

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Wright Ed (Edward) Senator _____
 Represented Cedar County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 27 June 1827 near Salem, Ohio in

2. Marriage (s) date place Columbiana County, Ohio
(now Mahoning County)

Martha Thompson 23 Mar 1842 Allegheny, Pennsylvania

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Stockholder and cash dispenser in the Citizens National Bank of

Des Moines; he created the office of Custodian of Public Buildings

B. Civic responsibilities G. A. R.

C. Profession Carpenter, millwright, teacher; farmer

4. Church membership Quaker

5. Sessions served 6th, 7th, 8th, 11th General Assemblies 1856, 1858, 1860, 1866

6. Public Offices

A. Local _____

B. State Elected Speaker of the House - Oct 1866; Nov 1868; Oct 1870; elected
Secretary of the Senate; Capital Commissioner and assistant superintendent
of construction of the Capitol in 1873; Secretary of State 6 years from 1868

C. National _____

7. Death 6 Dec 1895 New Bremen, Iowa; buried Woodland Cemetery, Des Moines, Iowa

8. Children Annell (died at age 6); Martha (died in infancy); Aelia (Mrs.
A. P. Cleveland); Nora

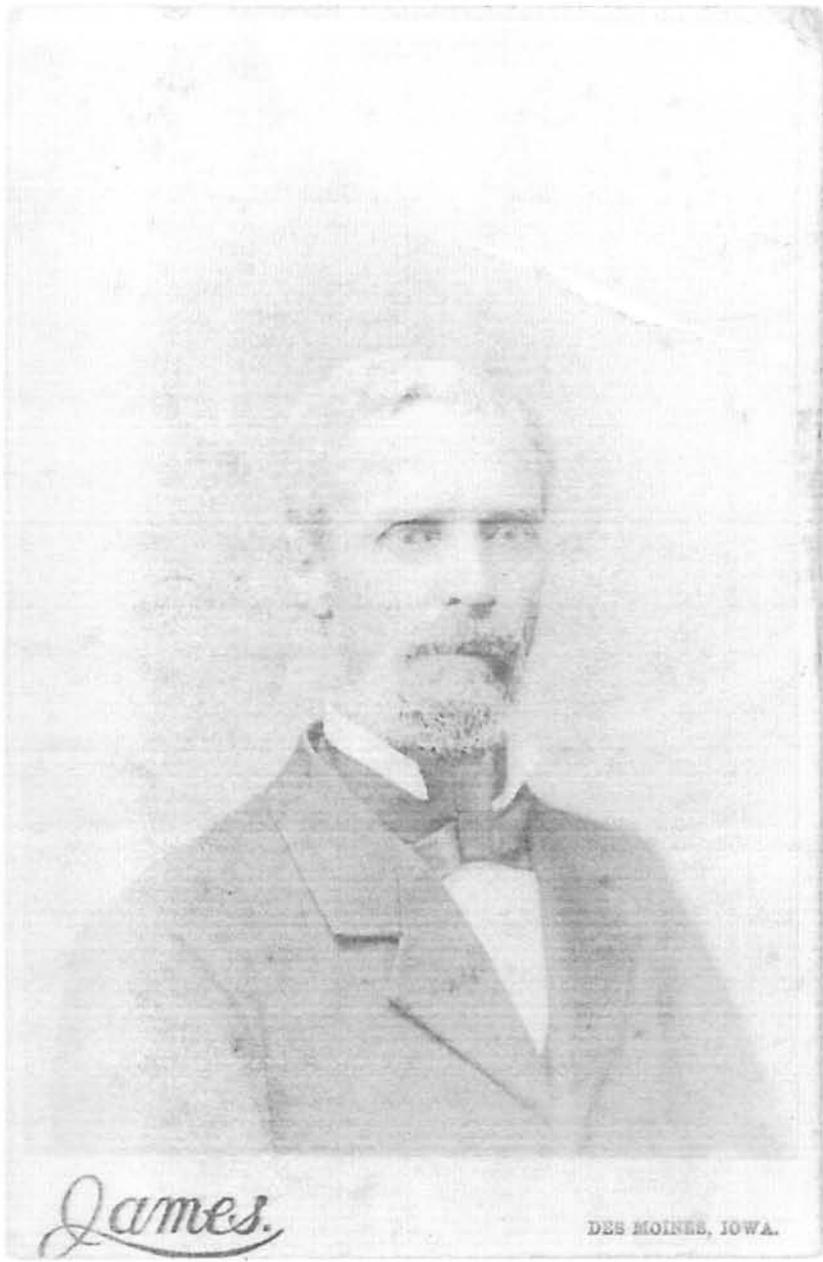
9. Names of parents James and Mary (Thickman) Wright

10. Education Educated in the common schools of his native
home in Ohio; attended Linnear Academy at
Atwater, Portage County, Ohio

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information Republican

- As a youth he worked on the family farm and mill and
learning how to use carpenter tools 1844-1845
- He taught school for a few terms
- In 1846-1847 he engaged in house carpentering and millwrighting
- After marriage he took charge of the saw and flouring mills
at Deerfield, Ohio called Wright's Mills
- There he continued until he moved to Cedar County, Iowa in 1852
- Military service - Civil War - commenced as Major
of the 24th Iowa Volunteer Infantry, promoted later to Brevet Colonel and Brevet
Brigadier General
- After the war he returned to the farm
- In 1895 he was appointed a member of the board of public works
for the city of Des Moines and in 1890 was Custodian of the public
buildings of the Iowa State property



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DEATH OF GENERAL WRIGHT

He Passed Away Last Night—A Useful Life Terminated—Widely Mourned.

Representative in Four General Assemblies—A Brave and Vigilant Soldier—Speaker—Secretary of State.

At 2:25 this morning the spirit of General Ed Wright took its departure. Of his long illness and its mutations, the readers of the CAPITAL have been kept advised. A short time since, he was so much better that he was able to be out, and hopes were entertained that the veteran's useful life would be prolonged yet many years. But it has happened otherwise. The following sketch of the man, by Hon. Charles Aldrich, happily condenses the facts of General Wright's career, while rendering a glowing yet entirely just tribute to the man.

It might be added to the facts therein stated that Mrs. Wright, to whom the deceased was married at Pittsburgh, Penn., in 1818, died in this city the day her husband had completed a half century of life. They were the parents of four children, two of whom died in childhood. The survivors are Celia, widow of D. P. Cleveland, of Oberlin, Ohio, and Flora, at home. Mrs. Cleveland returned to Des Moines with her two children a year or two ago. All of General Wright's brothers survive: Lota, of Lebanon, Ohio; and Seth and High, of Coal Creek, Colo. At the latter place lives also their only sister, Mrs. Lavina Flery.

Biographical Sketch.

Written by Hon. Charles Aldrich.

"In the autumn of 1856 the people of Cedar county elected to a seat in the legislature a young farmer, who, during the intervening thirty-nine years, has come to be one of the best known men in our state. It was but a few weeks after that body opened its memorable last session in Iowa City, before the people of Iowa began to hear of Ed Wright, and they have known him well and in many useful capacities from that time until now. Few men anywhere have been more continuously in office, and yet there is nothing in his character, or in his daily walk or conversation, to suggest or countenance the idea that he is an office-seeker. There is nothing demonstrative in his actions or methods. His ways are very quiet, his manner eminently genial and pleasing, as becomes a man with a Quaker ancestry. Any idea of management, or acting for effect, is wholly foreign to his nature or to a fair understanding of the man. Moreover, no one is more outspoken or positive in the expression of his opinions. None of his utterances are of a doubtful nature, nor admit of dubious constructions. But he has, in all these years, been in active politics, and almost continuously in public office. There must be some reason unusual and extraordinary for such a successful career. But to those who know his intimate and well there is no doubt of a mastery connected with his success. One simple rule has governed his course through life, and that is to do well and with all his might what

water academy, Portage county, Ohio. Upon leaving the academy he taught school winters up to 1840, spending the summers of 1846 and 1847 in acquiring the trade of carpenter and millwright. He was married in 1848 to Miss Martha Thompson, a lady of good education and unusual good sense and intelligence, who is remembered with great kindness and respect by hundreds of people in Cedar county and Des Moines.

"He resided in Ohio until 1852, when he emigrated to Cedar county, Iowa, where he became a farmer. He was elected a member of the Iowa house of representatives in 1856-57 and '59.

"In 1862 he was commissioned major of the 24th—Methodist—regiment of Iowa Infantry volunteers, serving until the end of the war. It would afford the writer, who confesses to a high admiration of General Wright, great pleasure to follow his military career somewhat minutely, and narrate many incidents of his service, but the limitations of space will not permit. He participated in the memorable battles of Champion Hills, Port Gibson, Winchester, Fisher's Hill and Cedar Creek. He was severely wounded at Champion Hills and slightly at Cedar Creek. At Winchester his favorite horse, 'Old Jack,' was killed under him by a solid cannon shot, while he sat upon his back hurrying to the front with a box of cartridges. When the old horse fell, 'the Major' shouldered the box and hurried to the advanced line where the cartridges were badly needed.

"He won the reputation of a brave, efficient, vigilant, steady, resourceful officer, and was there, as everywhere, a favorite with those with whom he was associated. Returning from the war with the rank of lieutenant colonel and the brevet of brigadier-general he resumed his avocation as a Cedar county farmer.

"In the autumn of 1865 he was again chosen to the Iowa house of representatives and elected speaker. He was a very successful presiding officer—the equal of any man who has ever occupied that position in our state—and the superior of most of them. I was that winter clerk of the house, and I do not recall an instance in which he was disconcerted or "rattled" for a single moment. He was thoroughly informed upon every point of parliamentary law, and kept the house and himself well in hand. In the autumn of 1866 he was elected secretary of state, which distinguished position he filled six years. In this as in every other place to which he has been called, he won the most universal commendation. Retiring to private life in January, 1873, he was chosen secretary of the board of capitol commissioners, and assistant superintendent of construction, serving until 1884, when he became custodian of the new edifice. This is a laborious position, requiring a man of good business habits, who, to be practical and efficient, should come very near being a 'Jack-of-all-trades.' General Wright discharged his duties so satisfactorily that he was reappointed for each succeeding biennial period, as a matter of course, until the election of Governor Horace Boies. He was then succeeded by a democrat.

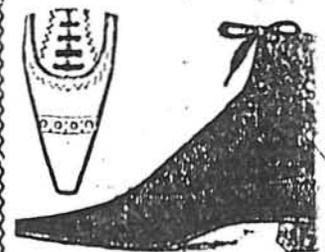
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"When he took his seat in the legislature, the first subject to which he gave his attention was that of parliamentary law and the rules of the house. There were plenty of old, cultured professional men in that body—men who, like Colonel Crockett, could speak eloquently upon any occasion or upon none whatever—but in a very short time Ed Wright possessed a better knowledge of the rules and precedents governing deliberative bodies than all the old stagers combined. When knotty questions arose during his long legislative career, even speakers would appeal to him to straighten out the kinks. He was listened to as one who spoke by authority, and he generally had his finger upon the section or clause in Cushing's great Manual of Parliamentary Law which rendered his position unassailable. He easily acquired the confidence of everybody—those with whom he was associated intimately as well as the public at large. When he was once chairman of the committee on claims, he personally acquainted himself with the merits of every account brought against the state. If he recommended or opposed the payment of a claim, that settled its fate at once and finally.

"But with all his great but quiet popularity, he is far from being an easy-going person, without opinions or prejudices. He is one who does his own thinking. He has never been any man's man. In fact, he has at times provoked the deepest hostility in influential quarters because he would submit to no domination. His standard of justice and right is his own, and from this mere outside influence never swerves him. And now, at the age of nearly 69, and close upon the time when the infirmities of years and the exposures of a soldier's life will necessitate his abatement from all responsibility and care, he is still in the harness, at a post of arduous duty to which he was called because his services were needed, looking as carefully after every detail, and as scrupulously guarding the public interests, as at any time in his long, laborious and most useful career.

"Ed Wright—and that is his whole name—not Edwin or Edward or Edgar—was born in Salem, Ohio, June 27, 1837, and is therefore at this writing (September, 1904, fairly entered upon his 67th year. His ancestors were Quakers. He was raised on a farm, and spent his early years at the At-

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"When the Columbian fair was in progress a chief of the bureau of information was needed—and who so well qualified as General Ed Wright? If he did not have an answer at his tongue's end, he knew where to find it promptly. He was sent for to take this place, remaining till the close of the fair, and as usual winning 'golden opinions' from his large and hourly changing constituency.

"In April of the current year he was appointed member of the board of public works of the city of Des Moines, which position he occupied at the time of his death."

Don't have your Christmas photos taken until you examine Stalling's work and get prices.

A DELIGHTFUL TRIP.

The trip through old Mexico and the tropics of Vera Cruz, so successfully conducted by Messrs. E. H. Coffin and F. J. Bergs, of the Wabash passenger department last winter, gave so much pleasure and satisfaction that by request of the friends of the former party another trip has been arranged to leave St. Louis January 15, 1896, returning February 13.

Another "train de luxe" has been engaged, and the party will be surrounded with every comfort and safety known to railway travel. The entire train, consisting of baggage car, dining car, drawing and state room sleepers and parlor observation car, will be at the disposal of the party during the entire tour, and, having neither hotel nor eating stations to depend on, will be enabled to halt in unaccustomed places not usually seen by the independent traveller.

Mr. F. E. Bergs of the Wabash passenger department, will again accompany the party, making all arrangements and relieving the passengers of all worry or cares incident to a journey through a foreign country.

The tour does not merely cover the direct line of travel through Mexico, but diverges and penetrates sections which tourists traveling on regular trains miss seeing.

In order to break the journey, a stop will be made en route at Galveston, thence via Eagle Pass, crossing into Mexico. Zacatecas will be the first stop, and a side trip made to Guadalupe. This is one of the most curious cities in Mexico, and the party will see many quaint and interesting things. One day will be spent in Aguas Calientes, the Hot Springs of Mexico. This city is a great favorite with ladies, on account of the drawn work the natives make in great variety. The hot baths to be had in this city are also very enjoyable. Leon, noted for its manufacture of leather goods, and Irapuato, famous for its fine leather goods, will be visited. The party will be in all the year round at midsummer prices.

will be visited in the order named Guadalupe, the handsomest and cleanest city of the republic is the next stopping place, and two days will be spent in viewing its many attractions. Last year's party was entertained with a grand concert, and the plaza handsomely illuminated in their honor. Juanacatlan, the Niagara of Mexico, will be the next attraction.

One day will be spent in Queretaro, the capital city, where Maximilian and his two generals, Miramon and Mejia, were executed.

One week will be spent in the City of Mexico, with side trips to the shrine of Guadalupe, Tacubaya, La Viga canal, part of one day will be devoted to the Castle of Chapultepec, the white house of Mexico. A reception at the national palace and an audience with President Diaz will be arranged by Counsel General Crittenden, ex-governor of Missouri.

One of the most delightful parts of the trip will be a four days' tour of the tropics of Vera Cruz over the Mexican railway, considered one of the most scenic rides in the world. Stops will be made at Puebla, Orizaba and Cordoba, and side trips to the pyramid of Cholula and the Indian village of Tlaxcala.

On the third day lunch will be served in a coffee plantation, which also contains orange and banana trees and pineapples in full bloom. This was one of the most interesting days to the last winter's party, who were loath to leave this tropical garden.

After a short stop in the City of Mexico the homeward journey will commence, stopping at Guanajuato, built in the hills, reminding the traveler of Switzerland. Guanajuato is full of interesting sights, and is considered by many the quaintest city in Mexico. Located fully four miles from the railroad, it is necessary to travel by tramways up a narrow ravine, the road taking eighty-five years to build. In this city is an opera house that cannot be surpassed for exterior grandeur by any amusement edifice in this country.

Another short stop will be made in Aguas Calientes for more drawn work and another hot bath, and the next day the train enters Uncle Sam's domain at Eagle Pass. San Antonio will be visited, also Austin, returning to St. Louis February 13.

Most of the traveling in Mexico will be done by daylight, in order not to miss any of the grand scenery.

A limited number could be accommodated from Des Moines or central Iowa. Further information can be had by addressing Horace Seelye, Des Moines, Iowa.

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Yesterday Gen. Ed. Wright died at his home in Des Moines after an illness of over four months. Gen. Wright was Colonel of the 24th Iowa Infantry of which regiment W. W. Edgington, G. W. Harbin and T. J. Kirkwood, of this city, were members.

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He was born in Ohio June 27, 1824. He was in the General Assembly of Iowa for several terms before the war and, after the war, was returned to the House of which body he was Speaker at one time. In 1866 he was elected Secretary of State and served six years. He was secretary of the capitol commission and when the new capitol was completed he was made custodian. When he died he was member of the Des Moines Board of Public Works and also one of the commissioners of the new insane hospital at Cherokee.

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The death of Gen. Wright is a great loss to the State. Mr. Edgington said, in speaking of his death this afternoon: "There wasn't a man in the regiment but loved Gen. Wright. He was one of the best men I ever knew. I saw him when he was here last summer and he told me he felt better than he had for a long time and now to hear of his death seems very sad."

The funeral will be held at Des Moines tomorrow afternoon.

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Gen. Tuttle is tall of stature, being six feet in height, and well proportioned, very erect and of commanding appearance. He is unassuming in manner, but firm and resolute where principle is at stake. As his history shows he has won distinction as a soldier, and in private life commands the respect and esteem of his fellow-citizens, regardless of party affiliations.



GEN. ED WRIGHT, of Des Moines, one of the best known and most highly respected citizens of Iowa, who is now Custodian of the public buildings and State property at the Capitol, is a native of the Buckeye State. He was born on a farm near Salem, Columbiana County (now Mahoning), on the 27th of June, 1827. His ancestors were of English origin, and were residents of the Shenandoah Valley, in Virginia, from a period shortly prior to the War of the Revolution until 1803, when they emigrated as a colony to Ohio, and settled in Columbiana County. They were of the good old Quaker faith, and were among the most worthy of the early pioneers of that section of the State. Joseph Wright, the great-grandfather of our subject, was the venerable leader of the colony. His son, Joseph, Jr., with his wife and son James, accompanied the father to Ohio, and located in Columbiana County. Other members of the family branched off and settled in Hardin County, of the same State, and greatly increased in numbers. James Wright, son of Joseph, was born in Bedford County, Va., on the 17th of June, 1803, and was an infant when taken by his parents to the Buckeye State. In 1824 he was joined in wedlock with Miss Mary Hinchman, a native of New Jersey, who settled in Ohio about the same time her husband became a resident of that State. They reared a family of six children, four sons and two daughters, all of whom are living at this writing. Mr. Wright detested nicknames and determined to name his sons in such a manner that it would not

be possible to abbreviate them. The subject of our sketch, who is the eldest, was called Ed; the second, Hugh, is now living in New Lisbon, Ohio; Seth, is a resident of Coal Creek, Col., while the youngest son, Lot, resides in Lebanon, Ohio. The eldest sister, Eliza, is the wife of James C. Trotter of Salem, Ohio; and Lovinia is the widow of W. R. Ullery, of Coal Creek, Col. James Wright was a farmer, and was associated with his brother Thomas, who was a carpenter and millwright, as they were proprietors of two mills, a sawmill and a gristmill. He led a useful and upright life and died in 1856, at the age of fifty-three years. His good wife survived him many years, and passed away in 1884.

Gen. Ed Wright was educated in the common schools and in Linnean Academy, at Atwater, Page County, Ohio. In his youth he was employed about his father's farm and mills, and being familiar with the use of carpenter's tools from childhood acquired a knowledge of house carpentering and millwright work under the direction of his uncle and was employed in that branch of industry. He was also engaged for a few terms in teaching school. One of the most important events of his life occurred about this time—his marriage to Miss Mart Thompson, which was celebrated in Allegheny City, Pa., on the 23d of March, 1848. The lady is a daughter of William Thompson, a farmer in Columbiana County, Ohio, where she was reared to womanhood.

For a few years following his marriage, Gen. Wright took charge of the saw and flouring mills at Deerfield, Ohio, known as Wright's Mills, and in 1852 removed to Cedar County, Iowa, where he was engaged in farming in Springdale Township, in connection with house building. On the formation of the Republican party, he joined its ranks, and began to be prominent in politics. In 1856 he was elected Representative to the General Assembly and re-elected in 1857 and 1859, serving three terms. After 1856 he was engaged exclusively in agricultural pursuits, until he entered the military service of the Government in the late War, as Major of the Twenty-fourth Iowa Infantry, receiving his commission September 18, 1862. He served in the Mississippi Valley, in the Thirteenth and Nin-

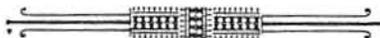
teenth Army Corps, and participated in the battles of Ft. Gibson, Champion Hills, the siege of Vicksburg and the battle of Jackson, Miss. In the latter part of 1863, with his regiment, he went to New Orleans on the Red River campaign. Early in July, 1864, a part of the Nineteenth Corps, which included his regiment, was ordered to the Shenandoah Valley, and participated in the battle of Winchester, and in October, following, was in the engagement at Cedar Creek. In January, 1865, they went to Savannah, Ga., and from there to Moorhead, to guard Sherman's supplies, and were finally mustered out at Savannah, July 17, 1865. Gen. Wright was twice wounded. First at the battle of Champion Hills, where he received a flesh wound in the thigh, and again at the battle of Cedar Creek, where he was hit in the arm and hip. In recognition of his services, he was brevetted Brigadier-General, to date from March 13, 1865.

After the close of the war, Gen. Wright returned to farm in Iowa, and the following fall was again elected to the Legislature. He was honored by being chosen speaker of the House, of the Eleventh General Assembly, in which position he proved a popular officer. In October, 1866, he was elected Secretary of State, was re-elected in November, 1868, and again in October, 1870, serving in all six consecutive years. In 1873 he was appointed Secretary of the Board of Capitol Commissioners, and assistant superintendent of construction of the Capitol. He performed the arduous duties devolving upon him with exactness and fidelity, and on abolishment of the Board of Capitol Commissioners, and the creation of the office of Custodian of Public Buildings and Property, he was appointed to that office, and has since served in that capacity. He has now been connected with the State service in the various positions named for a period of twenty-four years, during which time he has proved a faithful and competent officer, and has won the confidence and respect of all who are familiar with his prompt and faithful discharge of duty.

Since December, 1866, on his election to the office of Secretary of State, Gen. Wright has made his home in Des Moines. On the 27th of June, 1877, on his fiftieth birthday, he was called to the loss of his wife, who died on that day,

leaving her husband and two daughters. She was a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, a faithful wife and a loving mother of four children, two of whom are deceased. Asenath, the eldest, died at the age of six years; Frank, the only son, died in infancy; Celia, is the wife of D. P. Cleveland, a resident of Norwalk, Ohio; Flora, is unmarried, and resides with her father.

Gen. Wright is a member of Kinsman Post, No. 7, G. A. R., the only civic society to which he belongs. He is a stockholder and director in the Citizens' National Bank of Des Moines, but otherwise has no business relations not connected with his official position. His popularity and prominence are indicated by the important positions which he has been called upon to fill, and, as before stated, he is one of the most highly esteemed citizens of Iowa.



J K. MACOMBER, County Attorney of Polk County, and one of the leading members of the bar, is located at 214 West Fourth Street. He is widely known throughout the State, having been connected with the faculty of the Agricultural College at Ames, which won him an extensive acquaintance, as well as the many friends that he has gained during his career as a lawyer. Mr. Macomber is a native of the old Bay State, and traces his ancestry back through many generations of Scottish people to the original progenitor of the family who lived more than four centuries ago. His father was K. W. Macomber, and his mother's maiden name was Martha Alexander. Their marriage took place on the 12th of December, 1839, and in 1855, they emigrated with their family to Cass County, Iowa, settling near Atlantic, where they made their home for five years, when they became residents of Lewis, the county seat of that county, where members of the family still reside. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Macomber, namely: Mrs. Belle Reynolds, who is engaged in the practice of medicine in Chicago; Dr. Henry K., a practicing physician of Pasadena, Cal., where he located in 1882; J. K., of this sketch; and Frank

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Thus early Mr. Carpenter saw the destined

tendency of our American institutions, and the advancing civilization of the age. He saw it in the peace congress whose deliberations have made the Rhine thrice immortal. He saw it in the prospective railway which he believed would one day unite the shores of the Atlantic with that of the Pacific—a fact realized by the construction of the great continental railway—completed and carrying the commerce of the world at a date only eighteen years removed from the day of prophetic vision.

It was thus early that he began the study of the wants of the world, and with what clearness and directness may be seen by the correctness of his vision, and the accomplishment of what he considered an inevitable necessity.

Thus growing up into manhood, and passing onward in the rugged pathway of time, disciplined in political economy and civil ethics in the stern school of experience, he is prepared to meet every emergency with a steady and a ready hand; to bring order out of discord and insure harmony and prosperity to the land—designed as an asylum for the poor and the oppressed, by the great Author of our being.

ED WRIGHT.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

Tall in stature, spare in frame-work, with a preponderating motive—mental temperament, gives Mr. Wright a commanding influence among his fellow men. He is a man "born to rule;" is social, at times familiar, and yet firm. He has an active brain; large firmness; quick preceptive faculties; is a good judge of human nature, and is seldom, if ever, mistaken in his man. He is full of vivacity and power. Industry is a natural element of his life,—idleness would be equal to the pangs of death. He has large conscientiousness; firmness without obstinacy; is combative without being querulous; fervent without impetuosity; hopeful without undue aspirations. As a man of well-

balanced endowments, he is above an average in many respects. He has a full, round head, instead of thin and flat, indicating force of character. He is a man moulded for success in whatever he undertakes.

Mr. Wright is from the old English-Quaker stock, who were numbered among the American colonists prior to the War of Independence. For many years his ancestry were residents of Virginia,—living in or near the Shenandoah Valley—the scene of Rebel outrages during the late Rebellion. In about the beginning of the present century his great grandfather, Joseph Wright, moved from Virginia to Ohio. He settled in Columbiana county, where he followed

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Ed Wright was born near Salem, Columbiana county, Ohio, June 27, 1827. During his minority he lived upon the old homestead and enjoyed the advantages of the district schools of his native State, with a season in the academy at Atwater, Portage county, Ohio—including the summers of 1844 and 1845. During the winter seasons up to 1849, he was engaged in school teaching. In the summers of 1846-7 he was engaged in house carpentering and millwrighting—doing good service as a jour. In March, 1848, he was married to Martha Thompson, a daughter of a Buckeye farmer, a woman of a good common-school education and more than an average degree of intelligence—one who takes the world for all it is worth, and makes the most of it. Immediately after marriage he took charge of the saw and flouring mills at Deerfield, Ohio—known as Wright's Mills. Here he continued until his removal to Iowa in 1852, where he settled and became a Hawkeye farmer, being engaged in agricultural pursuits during the summer months from 1852 until 1856, and after the latter date, was employed exclusively in farming, when at home, and when absent, his wife became chief manager.

In 1856, he was elected as representative in the State Legislature, and was re-elected in 1857, again in 1859, serving three terms of five years. In 1863, he was commis-

sioned as Major of the 24th Iowa volunteer infantry. In the field there was none that did better service, of which the military record in the Adjutant General's reports fully show. The 24th Iowa volunteer infantry fought at the battle of Port Gibson and Champion Hills, where its losses were very severe. They were engaged in the latter part of 1863, in a campaign up the Teche, the object of which was never fully developed. After doing duty at Vermillionville, New Iberia, Berwicks, and Madisonville, on Lake Pontchartrain, it was finally ordered, with the 19th corps, on the celebrated Red River expedition, under General Banks. Early in July, 1864, a part of the 19th corps, as reorganized, was ordered to the eastern department. On reaching Washington, they were ordered by General Augur, to the Shenandoah, and soon after participated in the battle of Opequan or Winchester. This was on Sept. 19th, 1864. Sheridan followed up the retreating Early, and encountered his forces again at Fisher's Hill. Sheridan fell back to Cedar Creek, where he arrived on the 10th of October, and where he fought the remarkable battle bearing that name. In all these engagements the regiment behaved itself bravely standing up firmly to rebel bullets and bayonets, until victory was declared in favor of freedom and union. The 24th Iowa was known as the "Methodist regiment," which by its determined zeal and bravery, won new laurels for the honorable name it bore.

After his discharge he returned to his farm, and in 1865 was elected to the House of Representatives, and on the organization of the House was honored with the Speaker's chair. In this position he gained new laurels, as an expert parliamentarian—a quick and an impartial presiding officer.

In 1866 he was elected as Secretary of State, and entered upon his duties on the first Monday in 1867. He was re-elected to the same position in 1868, and again in 1870, being near the close of his third term. So long and faithfully has he discharged the laborious and responsible duties of that office, that his services appear to be indispens-

able to the welfare of the State. In talking of a change, politicians should know that a certainty is worth a thousand experiments.

Mr. Wright is not blessed with an overabundance of this world's goods, having enough to live comfortably, without suffering the pangs of despondency. He began as a Hawkeye with twenty dollars and a land-warrant for one hundred and sixty acres of land. From this moderate beginning he has experienced a slow and gradual

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growth into a greater degree of prosperity. He has a pleasant home in Des Moines, blessed with two children, Acelia and Flora, aged respectively sixteen and fourteen years.

Few officials have obtained a stronger hold upon the good-will of the people than has Ed Wright. He is known all over the State, and known, to be honored for his faithful and impartial discharge of imposed duties.

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ing the general routine of life usual to boys of his age. At fifteen he was apprenticed by his father to learn the trade of stone cutting. He served his full term of four years, and at the age of nineteen started out as "tramping jour" visiting Glasgow, where he worked at his trade several months.

While at Glasgow he incidently picked up the life of Benjamin Franklin and soon became interested in the narrative which made a lasting impression upon his mind. He had early in life acquired the habit of reading, which had the effect of fixing a permanent love of literature and a determination to excel. During his residence in Glasgow, and for some time before, he had taken an active part in what was known as the "charter movement"—then the all exciting power in political circles. The "Chartists" was the name of a party of political agitators who sprung up about 1838 and whose views are developed in a document called the "People's Charter." As their leading principles, they advocated universal suffrage, vote by ballot, annual parliaments no property qualifications, divisions of the kingdom into electoral districts so as to give uniform constituencies and the payment of members.

Becoming well posted in reference to American affairs, through the writings of Franklin and others, he formed a strong attachment for our free institutions and deter-

ment expired. After the war he was twice appointed by President Grant visitor to West Point Military Academy. He removed to Kansas in 1869, locating on a farm near Oswego, where he died September 17, 1889.

WILLIAM G. WOODWARD was born at Hanover, New Hampshire, May 20, 1808. He was a graduate of Dartmouth College and chose law as a profession. In the fall of 1839 he emigrated to the new Territory of Iowa, locating at Bloomington where he entered upon the practice of law. He attained high rank in the profession and in 1848 was one of three commissioners chosen by the Second General Assembly to prepare a complete code of laws for the new State. His associates were Charles Mason and Stephen Hempstead. Their work when completed was approved by the Third General Assembly and Mr. Woodward was selected to prepare marginal notes, arrange it in divisions, index and superintend its publication. When published it was known as the "Code of 1851." In January, 1855, Mr. Woodward was elected by the General Assembly one of the judges of the Supreme Court. He served six years and in 1861 was elected to the State Senate from Muscatine County. In 1863 he was appointed Clerk of the United States Circuit Court. He died on the 24th of February, 1871.

JOHN S. WOOLSON was born on the 6th of December, 1840, at Tonawanda, Erie County, New York. He was the son of T. W. Woolson who became a distinguished member of the Iowa State Senate in the Eleventh and Twelfth General Assemblies. The son received his education in the public schools, at Wilson Collegiate Institute, New York, and at Mount Pleasant Wesleyan College in Iowa, receiving the degree of LL. D. In March, 1862, he received the appointment of assistant paymaster law at Mount Pleasant, was admitted to the bar and at once began practice in the navy, serving in that capacity to the close of the war. He studied law. In 1875 he was elected to the State Senate on the Republican ticket and served in that body by reflections for twelve years, retiring in 1891 when he was appointed by President Harrison Judge of the United States District Court for southern Iowa. He held this position to the time of his death which occurred on the 4th of December, 1899, at his home in Des Moines. He was a lifelong Republican and a citizen and public official of the highest character.

ED. WRIGHT was born at Salem, Ohio, June 27, 1827. His education was acquired in the public schools and academies and he became a teacher and a carpenter. In 1852 he removed to Iowa, locating in Cedar County. In 1856 he was elected to the House of the Sixth General Assembly, was reelected in 1857 and again in 1859, serving six years. In 1862 he was appointed major of the Twenty-fourth Iowa Infantry and served through the war. He was a brave, vigilant and popular officer

and was brevetted Brigadier-General. In 1865 he was again elected to the Legislature and chosen Speaker of the House. In 1866 he was elected Secretary of State and twice reelected, serving six years. In 1873 he was chosen secretary of the Board of Capitol Commissioners and assistant superintendent of the construction of the State House. He held these positions until the work was completed in 1884 when he was appointed custodian of the new edifice. He held this office until 1890 when he was placed in charge of the Capitol grounds. At the World's Columbian Exposition General Wright conducted a directory for furnishing information to visitors from Iowa. In 1895 he was appointed a member of the board of public works for the city of Des Moines which position he held at the time of his death. Iowa never had a more useful and conscientious public officer than General Ed. Wright. When his death occurred on the 5th of December, 1895, his body lay in state at the Capitol where thousands of citizens paid their respects to the man who served the State so well for nearly half a century.

GEORGE F. WRIGHT was born in Warren, Vermont, December 5, 1833. He was reared on a farm, and when eighteen years of age attended West Randolph Academy. He came to Iowa in 1855, locating at Keosauqua where he began the study of law in the office of Judge George G. Wright, and was admitted to the bar in 1857. At the beginning of the Civil War he helped to raise a military company of which he was chosen first lieutenant. Later at the request of Governor Kirkwood Lieutenant Wright organized a company of State militia of which he was commissioned captain. In 1868 Mr. Wright removed to Council Bluffs where he became a law partner with Judge Caleb Baldwin; the firm ranked high and became attorneys for several railroads. In 1875 Mr. Wright was elected to the State Senate from the district consisting of the counties of Mills and Pottawattamie, serving in the Sixteenth and Seventeenth General Assemblies. In 1879 Mr. Wright was appointed by Judge Dillon United States Commissioner, and later held the same position under Judge Woolson for the Southern District of Iowa. In 1896 he was chosen vice-president for Iowa of the Trans-Mississippi Exposition at Omaha. Mr. Wright was one of the organizers of the company which built the bridge across the Missouri River between Council Bluffs and Omaha.

GEORGE G. WRIGHT was born in Bloomington, Indiana, March 24, 1820. He graduated at the State University and studied law with his older brother, Joseph A., who became a distinguished statesman. In 1840 George G. came to Iowa Territory, locating at Keosauqua where he began to practice his profession. In 1846 he was chosen Prosecuting Attorney and in 1848 was elected to the State Senate for a term of four years. He was nominated for Representative in Congress for the First District by the Whigs in 1850 but was defeated by a small majority. In 1855 he

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Name: **Edward Wright**
Residence: **Springdale, Iowa**
Age at Enlistment: **35**
Enlistment Date: **8 Oct 1862**
Rank at enlistment: **Major**
State Served: **Iowa**
Was Wounded?: **Yes**
Survived the War?: **Yes**
Service Record: **Commissioned an officer in Company S, Iowa 24th Infantry Regiment on 17 Sep 1862.**
Promoted to Full Colonel on 18 Nov 1864.
Promoted to Full Lt Colonel on 08 Jun 1864.
Promoted to Brevet Colonel on 13 Mar 1865.
Mustered out on 17 Jul 1865 at Savannah, GA.
Promoted to Brevet Brig-General on 13 Mar 1865.
Birth Date: **27 Jun 1827**
Death Date: **6 Dec 1895**
Death Place: **Des Moines, IA**
Sources: **Roster & Record of Iowa Soldiers in the War of Rebellion**
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State Served: **Iowa**
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Death Place: **Des Moines, Iowa**
Service Record: **Enlisted as a Major on 10 August 1862 at the age of 35. Commission in Company S, 24th Infantry Regiment Iowa on 17 Sep 1862. Promoted to Full Lieutenant Colonel on 8 Jun 1864. Promoted to Full Colonel (Not Mustered) on 18 Nov 1864. Promoted to Brevet Colonel on 13 Mar 1865. Promoted to Brevet Brigadier-General on 13 Mar 1865. Mustered Out Company S, 24th Infantry Regiment Iowa on 17 Jul 1865 at Savannah, GA.**
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