

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Senator Melison, Wilbur Cleland - Represented Keokuk and Poweshiek Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 20 Dec 1902 near Malcolm, Iowa in Poweshiek County, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place Mourice McLain 6 Jul 1927 near Brooklyn, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business President of the Board of Directors of Grinnell Community Hospital; he worked as county extension agent in Washington County Iowa 1925-1927.

B. Civic responsibilities Yowanis; Mason; Home Bureau

C. Profession Farmer; Washington County Extension Agent; large farm owner

4. Church membership Congregational

5. Sessions served 54<sup>th</sup>, 55<sup>th</sup>, 56<sup>th</sup>, 57<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies 1957, 1958, 1959, 1961

6. Public Offices

A. Local Board of Directors, member of Grinnell-Newburg Community School District; Director of the Grinnell State Bank, Grinnell, Iowa

B. State Board of Regents of State of Iowa 1961-1963

C. National

7. Death 5 Dec 1969 Grinnell, Iowa - buried in Grinnell Cemetery, Malcolm, Iowa

8. Children Wilbur McClain "Mac"; Mary Elaine (Mrs. Paul A. Shirley); Robert

9. Names of parents Mathias and Elizabeth (Cleland) Melison

Molison, Wilbur C

10. Education He was educated in rural schools in his Melcdon, Iowa neighborhood; graduated from the Melcdon, Iowa High School in 1919

11. Degrees B.S. degree from Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa, in 1924 in Animal Husbandry

12. Other applicable information Republican

- After serving as Washington County, Iowa Extension Agent 1925-1927, he returned to Pocahontas County, Iowa to farm.

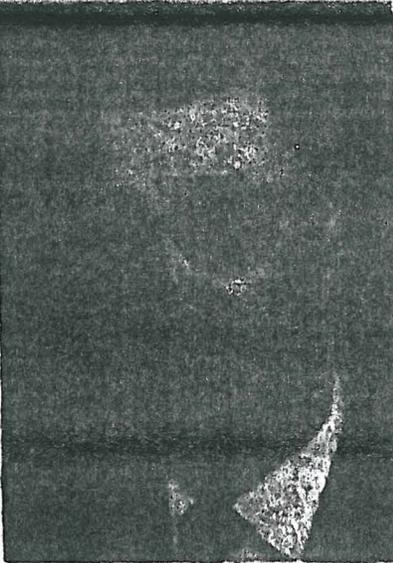
- He was elected to the Pocahontas County Board of Supervisors in 1934 and served as president 1940-1944. He was then elected to the State Farm Bureau Board of Directors representing an eleven-county area until 1948.

- He farmed until 1960 when he retired and they moved into Grinnell, Iowa.



miles west of Iowa Highway 303 is scheduled. Resurfacing of Highways 146 and 6 inside Grinnell will cost \$516,000.

## Wilbur Molison Services Today



Wilbur C. Molison

Wilbur C. Molison, 65, of 1717 Manor Drive, Grinnell, a former state senator and widely known farm leader, died shortly before noon Monday at Grinnell General Hospital East following hospitalization the past six weeks.

The son of William and Elizabeth Cleland Molison, he was born near Malcom on Dec. 20, 1902. He attended Malcom High School and graduated with a B.S. degree from Iowa State University in Ames in 1931, where he was a member of Theta Delta Chi social fraternity.

Mr. Molison served as Washington County extension agent for four years before returning to Pottawattamie County in 1937. From this beginning, he became interested in the educational and economic opportunities for the farmer. He was elected to the Pottawattamie County Farm Bureau Board of Directors in 1934 and was elected president of the County Farm Bureau in 1940, an office which he held for four years. Following his presidency, he was elected to the State Farm Bureau Board of Directors, representing an 11-county area, an office he held until 1942.

Mr. Molison was a member of the Grinnell-Newburg Community School District Board of Directors and served as president of the board. He was also a member of the Pottawattamie County Board of Directors.

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## '70 Tax Levy Figures Told

Pottawattamie County Auditor Hill today told township levies for 1970.

Grinnell's millage is up 6.589, from 91.419 in 1969 to 98.007 in 1970.

Montezuma taxpayers will get something of a break, as the town's millage is down 1.169 from 1969.

Brooklyn's millage is up .694, and Malcom's is up 1.521.

Beebe is in the process of compiling rural township levies in the three school districts. School information was received from the state Friday.

Following is a breakdown by town, with city and school district levies.

Grinnell  
Brooklyn  
Montezuma  
Malcom

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Ryan  
Rural Fire Group

Warren Iverson, president of the Rural Fire Truck Association, expired today. He was the president who handled the association's affairs.

Ryan was elected at a meeting of the Association held Monday evening in Grinnell.

Iverson, who had been president and treasurer of the group for almost 30 years, had one more year to serve as president.

Leonard Pederson, who along with Iverson started the Rural Fire Truck Association in 1939 and had served as secretary for 30 years, also elected not to run again.

Elected to three-year terms on the board of the association were Charles Fenner and Leo Ahrens.

It was reported at the meeting that the Rural Fire Truck made 23 calls during the past year.

Cost for new members in the organization is \$20. For members a fire truck call costs \$30 while for non-members the cost for a fire call is \$75. It was erroneously reported in an earlier issue of the Herald-Register that calls for members cost \$20.

Following the annual meeting a board meeting was held with Robert Rutherford being elected president.

Five basic alternatives for the Grinnell-Newburg School District in solving problems were presented by the District Directors at a special last night (Wednesday) presentation of a school district made from Iowa State University Team of Educators.

The alternatives were by a team of educators Dr. Tony Netusil, Dr. A. J. Ton, Dr. Dave Bassant, Dr. O'Hare, Dr. Gordon and the group leader, Marrett, after a study of the Grinnell community enrollment projections, buildings and curriculum school district finance.

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Unable to get good picture

## Fatal car-train crash

A former Grinnell man, Deedrick of Newton, died in a crash when his car (above) collided with a bound Rock Island freight train.

## Newton Man Dies in Crash

An 82-year-old Newton man was killed instantly late Wednesday morning when the car he was driving was crushed by a bound Rock Island freight train.



born three children—Mrs. Melissa of Grinnell, Mrs. Grant (Mary) Flincy of Marion, and Robert Melman of Urbana, Ill. Surviving in addition to his wife and children are seven grandchildren, Cora and Bill Melman of Grinnell, Doris, Dora and Ruth Flincy of Marion, and Christopher and Laura Melman of Urbana; and three sisters, Mrs. William (Ruth) Schmitt of Tipton, Mrs. Leonard (Grace) Shaver of Stillwater, Okla., and Mrs. William (Lucille) McCabe of Springfield, Mo. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services for Mr. Melman were held at 2 p.m. today (Thursday) at the Central Church of Christ, Congregational, with the Rev. Harold Davis, minister of the church, officiating. A eulogistic statement was read by Dr. W. Robert Fitch, president of Iowa State University at Ames. The Rev. Walter F. Olson, minister of First United Church of Christ, Iowa City, of Iowa, officiated.

Officiating was Mrs. E. J. Nash. Pallbearers included Raymond George, Walter C. Nelson, L. C. Murray, Donald Lambie, Hugh McCarty, and F. W. Stewart. Burial services were held at the Central Church of Christ, Iowa City, with the Rev. Walter F. Olson, minister of First United Church of Christ, Iowa City, officiating.

A family prayer service was held at 11 a.m. today at the Central Church of Christ, Iowa City. The service at the Central Church of Christ, Iowa City, was held at 11 a.m. today at the Central Church of Christ, Iowa City.

a 25 will look to give approval by the voters.

In addition to the building, the alternative includes in the second half of the decade, when 75 and 80 per cent and the amount being budgeted to provide the following facilities at the high school—special education rooms, instructional material center, an auditorium or large-group instructional space, teachers' work area, an enlarged industrial arts area and a continuation of the current library into art facilities.

**Summary**

A summary of the alternative budget plan into a three-minute presentation is follows:

1970—continue the 1969 rate for 1970 and vote 75 and 80 per cent.

1971 (winter)—prepare educational specifications and alternatives for all building projects.

1972 (winter)—begin bond issue for: a) build a new high school plus the 1970-71 plan; and b) build additions to Holly Park, Fairview and South including an instructional materials center and an auditorium or classroom equivalent for 1970-71.

1973-74—close out Parkway and Campus and complete addition.

1975-76—put a bond issue to build additions to the high school to make it substantially complete for 1975-76.

1976-77—close Parkway center and Parkway extension with high school of completion in 1976.

**Next Meeting**

The school study will be presented to the trustees in the 10th year at a special meeting on Jan. 20 and then, in a later date, will be presented at a meeting of the general public. Members of the board of directors will also be consulted on the study at a later date.

### Four From Council Attend Workshop

Four Council members were among the 200 who attended a workshop on the use of the word "Iowa" in the state's name. The workshop was held at the University of Iowa and was sponsored by the Iowa Council on the State Name. The workshop was held at the University of Iowa and was sponsored by the Iowa Council on the State Name.

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### State Name Study

The study of the state name "Iowa" is being conducted by the Iowa Council on the State Name. The study of the state name "Iowa" is being conducted by the Iowa Council on the State Name.

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## HERITAGE

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drawn back to the Brooklyn area and a tractor seat in busy seasons. He died February 18, 1975. Both he and Elma are buried at Brooklyn, Iowa. Submitted by Pauline Lacaeyse.

## Robert and Cecile Mitchell

Robert Truman Mitchell, son of Charles and Alma Tucker Mitchell, was born in Searsboro, Iowa, on 23 January, 1900, and attended Searsboro schools. Robert was an electrician for 29 years with Iowa Southern Utilities Company. His works and philanthropy can be found throughout the community and especially in his church. Robert and Cecile donated the Schulermerich Carillon to the Methodist Church in 1976 as a memorial to their church and community. Robert passed away 18 December, 1986.



Robert and Cecile Mitchell

Robert married Cecile Lowry at her family home on 12 February, 1924. Cecile was the daughter of George and Rosetta (Catterson) Lowry and was born 18 February, 1899, in Taintor, Iowa. She taught in rural schools, one of which was Maple Grove, for two years prior to their marriage. Cecile is still a resident of Grinnell. Their children were Marjorie Ann and Roger Lowry.

Marjorie Ann Mitchell was born 4 February, 1929, at Community Hospital in Grinnell, Iowa. She graduated from Grinnell High School in 1947 and on 22 June, 1947, married William E. Doyle. He is retired from American Telegraph and Telephone Company and they reside in Grinnell. They have 4 children: (a) Mark Randall, born 29 December, 1948, married 20 March, 1971 to Sandra Garry. They have 3 children; Eric, 1972, Angela, 1973, and Melissa, 1975. (b) M. Blayne, born 10 May, 1951, married 11 July, 1970 (1) Shiela Biebeshemier. They have 2 children; Christopher, 1971 and Kathryn, 1974. He married (2) 17 April, 1982, Barbara Debbert. (c) Timothy Alan, born 20 August, 1953, married 23 November, 1974 to Laura Palmer. They have 3 children; Marjorie, 1972, Jennifer, 1982 and Benjamin, 1983. (d) Ann Cecile, born 14 February, 1958, married 23 June, 1979 to Eckhardt Debbert.

Roger Lowry Mitchell was born 13 September, 1932 at Community Hospital in Grinnell. He graduated from Grinnell High School in 1950, B.S. Iowa State University, 1954, M.A. Cornell University, 1958, Ph. D. Iowa State University 1961. He is Dean of Agriculture at the University of Missouri in Columbia, Missouri. Roger married Joyce Lindgren of Des Moines, 26 June, 1955. They have 4 daughters, (a) Laura Grace, born 12 January, 1957, married 21 December, 1989 to Scott Vetsch. (b) Susan Elaine, born 8 March, 1959, married 30 May, 1981 to Brian Smith. They have 2 children; Benjamin, 1986 and Nicholas, 1989. (c) Sarah Elizabeth, born 26

March, 1961, married 26 June 1982 to Roger Feyerherm. (d) Martha Cecile, born 5 March, 1967.

Robert and Cecile's children retain ownership of the family farmland in Poweshiek County, Chester Township. Submitted by Marjorie Doyle

## Charles and Theresa Mohrfeld

Charles Mohrfeld, son of Frederick (3-19-1836) and Wilhelmina (5-6-1846) Hucke Mohrfeld (married 2-13-1868), was born April 5, 1870, at Lockland, Ohio. He was educated in the public schools near his home. He was a member of the Lutheran church. Near the age of twenty he came to Iowa County and worked around the Amana Colonies, then came to Poweshiek County before going to O'Brien County for a year. He returned to Poweshiek County and on April 10, 1901, was united in marriage to Theresa Shadel of Tama, settling in Madison Township. To this union was born six children: Elmer (10-22-01), Clara (4-16-03), George (2-9-05), Lulu (2-25-07), Earl (12-21-08), and Ella (9-4-14).



Charles Mohrfeld, Hess Sapp, Elmer, George, Earl, Lulu, Clara, Ella, Theresa Mohrfeld.

Elmer married Elsie Flint (12-26-06) on June 5, 1924. They had three children, Helen (9-26-24), Delbert (1-16-27) and Delores (2-27-30). Helen married Edward Knowles (4-25-25) on 5-23-43. They have 3 children, Marie, Linda, and John. Delbert married Isabelle Lennie (4-7-30) on 12-1-45. They had 3 children, Gloria, Sandra and Allen. Delores married John Miler on 9-10-83. She has 3 children, Elsie, Debra, and Rebecca.

Clara married Elmer Weitzell (1-16-1891) on 3-11-25. They had 3 children, Wilma (2-2-26), Dorothy (2-7-31), and Robert (11-30-32). Wilma married Merl Schmidt (5-11-17) on 6-1-45. They had 4 children, Richard, Mary, John and Robert. Dorothy married Donald Bell (7-25-30) on 6-15-51. They had 4 children, Deborah, Denise, David and Darin.

George married Fay Forsythe (4-28-11) on 3-9-29. They had 2 boys, Charles (4-19-30) and George Jr. (1-18-42). Charles married Margie (7-31-36) on 6-30-55. They had 2 children, Michael and David. George Jr. married Suzanne Herink (2-15-43) on 11-30-63. They have 4 children, Ricky, Kerry, Jason, and Jan.

Lulu married Roy Smith (2-14-00) on 10-14-26. They had 3 children, Charles (9-29-29), Jean (3-11-28) and Shirley (1-16-32). Charles married Joan (12-13-30) on 8-16-52. They have 2 children, Charles Jr. and Gail. Jean married John Griswold (2-19-20) on 5-4-47. They had 2 children, Thomas and Margaret. Shirley married Donald Polka (10-1-27) on 12-2-50. They have 2 children, Donald Jr. and Carla.

Ella married Raymond Kriegel (2-21-14) on 7-12-34. They had 3 children, Beverly (3-3-35), Deane (7-18-37), and Joyce (9-27-47). Beverly married Charles Welter (8-20-43) on 6-14-73. She has one daughter, Cynthia (1-31-56). Deane

married Helen Carnahan (10-12-35) on 6-20-68. They have one daughter, Jennifer (8-11-73). Joyce married Ronald Hauser (4-26-44) on 9-1-67. They have 4 children, Kristine (9-23-69), Ronald Eugene (1-29-71), Brent (6-12-72), and Travis (5-30-79).

Earl died of pneumonia on February 9, 1920. Mr. Mohrfeld was a farmer all his life. He lived in Sheridan Township on the farm he had rented from 1907 until he bought it in 1913. He lived there until his death September 19, 1941. His daughter, Mrs. Clara Weitzell, and her son, Robert, still live there. Submitted by Clara Weitzell.

## Miriam McLain Molison

Miriam McLain Molison was born 24 Feb 1903 on a farm in Lincoln Township in Poweshiek County. Her parents were William James and Minnie (Breniman) McLain. Minnie's father, Reben Breniman, owned the farm. Minnie was also born there. Miriam had two older sisters, Mildred and Margery, and two younger brothers, Marvin and Maynard. All attended country school and graduated from Brooklyn High School.

Miriam graduated from Iowa State College in 1925, taught home economics in DeSoto, Iowa, two years, then married 16 Jul 1927, at the home of her parents near Brooklyn. Wilbur Cleland Molison, born 20 Dec 1902, the son of William and Elizabeth (Cleland) Molison, who lived on a farm near Malcom. Wilbur graduated in 1924 from Iowa State College. He entered the Extension Service and was working in Washington, Washington County, Iowa, when they wed. They lived in Washington until the spring of 1928 when they moved to a farm in Grant Township near Grinnell where they lived thirty-two years until they retired in 1960 and moved to Grinnell. After an active productive life Wilbur died 15 Dec 1969.

Miriam and Wilbur Molison had three children: Wilbur McLain "Mac" Molison, 15 Aug 1932; Mary Elaine Molison, 18 Jul 1934; and Robert "Bob" William Molison, 27 Jul 1935. All attended country school and graduated from Grinnell High School.

"Mac" Molison graduated from Iowa State College in 1954, went into Extension work, and served in Jones, Hardin and Madison Counties. While living in Eldora, Hardin County, he married 27 Jan 1957 Carol Joyce Totman of LeMars, a graduate of Drake University and teacher of music in Sioux City. Her parents were Robert and the late Constance Totman of LeMars. Mac joined the staff of Grinnell State Bank in 1963. Later he graduated from Wisconsin University school of banking. He served on the board of directors, as cashier, as vice-president, and was a valued member of Kiwanis and Ambassadors civic clubs. Mac passed away suddenly 8 Feb 1985 at age 52, a sad loss to his family. Carol works in the alumni office at Grinnell College.

Mac and Carol Molison have two children: a son, William "Bill" Robert Molison, born 4 Oct 1958 in Eldora; and a daughter, Constance Margaret Molison, born 1 May 1964 in Grinnell. She works at the child care center at the Methodist Church in Grinnell. Bill married Patrice Davidson while attending college at Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls, and their son, Andrew McLain Molison, was born there 31 Jul 1980.

Mary Elaine Molison graduated from Iowa State in 1956 and married 17 June 1956 Grant A. Finley, son of Rex and Thelma Finley of Harlan, at United Church of Christ Congregational in Grinnell. Grant graduated from Iowa State in engineering and joined his father in road construction in Harlan. They own a ranch in Theodosia, Missouri, where they raise cattle and horses. They have four children: Dennis Bryan Finley, born 1 Jul 1958, married 17 Aug 1983 Carol Wells of Fort Worth, Texas, where they live; Mary Diane Finley, born 22 May 1960, married 26 May 1984 John Kenneth Power of Omaha, lives in Kansas City where he is an attorney.

ney. They have a daughter, Jensen Mary Power, born 9 Jul 1887, and a son, Brennan Finley Power, born 5 Oct 1990; Miriam Elizabeth Finley, born 22 Nov 1966, attending graduate school at Northwestern University; and Grant Alan Finley, born 21 Dec 1970, attending Missouri University at Columbia.

Robert "Bob" Molison graduated from Oberlin College in 1958 with a B.A. degree in music and music education, earned an M.A. degree at Yale University in 1960, and a D.M.A. degree majoring in choral music at the University of Illinois in 1971. Robert married 15 Sep 1966 in Boston Ann Donham, the daughter of Phillip and Flora Donham of Boston. She is a graduate of the University of Michigan. Robert taught two years at Iolani School for Boys in Honolulu, was choral director at Brown University four years, at Iowa State University for eight years, at Colorado State five years, and is now choral director again at Iowa State. They have two children, both born in Urbana, Illinois. Christopher Molison, 9 Dec 1968, and Laura Molison, 7 Nov 1969. Christopher is a student at Iowa State and Laura at Colorado State in Boulder.

During the 32 years Miriam and Wilbur were farmers and raising their family they served their community and state in many ways. Wilbur served on many local school, church, bank and telephone company boards as well as on the State Farm Bureau board, the state Board of Regents (1961-1967), and served two terms in the Iowa Senate (1951-1959) representing Keokuk and Poweshiek Counties.

Miriam was a 4-H Club leader and Sunday school teacher in the United Church of Christ Congregational for many years and gave educational Extension lessons to farm women. In 1950 she was given the State Farm Homemaker Award by Wallace Farmer Magazine. This represented thousands of Iowa farm women and the nominations of many friends, neighbors, and co-workers. She lives at Mayflower Retirement Home in Grinnell. Submitted by Miriam McLain Molison.

### Roy and Ruth Molloy

Roy Terence Molloy was born on September 23, 1891, the son of James Terence Molloy and Eliza (Betty) Ann Wertz in Jasper County, Kellogg, Iowa. When Roy was a small boy, his folks moved to Laurel, Iowa, and then to Albion, Iowa, in Marshall County. There he lived with his folks and four sisters: May, Hattie, Bertha and Lida. His father was an evangelist and hog farmer.



Ruth and Roy Molloy

Roy served in the U.S. Army Medical Corp in World War I in France and the United States.

He was united in marriage on September 22, 1920 to Ruth May Weber, daughter of Charles and Anna Barbara Rose Weber, at the family

farm in Woodbury County, Hornick, Iowa. They spent their first few years of married life near Albion. Their two daughters were born at this time, Zelda May and Glenna Jean. In 1930 Roy and Ruth moved west of Newburg. The girls attended and graduated from Newburg High School.

Jean played the saxophone in the high school band and was on the Newburg Girls basketball team. She was a member of the Hickory Grove Sunbeam 4-H Club and attended Marshalltown Community College. Jean married George Morrison on August 19, 1951.

Zelda was valedictorian of her class and a leader of the Hickory Grove Sunbeam 4-H Club for five years. She married Phillip Watt on December 31, 1950.

Roy coached boys and girls basketball in the Newburg school system and was a school board member for several years. He was also a very active member of the United Brethren Church west of Newburg where he held many offices. As a farmer he raised Poland China hogs, which he took great pride in selling. When he retired, he moved to an acreage west of Malcom, Iowa, where he continued to raise hogs and a large vegetable garden. He enjoyed giving away dozens of gladolias.

Roy passed away at Veterans Hospital in Knoxville, Iowa, in January, 1979.

His wife, Ruth, was a homemaker and then moved to Montezuma, where she attends the Church of Christ. She also taught vacation Bible school at Ewart Presbyterian Church. Submitted by Jean Morrison.

### Dean and Marilyn Montgomery

Dean J. Montgomery, son of William J. and Ramona Scott Montgomery, was born June 23, 1926. He graduated from Brooklyn High School in May, 1944. In December, 1944 he was inducted into the U.S. Air Force, serving in Okinawa and Japan. He was discharged in Nov., 1946. When he returned to Brooklyn, he worked for Lester Duffus, doing conservation work. On September 22, 1951, he was married to Marilyn Read, daughter of Glen and Margaret Hall Read, at the Read home. Marilyn was born Sept. 22, 1926, attended Brooklyn High School graduating in May, 1944. She was employed at the Poweshiek County Savings Bank at the time of her marriage.



Marilyn and Dean Montgomery

In Sept., 1955, Dean started selling Dairy Equipment, and formed Montgomery Surge Service which he operated until 1986 when he sold the business.

Dean and Marilyn had three children:

Dee Ann Montgomery, born June 7, 1955 and died shortly after birth; Mary Lee Montgomery, born Feb. 18, 1957, graduated from BGM in 1975, and St. Lukes School of Nursing 1998. On

July 31, 1976, she was married to Craig Lang, a Dairy farmer. Craig graduated from Iowa State with a B.S. degree in 1973. They are the parents of four children: Jessica, born Oct. 20, 1980; Chase, born June 19, 1982; Dane, born Sept. 5, 1984; Cade, born Sept. 3, 1986. The Langs reside on a farm south of Brooklyn.

Michael Dean Montgomery was born April 4, 1958. He graduated from BGM in 1976, and from Central College, Pella, in 1980, and has a Masters degree from Drake University. June 7, 1981 he was married to Mary Lubbers, from Pella. They have two children: Sarah, born March 13, 1985; James, born September 16, 1988. Michael is the principal of East Elementary School at Knoxville. Mary is teaching Chapter 1 Reading at North Star Elementary School in Knoxville. They reside at 1401 W. Roosevelt, Knoxville.

Dean and Marilyn reside at 305 North St. in Brooklyn and attend Presbyterian Church. Submitted by Marilyn Montgomery.

### Edwin L. Montgomery

Edwin Landes Montgomery was born in Poweshiek County, three miles north of Brooklyn on the Montgomery farm on April 16, 1910. He was the youngest of James and Mary Crawford Montgomery's ten children. As a boy he grew up on the farm working and playing with his family.



E.L. and Elizabeth Montgomery

At the age of ten Edwin and his family moved into Brooklyn and eventually to a home on Orchard Street. His father had decided to retire from the family farm.

When in eighth grade Edwin started working at Thirman's Grocery. The next year he took a job at Frosty and Pat's Grocery and worked there during his free time until he finished high school. He joined the Presbyterian Church in Brooklyn. He worked hard in school and graduated in 1928 from Brooklyn High School. He then went on to attend the University of Iowa.

E.L. returned to Brooklyn to start work with Phillips Petroleum Company. He managed the 66 station in Brooklyn for 29 years, then started a new career in insurance and real estate. He started the Montgomery Insurance Agency and operated it for about twenty-five years. In later years he was in partnership with his son-in-law, Jack Hall, then in the 1970s he retired.

E.L. served in the Navy during World War II and was stationed for a time at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

He was very active in the social, educational and cultural environment of Brooklyn. He was active in Brooklyn's Commercial Club, AMVETS, the American Legion, the Masonic Lodge, O.E.S., the Odd Fellows Lodge, the Republican Party, Brooklyn's Country Club, Kiwanis and several informal card clubs.

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## WILBUR C. MOLISON

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable Wilbur C. Molison, begs leave to submit the following memorial:

Wilbur C. Molison of Grinnell, Iowa, was an unselfish, enthusiastic and dedicated servant of the public good until his death on December 15, 1969.

The son of William and Elizabeth Cleland Molison, he was born near Malcom, Iowa, on December 20, 1902. He attended Malcom High School and graduated with a B.S. degree from Iowa State University, Ames, in 1924. He served as Washington County Extension Agent for four years before returning to Poweshiek County to farm in 1928. From this beginning, he became vitally interested in the educational and economic opportunities for the farmer. He was elected to the Poweshiek County Farm Bureau Board of Directors in 1934, and served as President of the County Farm Bureau from 1940 to 1944. Following his Presidency, he was elected to the State Farm Bureau Board of Directors, representing an eleven-county area, and held this office until 1948.

Mr. Molison's service to education included membership on the Grinnell-Newburg Board of Education; he was President of the Board. He was a member of the Poweshiek County Board of Education, and in 1961 was appointed to the Board of Regents of the State of Iowa and served until 1968.

The Honorable Wilbur C. Molison served in the Iowa Senate from 1951 to 1959 representing Poweshiek and Keokuk Counties. The Board of Directors of the Grinnell Community Hospital as well as the Poweshiek County 4-H Association were served not only by his membership but also by his presidency. Immediately preceding his death, Mr. Molison was a member of the Board of the Grinnell State Bank and the General Telephone Company of the Midwest. He was a member of the United Church of Christ-Congregational and served in every office of the church as well as being State Moderator of the Iowa Conference of Congregational and Christian Churches. He was a member of the Hermon Masonic Lodge in Grinnell and was a thirty-second degree Mason. A member of the Kiwanis Club in Grinnell, he was the recipient of the Club's "Outstanding Senior Citizen Award" in Poweshiek County in 1969.

Mr. Molison was married to the former Miriam McLain on July 6, 1927, and to this marriage was born three children: Mac Molison of Grinnell, Mrs. Grant (Mary) Finley of Harlan, Iowa, and Robert Molison of Urbana, Illinois.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Sixty-third General Assembly of Iowa:* That in the passing of the Honorable Wilbur C. Molison, the state has lost an honored citizen and a faithful and useful servant, and the Senate 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 Senate and that the Secretary of the Senate be directed

to forward an enrolled copy to the family of the deceased.

JOAN ORR, Chairman  
CHARLES F. BALLOUN  
JOHN L. MOWRY

Committee

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

ROBERT G. MOORE

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable Robert G. Moore, D.V.M., begs leave to submit the following memorial:

Robert G. Moore was born July 27, 1888, near Algona, Iowa, and passed away at Denison, Iowa, on April 25, 1969, at the age of 80.

He attended Kosuth County public schools and was graduated from Iowa State University in 1913 with a degree of D.V.M. He practiced veterinary medicine at Dunlap since that time with the exception of two years spent in the armed forces during World War I.

In 1915, Dr. Moore married Gladys A. Aeron. Three children were born of this union, a son and two daughters.

He served as mayor, city councilman and member of the school board at Dunlap. He was a past member of the State Conservation Commission and Veterinary Examining Board; member of the Methodist Church, Masons, Sioux City Consistory, Abu Bekr Temple and past president of the Lions Club.

Dr. Moore, a Democrat, served as state representative from Harrison County in the Forty-fifth, Forty-fifth Extra, Forty-sixth, Forty-sixth Extra and Forty-seventh sessions of the General Assembly, and as state senator from Harrison, Monona and Crawford Counties in the Fifty-eighth and Fifty-ninth sessions of the General Assembly. He also was Secretary of the Senate during the Sixty-first session.

Surviving Dr. Moore are his widow and three children, Dr. R. A. Moore and Mrs. C. W. Byrnes, both of Dunlap, and Mrs. W. L. Johnson of Playa Del Rey, California.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Sixty-third General Assembly of Iowa:* That in the passing of the Honorable Robert G. Moore, the state has lost an honored citizen and a faithful and useful public



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Name:	<b>Wilbur C Molison</b>	
Home in 1930:	<b>Grant, Poweshiek, Iowa</b> <a href="#">View Map</a>	
Age:	27	
Estimated Birth Year:	<b>abt 1903</b>	
Birthplace:	<b>Iowa</b>	
Relation to Head of House:	<b>Head</b>	
Spouse's Name:	<b>Minam Molison</b>	
Race:	<b>White</b>	
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Education:		
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### Wilbur C. Molison

Birth **12/20/1902** in Poweshiek co, Iowa  
Death **12/15/1968** in Grinnell Poweshiek co, Iowa

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**1902**  
20 Dec [Birth](#)  
Poweshiek co, Iowa

**1927**  
6 Jul [Marriage to Miriam M. McLain](#)  
Poweshiek co, Iowa  
Age: 24

**1968**  
15 Dec [Death](#)  
Grinnell Poweshiek co, Iowa  
Age: 65

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##### Parents

[William Molison](#)  
1870 - 1955

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1869 - 1958

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[Miriam M. McLain](#)  
1903 - 1997

[Family group sheet](#)

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# Individual Record

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 **Wilbur MOLISON**

**Birth Date:** 20 Dec 1902  
**Death Date:** Dec 1969  
**Social Security Number:** 483-12-8570  
**State or Territory Where Number Was Issued:** Iowa

**Death Residence Localities**

**ZIP Code:** 50112  
**Localities:** Grinnell, Poweshiek, Iowa  
Newburg, Poweshiek, Iowa  
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