

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative \_\_\_\_\_ Senator Miller

May Milo - Represented Marshall County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 26 Aug 1920 Marshalltown, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Carmel Bellini 14 Dec 1945 Mare Island, California

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He was vice-president of Jollyho's Transport, Inc., president of the Big Timber Cattle Company (owner of several interests)

B. Civic responsibilities Lions Club; Chamber of Commerce; Mayor; Marshall County Fair Board

C. Profession Attorney

4. Church membership Episcopal

5. Sessions served 61<sup>st</sup>, 62<sup>nd</sup> General Assemblies 1965, 1967

6. Public Offices

A. Local Marshall County attorney in the 1950's;

B. State Director of the Iowa Crime Commission 1963

C. National Appointed Regional Director of Health Education and Welfare in Kansas City administering a 10 state region; worked for Iowa Development Commission

7. Death 6 Oct 1998 Marshalltown, Iowa; cremated

8. Children Carol Marie (Mrs. Stephen L. Starn); Sally (Mrs. Bruce L. Starn); Jeffrey Lawrence - predeceased his father's death in 1996)

9. Names of parents May Manning; Robt (Ferguson) Miller

Mills, Max Milo

10. Education Educated in Marshalltown schools graduating  
from Marshalltown High School in 1938

11. Degrees Graduate of the University of Chicago; graduate  
of Drake University Law School, Des Moines, Iowa 1949

12. Other applicable information Republican

- Military service - World War II - U. S. Marine in Pacific campaign
- He began his law practice in Marshalltown. He was with  
the law firm of Iye, Mills, Brinson and Peterson.
- He holds the rank of Major, U.S. Marine Corps
- He operated over 2000 acres of farmland in central Iowa while legislator



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## Max M. Mills, 78

Max M. Mills, 78, of Leawood, Kan., formerly of Marshalltown, died Tuesday, Oct. 6, 1998 at the Marshalltown Medical & Surgical Center.



Following cremation rites at Pursel-Davis Funeral Home & Crematory, there will be a public gathering on Friday at the funeral home from 5 to 8 p.m. Memorials may be directed to the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation or to the Marshalltown Public Library.

He was born on Aug. 26, 1920 in Marshalltown to Dr. Max and Reba (Ferguson) Mills. He graduated from Marshalltown High School in 1938 and received his higher education from the University of Chicago and Drake University Law School, graduating from Drake in 1948. He was a veteran of World War II serving with the United States Marine Corps, being awarded two Purple Hearts and the Silver Star.

He married Carmel Bellini on Dec. 14, 1945 in Mare Island, Calif. He began a law practice in Marshalltown and served as County Attorney in the 1950s. He was elected as a State Senator in 1963 and served as the Director of the Iowa Crime Commission for then Governor Robert Ray. In 1969 he was appointed as Regional Director of Health Education and Welfare in Kansas City, where he administered a 10 state region. He was then appointed by Kansas Governor Robert Bennet to head up the Kansas Department of Aging and later returned to Iowa to work for the Iowa Development Commission.

## Lucille Graves, 85

ELDORA - Lucille Graves, 85, of Shell Rock, formerly of Eldora, died Monday, Oct. 5, 1998 at the Waverly Hospital in Waverly.

Services will be 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Mary's Catholic Church with burial following in the St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, both in Eldora. Friends may call Creps-Abels Funeral Home in Eldora Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. and on Saturday at the church one hour prior to services. A memorial fund has been established.

She was born on Nov. 14, 1911 in Hardin County to Charles and Wilhemina (Klepke) Balvanz. She attended the Catholic orphanage in Dubuque following the death of her mother. She returned to the Eldora area at the age of 14 to live with relatives and attend school in Whitter graduating in 1931. In 1937, she graduated from Waterloo School of Beauty and worked in the Waverly and Clarksville area. She then moved to Goldfield, to work for Byrd Rathburn where she later purchased her own beauty shop.

She married Daryl "Pete" Graves on Feb. 7, 1942 in Eldora. She then worked for Margerita Monaghan and at the Valley View Nursing Home in Eldora. In 1987, she moved to Shell Rock.

She was a member of the Holy Name Catholic Church until 1997 when the parish joined with St. Mary's Catholic Church in Waverly and the American Legion Auxiliary Unit #393 in Shell Rock.

Survivors include a son, David (Kathie) of Tillamook, Ore.; daughter, Melinda (Mrs. Gregory) Voy of Shell Rock; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband in 1987; four brothers, Lawrence, Harry, Wendell and Bernard Balvanz; and a sister, Alma Shelton.

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## Lottery results

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He was a member of the Mar-  
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shalltown JC's and St. Paul's Epis-  
copal Church where her served on  
the Vestry Board. He had served on  
the Marshall County Fair Board, the  
Johnson County, KS Library Board  
and was also an Eagle Scout.

Survivors include his wife,  
Carmel; two daughters, Carol  
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## Velma Faas, 83

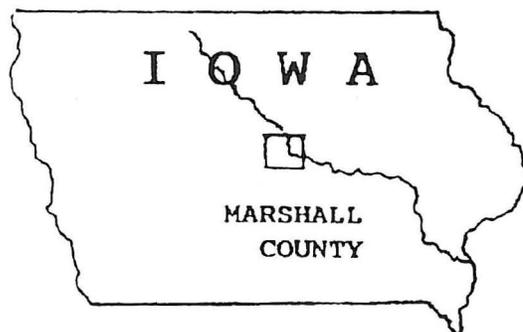
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# The Continuing History of Marshall County Iowa

1997



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L-R: Lawrence Mills, Max Manning Mills, Max Milo Mills and Reba F. Mills, ca 1933.

### Mills, Max Manning, D.D.S. and Reba Silva (Ferguson)

Max Mills and Reba Ferguson had been school sweethearts as kids in LeGrand, IA in the early years of the century. She had lived on the family farm three miles north of town, he lived in town and was the oldest son of LeGrand's doctor. After high school graduation in 1911, Max spent a year at William Penn College in Oskaloosa, then went on the State University of Iowa and graduated from the dental school in 1915. For a short time Reba attended Iowa State College (Ames), LeAnder Clark College in Toledo and MacMurray College (Jacksonville, IL), but returned to LeGrand to work in the local bank. Finally, after the Great War's end and Max's military service, in April 1919 they married in LeGrand and moved to Marshalltown.

They first rented an apartment on E. State St. and later purchased a little brown house on 7 N. 9th St. just north of Main St. where they started their family. Milo was born in 1920 and three years later Lawrence came along. In 1923 a much larger and more expensive house across the street, owned by Fred Houghton, came up for sale. With much hesitation and fear the price was too high, Max and Reba finally decided to take a loan and buy it. The family moved in and there Max and Reba called home for sixty-seven years! Fred Houghton had asked \$8,000 for the big house at 10 N. 9th St.

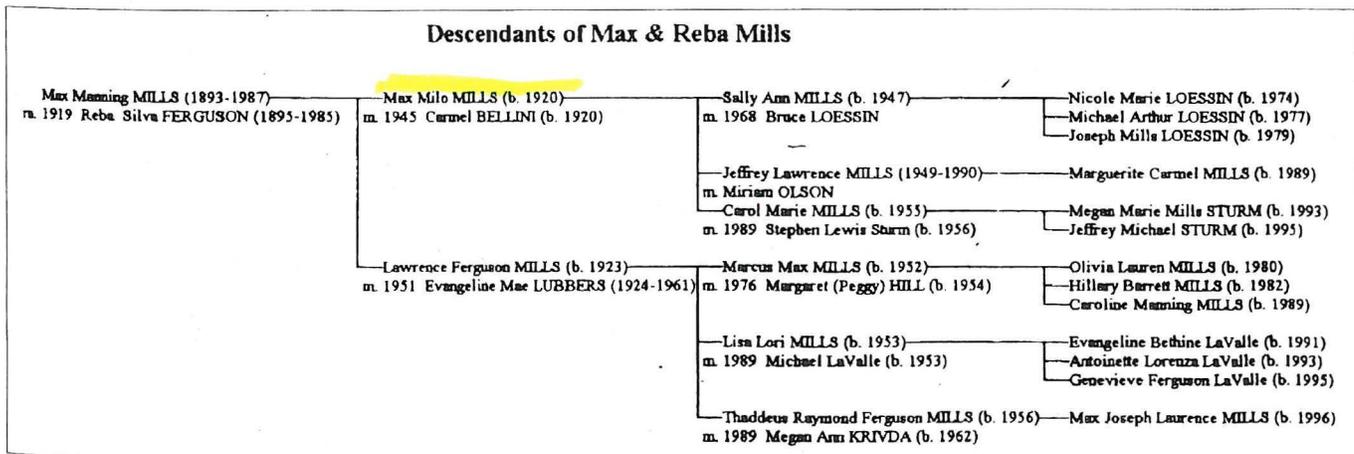
By the 1930s, the young Mills family had firmly established Marshalltown as home. Max's dentistry practice was growing, first above the Kresge Store at Center and Main, then at 205 W. Main St. and later down the block at 211 W. Main. Reba kept

busy with the chores at home, while Milo and Lawrence attended Roger's School. Also during this time Reba's father, David Ferguson, retired from his farm and the bank in LeGrand and took up residence with the family.

The thirties were the Depression years. Times were tough and money was scarce. Hobos and jobless men would often stop at the house looking for food in exchange for a little work. Instead of cash, Max too was often paid with produce or with eggs. During these years "Grandfather Ferguson" also kept a large garden on the SE corner of State and 10th streets which helped put fresh vegetables on the table.

Max and his father-in-law David, were enthusiastic outdoorsmen, spending many hours hunting and fishing together. As the economy improved, the two of them, sometimes with family in tow, often camped their way on fishing expeditions to Minnesota. The trips north were typically rough and tiring, taking several days, driving in David's 1923 convertible "Touring Sedan". The only roads were graded dirt and gravel, but the reward of a cool, northern lake was more than enough for them to repeat the trip often.

Reba and her older sister, Leola Jane Twedt, were good friends and always very close. As early as the 1920s, the Twedts and the Mills even lived close together. On 9th St. the families shared backyards and because of their proximity, the Twedt children and the Mills boys became like brothers and sisters. Tragically in 1930, Leola's husband Casper was killed in a car accident. This incident drew the families even closer and caused Max to take an even greater patriarchal role. The families almost became one, often sharing meals,



Descendants of Max and Reba Mills.

commonly joining on outings and even taking extended auto trips across the country together.

In 1938 Milo graduated from Marshalltown High School, Lawrence followed in 1941. They both continued on at Marshalltown Community College. But, as with everyone in the forties, World War II interrupted their lives. Both boys went into the service, Milo joined the Marines and Lawrence entered the Navy. Both served as officers aboard cruisers in the Pacific and both, fortunately, survived the war. Milo however, had been injured and ultimately received the Silver Star for meritorious service in the Philippine Theater.

At the war's end in 1946, Milo married and started a family. He continued school at Drake University in Des Moines where he completed his law degree. He returned to Marshalltown to practice law and later served as County Attorney and State Senator, and eventually received a federal appointment as regional director of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare in Kansas City. Lawrence continued his studies in the field of art and art history at the University of Georgia and Columbia University and received a PhD. from the State University of Iowa. He also raised a family and spent more than forty years of his professional career at Central College in Pella, IA and in Yucatan, Mexico.

Max continued practicing dentistry on W. Main St. until 1960. Afterwards, he and Reba had a lengthy and wonderful retirement lasting some twenty-five years. As avid naturalists, rock hounds, bird watchers and fishing partners, they traveled extensively by car around the country and in Canada often spending part of their winters on the Florida Keys. Their biggest interest and joy, however, remained their family and they thoroughly enjoyed hosting family gatherings at their home and at the family's farm.

Reba and Max died peacefully in Marshalltown in 1985 and 1987 respectively. Throughout their sixty-six years of marriage they were a devoted couple, caring parents and indulgent grandparents. Still today, at frequent family reunions at the farm in eastern Marshall County, their twenty-six descendants and family continue to remember and celebrate this unusual and very special couple.

*by Lawrence Ferguson Mills*

## **Mitchell, Donald Lavern and Jan (MacCanon)**

Our families were connected through the United Brethren Church before we knew one another. My grandfather, Dr. G.E. MacCanon, who was superintendent of the Iowa Conference of the U.B. Church had the responsibility of providing each church with a pastor. Don's Father, Lloyd B. Mitchell, was a brick mason but preached evangelistic services in the evening. In 1943, as Lloyd was laying brick to build a chimney in the basement of a house near Boone, G.E. MacCanon approached, sticking his head through a window, to ask if he could talk with him. Lloyd Mitchell agreed to become a full-time minister. He moved his wife, Ethelyn, and his five youngest children to Ralston, IA.

The youngest of the Mitchell children, Donald LaVern, was four years old. His mother used to remember the excitement of the Conference Superintendent's visit each year when G.E. MacCanon would make his annual review visit to the church. It was customary to attend a service, meet with the church council, and stay with the pastor's family. Donnie, as the family called him, was told to be on his best behavior; but as soon as G.E. entered the door, the curious child would dash to him and beg to be told stories. Later, when Lloyd needed to fulfill requirements for permanent licensure, my father, Robert MacCanon, coincidentally held the conference office responsible for monitoring the process.

Although Don and I are near each other age-wise, we are not the same generation. His grandfather, Thomas W. Mitchell, fought in the Battle of Gettysburg in 1863. Thomas was forty-six when Lloyd Mitchell was born, and Lloyd was forty-six when Don was born, giving Don the distinction of being one of the youngest grandchildren of a Civil War Veteran.

I was born while my Dad was a student at Bonebrake Theological Seminary in Dayton, OH. Mom and Dad lived in a nearby, small town of Springboro where Dad had a student pastorate during his last year in seminary. We came to Garwin, IA in May of 1943 when I was nine months old.

I moved to Marshalltown with my parents in May of 1959 just before my senior year of high school. My classmates and teachers at Hubbard High School expressed dismay that I would have to get

used to a new school my senior year, but I remember my delight at the many courses and activities to choose from at Marshalltown High School. I graduated with the Class of 1960.

Westmar College at Le Mars, IA was our church college, so I enrolled there. That's where I met Don Mitchell, who dated my college roommate. Don graduated from Westmar in 1962. I graduated in 1964. Don wrote to me in September, 1964 to ask if I would meet him at the State Teacher's Convention in Des Moines. We met at the Westmar display booth on October 16, 1964 — our first date. We were married in Marshalltown on December 26, 1965.

My teaching career and Don's interest in investment research led us to Marshalltown in 1974 when we moved into 1500 Lincoln Towers where we now have lived longer than any one ever has.

I was hired to teach English and Speech at the High School. From 1981-1996, I was also Director of Forensics at MHS, coaching debate, competitive congress, and mock trial teams. Some notable achievements during those years include two state mock trial championships (1985 & 1987) with each team placing second at nationals, Jennifer Demmon named National Champion in the American Legion Oratory Contest (to date she is the only Iowan to have done so), and national qualifiers: Damon Terrill and Peter Zeihan (competitive congress), C.J. Bacino and Aaron Nuss (Dramatic Interpretation), Michelle Hoffman and Mike Novak (Duo Interpretation) and August Stofferahn (Lincoln-Douglas Debate and Extemporaneous Speaking).

Don and I each met our goal of visiting all 50 states by the age of 50. In fact, Don's 50th state — Hawaii — was the 50th state to join the U.S., and he went there with he was 50! We have also traveled fairly extensively on five continents. Don, at ages 7, 29, and 55, attended the weddings of three generations of the same family. He's waiting one more generation to attend the fourth.

In 1995, Don was given the Commandant's Award as Volunteer of the Year at the Iowa Veterans Home. In 1996, Iowa Governor Terry Branstad, honored him with the Governor's Volunteer Award, and The Rotary Club of Marshalltown gave him the Distinguished Service Citation. Don is a Paul Harris Fellow in the Marshalltown Rotary Club.

You searched for **Max M. Mills** in **Iowa**

## Social Security Death Index

Name: **Max M. Mills**  
SSN: **485-03-3270**  
Last Residence: **66206 Shawnee Mission, Johnson, Kansas,  
United States of America**  
Born: **26 Aug 1920**  
Died: **6 Oct 1998**  
State (Year) **Iowa (Before 1951)**  
SSN issued:

**Source Citation:** Number: 485-03-3270; Issue State: Iowa; Issue Date: Before 1951.

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