor



You searched for **John Mcarthur** in **Iowa**

### 1870 United States Federal Census

Name: **John Mcarthur**  
 Birth Year: **abt 1827**  
 Age in 1870: **43**  
 Birthplace: **New York**  
 Home in 1870: **Jefferson, Poweshiek, Iowa**  
 Race: **White**  
 Gender: **Male**  
 Value of real estate: [View image](#)

Household Members:	Name	Age
	<a href="#">John Mcarthur</a>	<b>43</b>
	<a href="#">Mary Mcarthur</a>	<b>33</b>
	<a href="#">Jane Mcarthur</a>	<b>16</b>
	<a href="#">Erastus Barton</a>	<b>11</b>

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#### Description:

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Shellsburg, Iowa  
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Benton County  
Belle Plaine, Ia.

McArthur, John 632  
res. Belle Plaine, Ia.  
age 58 yrs.  
d. 30 Aug. 1885  
rel. Mrs. Mary McArthur  
sec. 41-lot 6- ---

Mrs. Mary B. 1152  
b. Delaware Co., N.J.  
res. Belle Plaine, Ia.  
age 74 yrs. 4 mo. 22 das.  
d. 16 May 1911  
rel/fr. J.A.Elliott  
sec. 41-lot 6- ---

McBride, Mrs. Pearl K. 2425  
b. Denison, Ia.  
res. Belle Plaine, Ia.  
age 36 yrs. 7 mo. 26 das.  
d. 1 Nov. 1932  
rel. Lawrence McBride  
sec. 49-lot 1- 2 add.

Lawerence 2999  
b. Victor, Ia.  
res. Oakland, Calif.  
age 56 yrs.  
d. 8 Jan. 1945  
rel. LeRoy McBride  
sec. 49-lot 2- 2 add.

McCandless, Eliza Jane 1396  
b. Ireland  
res. Belle Plaine, Ia.  
age 86 yrs. 8mo. 25 das.  
d. 24 July 1916  
rel. Mary McCandless  
sec. 23-lot 8- ---

Thomas 818  
b. Colerain, Maine  
res. Belle Plaine, Ia.  
age 73 yrs. 7mo. 28 das.  
d. 18 July 1903  
rel. S.A.McCandless  
sec. 36-lot 2- ---

May 1694  
b. Belle Plaine, Ia.  
res. Belle Plaine, Ia.  
age 18yrs. 7mo. 24 das.  
d. 25 Nov. 1921  
rel. S.A.McCandless  
sec. 36-lot 2- ---

Nora Bell 2896  
b. Liberty, Penn.  
res. Belle Plaine, Ia.

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rel. SamMcCandless  
sec. 36-lot 3- old cem.

Samuel A. 3696  
b. Irving, Ia.  
res. Belle Plaine, Ia.  
age 88 yrs.  
d. 23 April 1950  
rel. Harold McCandless  
sec. 36-lot 2- orig.cem.

McCardy, Edith 559  
res. Belle Plaine, Ia.  
rel. F.E.McCardy  
sec. 38-lot 3- ---

McCaw, Joyce 3711  
b. Belle Plaine, Ia.  
res. Belle Plaine, Ia.  
age 9 yrs.  
d. 5 Aug. 1950  
rel. Warren McCaw  
sec. 22-lot 3- ---

McCormick, Leon 413  
b. Belle Plaine, Ia.  
age 5 mo. 26 das.  
d. 29 July 1885  
rel./Fr. D.C.McCormick  
sec. 31-lot 7- ---

Mrs. Sadie 1802  
b. Bloomington, Ill.  
res. Belle Plaine, Ia.  
age 63 yrs. 3mo. 11das.  
d. 14 Nov. 1923  
rel. Clinton McCormick  
sec. 31-lot 7- ---

Dewitt C. 2022  
b. Dewitt, Iowa  
res. Mason City, Ia.  
age 71 yrs. 10mo. 29 das.  
d. 30 Dec. 1927  
rel. Ray H. McCormick & Neta  
F.Davis, Mason City, Ia.  
sec. 31- lot 7- old cem.

McCoy, Clara S. 4474  
b. Milan, Missouri  
res. Belle Plaine, Ia.  
age 75 yrs.  
d. 21 Apr. 1962  
rel. William H. McCoy  
sec. 9-lot 2- 2 add.