

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative \_\_\_\_\_ Senator McLaren,

Derryl J. - Resident of Harcourt, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 22. Mar 1949 Shenandoah, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Carma Herrig 17 Mar 1973

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He was a member of local Corn Growers Association, Iowa Soybean Association, Iowa Farm Bureau

B. Civic responsibilities \_\_\_\_\_

C. Profession Farmer

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 74<sup>th</sup>, 75<sup>th</sup>, 76<sup>th</sup>, 77<sup>th</sup>, 78<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies 1991-1992,

6. Public Offices 1993-1994; 1995-1996; 1997-1998; 1999-2000

A. Local Past chairman of Harcourt County Republican Committee.

B. State Iowa Corn Promotion Board 1985-1987; Recipient of Iowa State University's  
Hay Award 1992

C. National Member of U. S. Feed Grain Council, National Corn Growers,  
National Corn Development Foundation

7. Death \_\_\_\_\_

8. Children Jay C.; Jared M.

9. Names of parents John Ardwick and Vivian (Lammann) McLaren

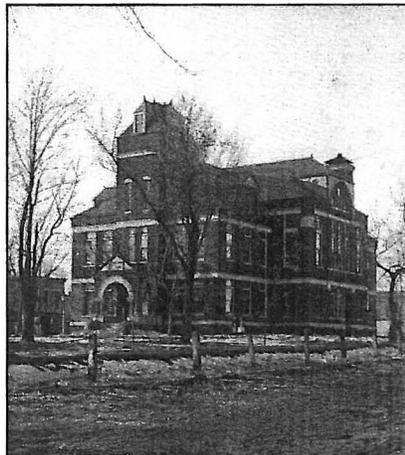
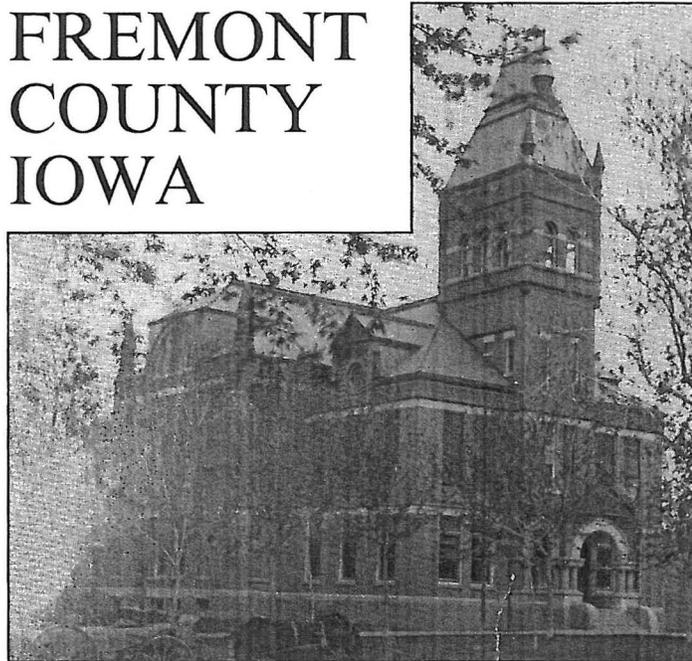
10. Education Graduate of Sarvagut Community High School,  
Sarvagut, Iowa 1967

11. Degrees B.S. degree with distinction in Agriculture Business  
at Iowa State University Ames, Iowa 1971; attended  
graduate school at Iowa State University in Economics

12. Other applicable information Republican  
- He was the recipient of the Iowa State University's Lloyd Andres  
Award, 1992



# FREMONT COUNTY IOWA



Top: Lightning struck high tower on this original building. Left: The courthouse before hitching chains were removed and there was no pavement. Above: Early courthouse photo. Below: Courthouse with paved roads. Photos courtesy of: Fremont County Historical Society and Robert and Evelyn Birkby.

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The People of  
Fremont County

lor and Reed, and step-grandchildren Lori and Lisa Costello.

Rick and Rita live in Farragut. Rick has a daughter, Lori and Rita has two daughters, Lori and Lisa. Rick is Fire-Chief at Farragut and is employed at Eatons, Shenandoah. Rita works at Pella.

Steve graduated from IWCC, Council Bluffs, 1988, with an associate degree in Arts and Business Administration. He and his boys, Taylor and Reed live in Indianola. Steve works with Computers in Des Moines.

Tim is attending IWCC, Council Bluffs. He is taking Criminal Justice/Corrections. He has a son, Matt. Tim and his fiancée, Terri live in Council Bluffs.

John attended IWCC in Council Bluffs. He was a car salesman at Hawkeye Ford, Red Oak; Shore Motors, Clarinda and Denver, Colo. He is now doing house construction. John and his fiancée, Lisa reside in Des Moines. Our four boys graduated from Farragut, and were great athletes.

Dick and Dorothy moved to Shenandoah, December 1993 from their farm near Farragut. Dick is employed at the Farragut Tavern and Dorothy is employed in the Dietary Dept. at Elm Heights/Park Crest Shenandoah.

*Submitted by Richard McIntyre*

#### JAMES AND CLARA ANN (BENNER) MCKINNEY

James W. McKinney was born November 18, 1843, in Grant County, Indiana, to John McKinney (1816-1894) and Phefarilla (Davis) McKinney (1822-1905). James W. McKinney had the following brothers and sisters: Eunice, Samuel P., Sarah, Elizabeth, Jane, Charlotte, Andrew, and John H. The family were early settlers of Fremont County, Iowa, arriving in 1851.



James and Clara McKinney

James W. McKinney served in the Civil War, 7th Cavalry Reorganized Company "K" Iowa Volunteers. He enlisted at Sioux City, Iowa, on March 27, 1865, when 21 years of age. He was discharged on April 10, 1866, also at Sioux City.

After returning from the service, James W. McKinney married Clara Ann Benner on July 1, 1866, in Fremont County. Clara Ann was born on April 10, 1844, at Carter, Marion County, Illinois. Her parents were Henry Benner (1800-1880) and Susan (Ettleman) Benner (1815-1900). Clara Ann had a twin sister named Elizabeth. Her older brothers and sisters were Samuel,

Philip, Mary Ann, George Franklin, Francis Marion, and Linda Emaline.

James and Clara Ann had three daughters: Linda Emaline was born March 28, 1867, and married Alonzo Robert Harless; Alice Mary McKinney was born in April of 1870 and married Lewis Newton Curtis; Louisa J. McKinney was born in 1875, and married Jasper Carr.

Clara Ann died on February 25, 1919, at their home near McPaul, in Fremont County. James W. died on October 6, 1920, near Bartlett, at the home of his granddaughter, Dolpha (Harless) Maxwell. James W. and Clara Ann were both buried at the Thurman Cemetery in Fremont County.

*Submitted by Janice Johansen and Arlene Sampson*

#### JOHN AND PHEFARILLA (DAVIS) MCKINNEY

John McKinney and his wife, Phefarilla (Davis) McKinney, were early settlers of Fremont County, Iowa, arriving from the State of Indiana in 1851. John was born December 17, 1816, in the State of Ohio, and his occupation consisted of farming and digging wells. Phefarilla was born during the Spring of 1822, in Grant County, Indiana.



John McKinney Family at Phefarilla McKinney Funeral

John and Phefarilla had a total of twelve children, but the names of only nine are known at this time. They were James W. McKinney, born November 18, 1843 (married Clara Ann Benner); Eunice McKinney, born 1846 (married (1) John J. Hasty and (2) E. Strom); Samuel P. McKinney, born January 27, 1848 (married Elsay Ross); Sarah McKinney, born 1850 (married David G. Elson); Elizabeth McKinney, born 1852; Jane McKinney, born 1856 (married James M. Ferguson); Charlotte McKinney, born 1858 (married (1) John Collier and (2) McKee); Andrew McKinney, born 1862; and John H. McKinney, born 1867.

John McKinney left a legend in Fremont County for "A new way to pay an old debt" which is described in History of Fremont County, Iowa, 1881, pages 414-415.

John McKinney died November 19, 1894, in Mills County, Iowa, and was buried at the Rose Hill Cemetery in Page County, Iowa. John's probate record is on file at the Clerk's Office at the Mills County Courthouse. Phefarilla (Davis) McKinney died on July 11, 1905, at the home of her son, Samuel McKinney, in Shenandoah, Iowa. She was also buried at the Rose Hill Cemetery in Page County, Iowa.

*Submitted by Janice Johansen and Arlene Sampson*

#### J.F. & VIVIAN (LAUMANN) MCLAREN

John Frederick (J.F.) McLaren (the oldest of five sons) was born in Shenandoah, Iowa April 25, 1926 to George Kells McLaren and Lucille Gail (Crist) McLaren. He grew up 1-1/2 Miles NW of Shenandoah in Fremont County. He graduated from Shenandoah High School in 1944. Upon graduation he farmed at home until

March of 1947 at which time he started farming for himself 3 miles east of Farragut.

Vivian was born in Fremont County, Iowa April 7, 1927 to Henry William Laumann and Minnie (Ebert) Laumann. She grew up in Fremont County, graduating from Farragut High School in 1944. After graduation she was employed by Farragut Community School and later by Lake's Shenandoah Nurseries.

On October 5, 1947 J.F. and Vivian were united in marriage at the United Methodist Church in Shenandoah and moved to the farm where they presently reside.

J.F. and Vivian are the parents of three children. All three graduated from Farragut High School and all attended Iowa State University. Derryl was born March 22, 1949 and farms with his father and brother as well as serving his second term as a State Senator. Derryl married Carmella Herrig on March 17, 1973. They have two sons, Jay born October 2, 1976 and Jared born November 11, 1978. Dennis was born July 12, 1953 and farms with his father and brother. Dennis married Susan Hodges on June 9, 1973. They have two children, Matt born November 17, 1975 and Kasey born May 25, 1979. Debra was born March 5, 1957. She is currently employed as project manager at the J.C. Penney Distribution Center in Olathe, KS. Debra married Brad Delay August 18, 1979. They have two children, Ryan born May 18, 1985 and Kelly born August 23, 1989. (See photo on page 272)

*Submitted by Vivian McLaren*

#### ARTHUR M. AND GRACE (FICHTER) MCMAHILL

Arthur M. McMahill was a long-time resident of the Tabor and Randolph, Iowa, areas. He was born 23 August 1871 in Warren County, Illinois; was a member of the Church of Christ at Beatrice, Nebraska, in November 1893; then married Grace W. Fichter at Fred Woodard's in Randolph on 28 December 1898. They had a family of boys.

Paul Arthur McMahill born 30 March 1900, married 26 April 1922 to Millie Van Doren. Both are now living in Colorado Spring, Colorado.

Harold Eugene McMahill, born 18 November 1901, married 28 March 1923 to Bernice Rhode. Harold died 17 October 1970 in Bremerton, Washington; and Bernice died at her daughter's home in Las Vegas, Nevada, on 30 October 1994.

Verne C. McMahill, born 6 September 1903, married in 1921 to Alice Jane Aistrope. Verne died 11 January 1950 in Chicago, Illinois; Alice died 15 January 1984 in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Kenneth McMahill, born 9 December 1911, married Arlene Wasserman. Kenneth died 25 December 1954 in the Omaha, Nebraska, Veterans Hospital. Arlene died 22 March 1975.

Arthur was mayor of Tabor, Iowa for eight years. He farmed for a number of years, owning a farm north of Tabor. He married, as his second wife, to Eva Coffey and they lived in Tabor until his death on 26 December 1953.

Arthur was the son of John McMahill and Emily Hogue (the daughter of James). John McMahill owned a half section of land near Farragut in Walnut Township to which he came in 1872 and was in merchandising in Sidney, Iowa, until July 1875. John was born 26 October 1839 and died 28 December 1924. He was the son of William McMahill and Mary Snapp (the daughter of George).

Grace W. Fichter was the daughter of Albert Casterline Fichter and Alice L. Whitney (his second wife). Albert was born 3 March 1836 in Chester, New Jersey; served as a Union soldier in the Civil War; and came to Fremont County in 1870-1871. He is the progenitor of the numerous Fichter families who have lived in the Fremont County area.

*Submitted by Frances (McMahill) Molsberry*