

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Williams, Micajah T. Senator

Represented Mahaska County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 29 May 1820 Butler Co. Ohio

2. Marriage (s) date place

Virginia Rebecca Seever 19 Sept 1845 Oskaloosa, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Director and vice president of Oskaloosa State Bank

B. Civic responsibilities Mason

C. Profession Lawyer, banker, real estate, civil engineer

4. Church membership Episcopal Church

5. Sessions served 5th General Assembly 1854

6. Public Offices 9th General Assembly 1860

A. Local Clerk of the court in Mahaska County until 1854; county judge
Oskaloosa, Iowa 1872

B. State Trustee of the Iowa Hospital for the Insane at Mt. Pleasant
Locating commission for county seat of Polk Co. in 1846.

C. National United States Commissioner

7. Death 15 Jan 1884 Buried in Forest Cemetery, Oskaloosa, Iowa

8. Children Alice Eugenia and Beulah Jewelle (Mrs. L.C. Blandard)

9. Names of parents Caleb and Sarah (Sunderland) Williams

Williams, Micajah T.

10. Education Attended common schools in Indiana

11. Degrees Attended Habsch College in Crawfordsville, Indiana - civil engineering; Ohio Law School in Cincinnati, Ohio

12. Other applicable information

- in Mahaska County
- Was a small child moved with family near Terre Haute, Indiana from Ohio, later after college he engaged in civil engineering
 - Admitted to the bar in 1842
 - May 1842 came west to Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, associated with
 - Dec 1843 came to Mahaska Co., then to Iowa City to ^{Judge} attend Territorial Legislature
 - In 1846 as a commissioner he alone is given credit for the selection of the site of the capital of Iowa and county seat of Polk County.
 - In 1854 he entered into partnership with Hon. J. T. Smith in practice of law and on 1 Mar 1855 they opened the first banking house in the county which continued for 30 months.
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 - Later associated in practice of law with Liston McMillen
 - Leading stockholder in Des Moines State Bank, Des Moines, Iowa

ARCTIC DAYS.—The cold Friday has awakened many inquiries as to other cold days, and we have gone back to our files to find out how the weather tumbled to zero in the years past, and we can show the record of the coldest day from 1864 to the present time. In case, of course, the degrees given are intended for below zero.

Year.	Month and date.	Degrees.
1864	January 1	29
1865	January 20	19
1866	February 7	21
1867	January 4	20
1868	February 24	24
1869	December 20	21
1870	February 20	15
1871	December 27	18
1872	December 24	30
1873	January 28	28
1874	January 15	18
1875	November 29	14
1876	December 9	20
1877	January 11	24
1878	December 24	13
1879	January 2-3	24
1880	January 29	20
1881	January 14	24
1882	December 7	20
1883	January 22	26
1884	January 5	32

The storm of January 1, 1864, was one of the most awful that has raged in this section since 1856-7. It was the perfection of all that is contained in the name of blizzard, and proved very destructive to stock. We took it in on a picket post, down in Arkansas, and we have a vivid remembrance that the day there was one of terrible suffering. There wasn't much countersign nonsense on that tour of duty by any of the boys. So far as the present January is concerned, from the 2d to the 10th, a record from 6 to 32 below has been made. From 11th to the 14th, there has been habitable weather, with some thawing.

CITIES WARMER THAN THE COUNTRY.—Those who happen to live at a little distance from the heart of the city must frequently have noticed a lack of accord between readings of their own standard thermometers and the published observations of the signal service observers of their locality. The reason of the discord is plain, viz., the perturbing action of the heat which the city emits; and, however gratifying it may be to the outsider to find himself superior to the government observers, it is very little credit to the weather bureau that this particular source of error was not long since recognized and avoided. The remarks of Professor Whitney on this subject, is applied to observations made at London, are pertinent and convincing. He says: "It is a well known fact that cities are considerably warmer than the more thinly inhabited country otherwise, under similar climatic conditions. Statistics prove this to be true, and there could be no doubt that it would be the effect of an immediate aggregation of population within a limited space, even if there were no statistics bearing on this question. Sources slow territorial and state legislators collection compiled by volunteers and returned in and about big cities during every year, and the whole mass of which the city is built is

From The Herald Extra, January 18th.
MICAJAH T. WILLIAMS.

DEATH OF THIS OLD AND HONORED CITIZEN—A LONG AND PAINFUL AFFLICTION ENDED IN THE REST OF DEATH.

With great sorrow we have to announce the death of Hon. M. T. Williams, which occurred at his home in this city at 2:20 this morning. As has been well known Mr. Williams has been a sufferer from kidney trouble for several years past, but his indomitable will, patient and unceasing courage carried him through many very low stages, when his physicians had given up hope for recovery. About two weeks ago he was taken again. This time the disease complicated the lungs, and from the outset grave apprehensions were held that the end was nearing of a career that has grandly honored manhood, and Iowa citizenship. At the hour named he passed peacefully over to the rest and the shade of the other shore.

The history of Mahaska county and of Iowa have the impress of the work of this noble and worthy man who has laid aside the cares of life, and entered into the joys and the rest that await the just. He was born in Ohio, May 29, 1820, and was therefore in his 64th year. In his early boyhood he emigrated with his parents to Indiana, settling near Terre Haute. Until the age of 16 he had the advantages of a common school education, and afterwards had the greater advantage of two years at Wabash College, Crawfordsville—then one of the strong colleges of the west, and from the halls of which many eminent men have been sent, strong in intellectual training, will prove in many fields of usefulness. Leaving college Mr. Williams engaged in civil engineering. At that time the great fever of internal improvement by canals held the middle states, and Mr. Williams worked until the same was suspended. At the age of 18 years he returned to Ohio, and studied law with Hon. O. M. Spencer, afterwards graduating from the Ohio Law School, and being admitted to the Bar in April, 1842. In May—in fact, May 2, 1842, Mr. Williams started west, and for Iowa. Most of the journey was made in the primitive "prairie schooner," the prairies then, of Iowa and Illinois, presenting an unbroken, billowy sea of grass and beautiful flowers. He first located at Mt. Pleasant, and was associated for one year with Judge Teas. He came to Mahaska county in December, 1843, and soon after went to Iowa City, where he spent the winter in attendance on the territorial legislature. In the spring following he became chosen clerk of the courts, continuing until 1854, when he refused to further

ceeded to Forest Cemetery, where the remains were laid to rest in the family lot beneath the spreading branches of a forest oak, whose bare branches were as quiet as the voice of him whose slumbers will not be disturbed until the resurrection morn.

"As Hiram sleeps, the widow's son,
So now our brother takes his rest;
His work complete, his labor done,
His name by every one is blest.

"So let him sleep his last long sleep,
Fond memories clustering 'round his head;
Be comforted, ye loved who weep,
The true, the frank, the fearless dead."

Tribute of Respect.

Resolved, By the bar of Mahaska county, Iowa, that it is with a sorrow more than we can express that we learn of the death of the Hon. M. T. Williams.

He was the pioneer and patriarch of our body; the one whose name has stood the longest upon its rolls. He was one of the commission appointed to organize Mahaska county, and from that day until the present sad occasion his history and that of his chosen county have been united.

Both the name and site of our beautiful city were selected by him; and for forty years he has lived among us a worthy and a blameless life.

We pay with sadness this last tribute to the memory of one whom we all so dearly loved.

The genial gentleman, the hospitable friend, the kind and indulgent husband and father, the honorable and useful citizen, rich in the love of friends, ripe in years and honors, is to be laid in the silent city to which we are all hastening.

Resolved, That we will strive to emulate his pure and honorable example, and hold in memory his many kindly words and acts, his genial welcome, his wit that pleased but wounded not, his professional integrity, his sterling manhood and all the many qualities that endeared him to his hosts of friends.

Resolved, That we tender our sympathy to his bereaved family.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the court records of the county, and that they be published in the county papers; and that a copy of the same be presented to the family of the deceased.

The Late John N. Dixon.

HALL OF TRI-LUMINAR LODGE, No. 18, A. F. & A. M., Oskaloosa, Iowa, January 14, A. D., 1884.

At the stated communication of Tri-Luminar Lodge, held on Friday evening, January 11, 1884, among the proceedings thereof was the following:

To Tri-Luminar Lodge, No. 18, A. F. & A. M.:

Your committee appointed on motion of the oldest Mason in the Lodge, offer this humble tribute to the memory of our departed brother:

Our brother, John N. Dixon, departed this life December 17, 1883, at Ashton, Illinois, at the age of 63 years. His labors were not completed; his death was untimely, and his brethren mourn. We erect this symbolic monument to commemorate his fidelity, his skill, and his many virtues. He taught by his daily life and daily work the grandeur of perseverance, the beauties of unsullied honor, and that humility which adorns true worth. His location and vocation were not such that he could actively participate in the labors of the craft when assembled at the quarries or in the temple, yet as opportunity afforded he diligently sought and studied the mysteries of our art, gave an attentive ear to all instruction and admonition, faithfully preserved within his breast that loyalty to truth and virtue which bound him to the good, the beautiful, and the true; and so faithfully did he meditate and such grand thoughts elaborate, that his instructive tongue gave pleasure and profit to the brethren. We mourn his loss. We have given the body the honors so justly due and consigned it to the grave. His memory we cherish, but his spirit has gone to the God who gave it, there to enjoy that felicity allotted to the souls of true men. We recommend that the Lodge furniture be draped for 30 days, and that this tribute to his memory be spread on the records of the Lodge.

E. BAKER, } Committee.
D. W. LORING, }

On motion the secretary was directed to furnish the family of the deceased with a copy of the foregoing, and that the same be published in the papers of the county.

A true copy. D. H. LESUER, Secretary.

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OUR POOR.—We are requested to say that the Treasury of the Ladies Relief Society is exhausted and that demands are made of them which they cannot meet without some assistance from the public. Up to January 1, but little suffering had been reported and even now amid this pinching cold weather, less than the usual amount of aid has been asked, yet even a small amount of wants cannot be supplied from an empty treasury. Knowing the usual generosity of our business men, we need only say that a committee of ladies will call upon them soon for whatever contributions they feel able to make. Besides cash, the committee need and can use right away, a large amount of clothing for men, women and children. Under this head we venture the assertion that in every dry goods and clothing store in this city can be found unsaleable, or damaged goods, such as hoods, stockings, underwear, hats and caps and other articles of clothing that would keep many poor shivering bodies warm and comfortable and never be missed by their owners. We want to say right here that it is a gross insult to the noble women who have this work in charge to send in dirty, filthy garments that have been worn too long already and expect them to repair or even handle them at all, yet it is a fact that some of the garments sent them for distribution ought only to be handled with tongs and in that manner or for cremation. There is no charity in such contributions, the contributors of such articles certainly do not realize the blessings vouchsafed a cheerful giver. Contributions of clothing, provisions, etc., may be left in the room over Beechler Bros. drug store, these gentlemen having kindly donated

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PERSONAL MOVEMENTS.

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G. W. Wertz, of Davenport, was an over-Sunday visitor in this city.

Hon. Geo. W. Lafferty was attending court in Ottumwa the fore part of this week.

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Third ward school-house, Mahaska county court-house, City works, culverts, bridge, Fair grounds, new buildings
Simpson M. E. parsonage, First ward school-house, Fourth ward school-house, New Presbyterian church

Total.....
BUSINESS IMPROVEMENTS.
E. H. Gibbs, three-story brick block, 20x20x110.
Iowa Masons' Benevolent society brick block, 20x20
Power and Land Company
I. Kalbach & Son, brick building
W. A. SeEVERS, brick building
A. J. Parkhurst, brick building
John F. Lacey, brick building
W. E. Vernon, brick building
A. J. Parkhurst, addition to Mrs. M. Larkin, addition to Mrs. M. Wright, addition to Wm. Loughridge, addition to D. Confer, business room
Malmquist & Clark, improved
Bashaw Livery, new building
Wm. McNally, restaurant
Tanning Company, addition
Baumgart & Little, skate
Acme Coal Company, improved
Standard Coal Company
Dr. Johnson, infirmary
W. C. Murphy, store room
Dr. W. R. Nugent, improved
J. B. Adlon, improved
Blattner & Newbrand, improved
Hawkins Bros. & Johnson, improved
Livery and Transfer Company
Kalbach & Son, improved
G. C. Johnson, broom building
H. J. Owen, business room
H. S. England, improved
Peter Stumps, improved
B. & W. R. R., improved
L. C. Blanchard, improved
Forest Cemetery, general
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PRIVATE IMPROVEMENTS.
Armstrong, Mrs., improved
Ankeny, S. P., improved
Avey, G. L., improved
Ashby, G. H., tenement
Adlon, J. B., improved
Blackstone, T. J., tenement
Baldwin, R. G., improved
Boyd, Joseph, residence
Burnside, Wm., improved
Bach, E., improvement
Corder, J. G., improved
Chamberlin, Dr. W. E., improved
Collins, A., improvement
Churchill, J. E., improved
Durr, A. J., improvement
Davis, Frank, improved
Durfee, W. A., improved
Douglass, W. W., residence
Duke, William, residence
Dobbins, George, improved
Ellsworth, Dr., improved
Einerick, H. A., improved
Ehlers, Misses, improved
Ellsworth, C. W., tenement
Fochlinger, Charles, improved
Fochlinger, Adam, improved
Falkenburg, residence
Glaze, Frank, residence
Guthrie, J. D., tenement
Gilbert, James, improved
Gorsich, E. W., residence
Gunn, John, improved
Gillest, M. D., improved
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AT NORTH ROAD.—The Belle Union, says of the Oskaloosa, Falls & St. Paul R. R. We have the information that the O., C. F. & P. R. R. that is in process of construction from this city south will be extended to Kansas City during this winter and form a through and main line between the C. & N. W. Eventually the road will be extended northward. The Independent, of the same village says: "In an interview with Edward J. D. Esq., Chief Engineer of the O., C. F. & St. P., the following information was furnished us by that gentleman. The grading between here and the city is nearly completed, and it is expected that the rails will all be laid down, the object being to complete the track so that stone, etc., for the bridge can be shipped right over the river. The bridge will be 1/2 of a mile long and will be built with stone piers at the main channel for an arch truss, 100 feet in length. The

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The funeral will occur on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, from the family residence, under masonic auspices. An autopsy was held this morning, by Drs. D. A. Hoffman and J. C. Barringer, and the disease found to be what was diagnosed,—stone in the bladder. The stones were found in the bladder, ranging in size from a hazel nut to a large walnut.

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Indianola Herald: "The papers say that Mr. and Mrs. Al. Swalm have been building them a fine new residence in Oskaloosa. Indianola has pleasant remembrances of Mr. and Mrs. Swalm and will be pleased to hear of their prosperity."

Mr. Fitzgerald, of Oskaloosa, is in the city visiting friends. He visited the skating rink last evening, and assisted by Miss Minnie Dutton, also of Oskaloosa, gave an exhibition of fancy skating. The Democrat dislikes very much to yield the palm to Oskaloosa in any emergency, but candor compels it to crown Miss Dutton and Mr. Fitzgerald with the laurel wreath in this respect. They accomplished some very daring and difficult feats and were much admired by the spectators.—Ottumwa Democrat.

James E. Hetherington, one of the friends of our boyhood, dropped down among his many friends here after an absence of six years. These six years have been spent in the revenue department of the government, among the moonshiners down south, and anyone knowing "Jim" knows that during that period his life has not been void of venture and adventure. From here he will go to St. Louis, then to western Kansas to visit his father and sister and his mother's grave. For the past year Jim has made his home at Atlanta, Ga., and he contributes to our cabinet a piece of shell, a flattened minie-ball and piece of granite which he picked up at Kenasaw Mountain, from very near where he had the ball. The day and place that Gen'l McPherson was killed by rebel bullets.

MAHASKA REAL ESTATE.

60X110.
Iowa Masons' Benevolent Society brick block, 20x120
Power and Land Company, brick block
L. Kalbach & Son, brick block
W. A. SeEVERS, brick block, 40
A. J. Parkhurst, brick block, 2
John P. Lacey, brick block, 20
W. E. Vernon, brick shop, 20x
A. J. Parkhurst, addition to
M. Larkin, addition to block
Mrs. M. Wright, addition to
Wm. Loughridge, addition to
D. Confer, business room
Malmquist & Clark, improvement
Bashaw Livery, new barn and
Wm. McNally, restaurant
Tanning Company, additions
Baumgart & Little, skating rink
Acme Coal Company, improve
Standard Coal Company impr
Dr. Johnson, infirmary impr
W. C. Murphy, store room
Dr. W. R. Nugent, improvement
J. B. Adlon, improvements to
Blattner & Newbrand, improv
Hawkins Bros. & Johnson, imp
Livery and Transfer Co., imp
Kalbach & Son, improvement
G. C. Johnson, broom factory
H. L. Owen, business room
H. S. England, improvements
Peter Stumps, improvements
B. & W. R. R., improvements
L. C. Blanchard, improvement
Forest Cemetery, general imp
Herald Printing Company
ments

Total.....

PRIVATE IMPROV:

Armstrong, Mrs., improve
Ankeny, S. P., improvements
Avey, G. L., improvements
Ashby, G. H., tenement
Adlon, J. B., improvements
Blackstone, T. J., tenements
Boyd, R. G., improvement
Baldwin, Joseph, residence
Burnside, Wm., improvement
Bach, E., improvements
Corder, J. G., improvements
Chamberlin, Dr. W. E., impr
Collins, A., improvements
Churchill, J. E., improvement
Durr, A. J., improvements
Davis, Frank, improvements
Durfee, W. A., improvement
Douglass, W. W., residence
Duke, William, residence
Dobbins, George, improve
Ellsworth, Dr., improvements
Emerick, H. A., improvement
Ehlers, Misses, improvement
Ellsworth, C. W., tenements
Fochlinger, Charles, improv
Fochlinger, Adam, improv
Falkenburg, residence
Glaze, Frank, residence
Guthrie, J. D., tenements
Gilbert, James, improvement
Gray, Thomas, tenements
Gorsuch, E. W., residence
Gunn, John, improvements
Gilechrist, M. D., improvement
Hull, L. L., sundry improvem
Hostetter, Ben., improve
Hankins, E., improvements
Hodgin, N. M., improvement
Higgins, G. H., residence
Hussey, N. W., improvements
Hiatt, J. P., improvements
Hoopes, J. B., residence
Hill, A. H., improvements
Howard, George, residences
Hutchinson, Charles, improv
Holmes, Jaffery & Co., impr
Hicks, Mrs., residence
Johnson, G. C., residence
Jauney, Frank, residence
Jarnagin, J. W., improvement
Kalbach & Son, tenements
Kalbach, John A., tenements
Kelly, Joseph
Loughridge, Wm., tenements
Levi, M. L., tenements
Ladynski, John, residence
Loughridge, Mrs., residence
Lacey, John P., improvement
Lacey, W. R., residence
Lambert, H. E., improvement
Leighton, T., improvements
Ninde, B. E., two residences
Ninde, H. P., improvements
Northup, George W., improv
Nelson, Hugh, residence
Naehman, M., improvements
McNeill, H. W., residence
McNeill, H. W., tenements
Moore, H. C., tenements
McCarty, C., residence
Mendenhall, M., improvement
Mark, B., improvements
Mitchell, G. R., residence
McGee, Thomas, residence
Malcolm, John O., residence
Millikin, Mrs. M., improve
McAllister, Mrs., residence
McMichael, Dan., improvement
Moore, J. L., improvements
Murphy, W. C., four tenement
Motley, Mrs., improvements
Mottox & Hedge, tenement

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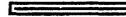
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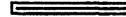
EDWARD H. STILES

For many years a member of the Iowa Bar; member of its House of Representatives, 1863-1864; member of its Senate, 1865-1866; Reporter of its Supreme Court, 1867-1875; author of Complete Digest of its Decisions from the earliest Territorial period to the 56th Iowa Reports.



“In old age alone we are masters of a treasure of which we cannot be deprived, the only treasure we can call our own. The pleasures of memory and the retrospect of the varied images which in an active life have floated before the mind, compensate, and more than compensate, for the alternate pleasures and cares of active life.”—SIR ARCHIBALD ALLISON.

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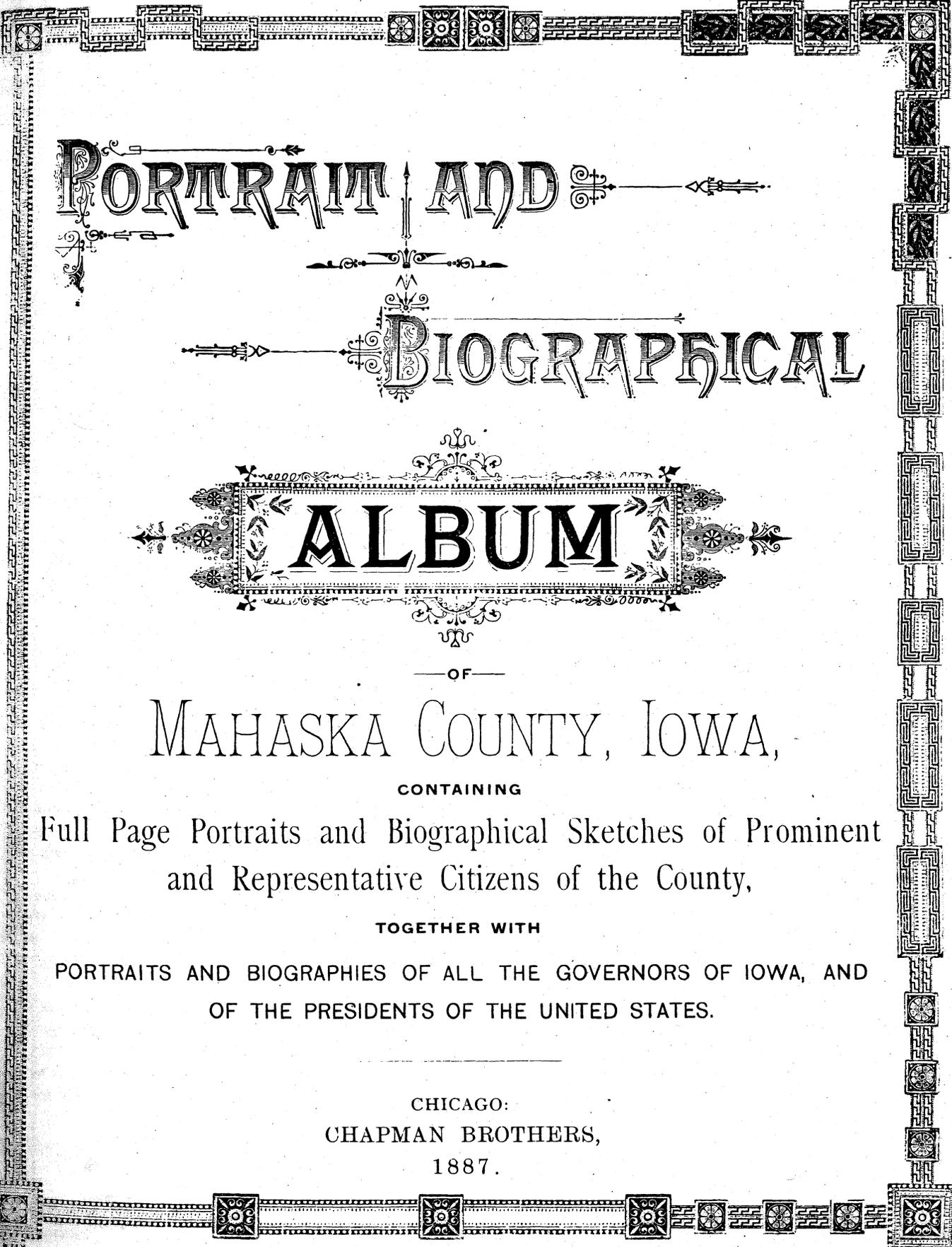
CHAPTER XXII.

OSKALOOSA.

Micajah T. Williams, William H. Seevers, William T. Smith, Stephen B. Shelleday.

Micajah T. Williams was one of the early lawyers and the first Clerk of the District Court of Mahaska County. He was born in Butler County, Ohio, in 1820. During his boyhood the family removed to Indiana, where young Williams was reared and educated in the common schools. Returning to Ohio, he studied law in Cincinnati and afterward graduated at the law school of that City. He was admitted to the bar in 1842, and the same year came to Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, and formed a legal partnership there with George W. Teas, one of the early lawyers of Henry County. This partnership lasted a little more than a year, and late in 1843 or early in 1844 he came to Mahaska County. In the spring of the latter year he was appointed and became the first Clerk of Courts, and as such in connection with the Sheriff, organized the County. He continued in this position for several years. In the fall of 1853 he was elected to the House and served in the Fifth General Assembly, which convened at Iowa City December 4, 1854. Reuben Noble was Speaker of the House, and Charles C. Nourse, Clerk. In 1854 he formed a legal partnership with William T. Smith. In 1858 he formed a partnership with Judge William H. Seevers, which continued for many years. He afterward was associated with Liston McMillan in the practice. In 1861 he was again elected to the Legislature. He subsequently filled several positions of public trust, and was for several years a trustee of the Iowa Hospital for the Insane at Mt. Pleasant.

I became acquainted with Judge Williams, as he was commonly called, soon after the commencement of his partnership with Judge Seevers. He was one of the most influential men of Mahaska County during its early period, and exercised a dominant influence in shaping its affairs. He was resolute in character and appearance. He was tall and commanding, with a high forehead, a full beard, save the upper lip. He was strong intellectually and physically, and to him Mahaska County is greatly indebted for his long and useful services. He was the soul of honor and trustworthy in the highest degree.



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CHAPMAN BROTHERS,
1887.

when he removed from the county, but, on his return was again elected to the position, and held it until his death, which occurred in 1866. His wife died in the year 1857.

The subject of our sketch at the early age of twelve years began to assist his father in surveying, and at the age of fifteen was made Deputy Surveyor of Stark County. He followed surveying and civil engineering until he reached the age of twenty-two years, when he decided to apply himself to the study of medicine, and began a course of reading with Dr. D. L. Gans, of Magnolia, Ohio, with whom he studied and practiced until the spring of 1847, with the exception of the winters of 1845-46, when he attended the medical college at Cincinnati, Ohio, and in 1846-47, when he attended the medical college at Willoughby, Ohio, from which he graduated in March, 1847. After graduation he was located for a short time at New Harrisburg, but soon returned to Magnolia and continued his practice there for six years.

In September, 1847, Dr. Whitacre was united in marriage with Catharine E. Ellson, a native of Stark County, Ohio, born Jan. 29, 1828. To them have been born seven children; one died at the age of three and a half years, and one at the age of twenty-one. The five living children are as follows: Sarah Ida, at home; John J., who has been attending the law department of the Michigan University, at Ann Arbor, will graduate in June, 1887, and expects to locate in Detroit, Mich.; Richard E. has for the past five years successfully managed the home farm; Clay Corwin is a telegraph operator in the employ of the C., M. & St. P. R. R. Co. at Council Bluffs; Katie is attending school and resides at home.

In the year 1853 the Doctor went to California via the Nicaragua route, leaving his wife and two children in Ohio, and there remained engaged in surveying and the practice of medicine until the fall of 1856, when he returned via Panama, and rejoined his family. In 1857 he removed to Burt County, Neb., residing there for six years, during four of which he was the only physician in the county. He surveyed and platted the town of Decatur in that county. In the spring of 1863 he removed his family back to Magnolia, Ohio, and gave

his entire attention to the practice of medicine until the year 1880, when he came to Iowa and settled where he now lives, upon 368 acres of land purchased by him in 1879. The Doctor gives his entire attention to farming, practicing only occasionally, not desiring to do much in that way. In 1882, on account of unsettled business in Ohio, the Doctor and his wife returned to that State and remained until 1885.

Politically Dr. Whitacre is a staunch Republican, and is a member of the G. A. R. Religiously he belongs to the Christian Church. He was in service in the army for 120 days in 1864, and served as First Assistant Surgeon of the 162d Regiment, Ohio National Guard, having charge of the regiment for ninety days at that time. The Doctor's home farm is well improved, and he is the possessor of enough means to enable him to take life easy for the remainder of his days, surrounded by friends and neighbors whose confidence and esteem he enjoys in an unlimited degree.

HON. MICAJAH T. WILLIAMS was one of the best known and most revered of all Mahaska County pioneers. Coming to this county in the first year of its settlement, appointed as one of the commissioners for its organization, in its growth and development, the impress of his mind and character are indelibly stamped. In almost every enterprise tending to the advancement of the town and county of his choice his was the master mind to counsel and direct.

Micajah T. Williams was born in Butler County, Ohio, May 29, 1820, and is the son of Caleb and Sarah (Sunderland) Williams. While yet a small child his parents removed to Indiana, locating near Terre Haute. Here the subject of this sketch enjoyed the educational advantages of the common schools, supplemented by two years' attendance at Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Ind. On leaving college he engaged in civil engineering for a few months, in the employ of the State, and then went

to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he entered the law office of Judge O. M. Spencer, afterward graduating from the Ohio law school, and being admitted to the bar in April, 1842. Believing the West to be a better field for an enterprising man, on the 2d day of May following he started for Iowa on horseback. Arriving at Mt. Pleasant he formed a partnership in the practice of law with Judge G. W. Teas, a somewhat noted character in that day, which partnership lasted about one year.

In December, 1843, Mr. Williams came to Mahaska County, but soon after went to Iowa City, where he spent the winter in attendance upon the Territorial Legislature. By that body he was appointed as already stated, one of the Commissioners for the organization of Mahaska County. Returning here he made this his home until his death. At the first term of the District Court he was appointed its Clerk, and was subsequently elected to fill the position, serving until 1854, when he positively declined a re-election. But his official life was not to end here. At the annual election in August of that year he was elected a member of the State Legislature, and served one term. While Clerk of the Courts it became a part of his duty in the absence of the County Judge to perform the duties of that officer. In this way the title of Judge came to be bestowed upon him.

At the close of his term of office as Clerk of the Court, Judge Williams formed a partnership with Hon. William T. Smith, in the practice of law. March 1, 1855, these gentlemen opened the first banking-house in Mahaska County, and continued to do a general banking and land business for two and a half years, when Mr. Williams retired from the firm. In 1858 he formed a partnership with Hon. William H. Seevers, which association continued ten years. During five of these years, from 1863 to 1868, he was associated with Henry P. Ninde, in the real-estate business, giving to its details much of his personal attention. Later on he was associated with Liston McMillan in the practice of law.

Judge Williams was elected to a second term in the Legislature in 1861, and served the State and his constituents with distinguished ability. For many years he was United States Commissioner,

and for six years was a Trustee of the Iowa Hospital for the Insane, at Mt. Pleasant. In 1846 he was appointed one of the Commissioners to locate the county seat of Polk County, and as one of the number failed to appear, and the other, a Mr. Pinneo, was taken sick while engaged in viewing the several locations, to Mr. Williams alone is the credit due for the selection of the site which is now the capital of Iowa, as well as the county seat of Polk County. After the stake had been driven, permanently fixing the site, Mr. Williams was called upon for a speech, and in response, he said: "Gentlemen, I have not only located the county seat of Polk County, but I have fixed upon the site of the future capital of the State." On hearing this remark the crowd in attendance fairly grew wild, and catching up the speaker, carried him upon their shoulders around the little town, yelling until they were hoarse. His prophecy was soon fulfilled, and Des Moines is not only the county seat of Polk County and the capital of the State, but is as well the leading city of Iowa.

In 1850 Mr. Williams was initiated a member of Triluminar Lodge No. 18, A. F. & A. M., and subsequently became a member of Hiram Chapter No. 6, R. A. M., and also of Commandery No. 6, Knights Templar. In the welfare of this order he took great interest and aided greatly in placing it upon the firm footing it now has in this county. He was for many years a vestryman in St. James Episcopal Church.

During the summer of 1845, with his own hand, Mr. Williams erected a new cottage just north of the Public Square. "To that little house," says the *Oskaloosa Herald*, "which we remember as a perfect bower of beauty, in 1845, he took his bride, formerly known as Miss Virginia Rebecca Seevers, a sister of Judge William H. Seevers." Miss Seevers was born near Winchester, Va., and is the daughter of James and Rebecca Seevers. The marriage ceremony was performed on the 19th of September, 1845, by Rev. Mr. Johnson, of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Two children are the issue of this marriage—Alice Eugenia, and Beulah Joezelle; the latter is now the wife of Judge L. C. Blanchard of this city.

In the organization of the Oskaloosa National

Bank, our subject took an active interest, and at his death was a Director and its Vice President. Mr. Williams died at his residence in Oskaloosa, Sunday, Jan. 15, 1884, and was laid to rest beneath the spreading branches of a forest oak, in the family burying-place at Forest Cemetery. The funeral sermon was preached by Rev. W. H. H. Pillsbury, of Ottumwa. The various Masonic bodies of Oskaloosa, assisted by visiting members from many of the surrounding towns, took charge of the interment, and his mortal remains were laid away in accordance with their beautiful rites and ceremonies.

No citizen of Mahaska County was more greatly mourned than Micajah T. Williams. Always of a kindly and charitable disposition, he was never appealed to in vain by those who needed a friend or substantial aid. He was a great friend to the young, and many young men have received from him wise counsel and such hopeful words as will not soon be forgotten by them. In all public matters he took an active interest, and it is said that subscription papers were few that were not graced with his name, and a liberal donation. He was a strong, stanch friend of the common school, and with him the education of the youth of the land was considered akin to religious duty.

One of the local papers of Oskaloosa, in its notice of Mr. Williams' death, said: "He was a careful attorney, a splendid man in every way. Just in all his dealings, of the noblest instincts, kind and gentle as a woman, no one had ever an unkind feeling toward this knightly, courteous gentleman." The *Montezuma Republican* said: "He was a man honored and honorable, big-hearted and liberal-handed. His death makes a big gap in the line of pioneers of Mahaska County." Of him the *Ottumwa Courier* said: "He has left a record as a lawyer, business man and public servant, second to that of no other citizen of Mahaska County. He was a very genial companion, and universally honored and respected by all who knew him." The bar of Mahaska County, in its resolutions of respect, declared him to be a pioneer and patriarch of its body. "A genial gentleman, hospitable friend, kind and indulgent husband and father, rich in the love of friends, ripe in the years of honors."

It resolved to "hold in memory his many kindly words and acts, his genial welcome, his wit that pleased but wounded not, his professional integrity, his sterling manhood, and all the many qualities that endeared him to his host of friends." The *Oskaloosa Herald*, in its tribute, closed with the following beautiful and appropriate lines:

"As Hiram sleeps, the widow's son,
So now our brother takes his rest;
His work complete, his labor done,
His name by every one is blest.

So let him sleep his last long sleep,
Fond memories clustering 'round his head—
Be comforted, ye loved, who weep
The true, the frank, the fearless dead."

CHRISTIAN HOUTZ, of Oskaloosa, is of French descent and of the old Huguenot stock of France. His grandfather was Philip Alfonso Lorenzo DeHautze, who came to America in 1726, when eleven years of age, with his parents, and settled at Bethlehem, Pa. Afterward they removed to Berks County, Pa., where Christian was born Dec. 27, 1806. Christian Houtz is the son of John Houtz, who was born in 1762. He married Elizabeth Winter, a lady of English descent, born in America, and who died while Christian was a child of eighteen months. They were the parents of four sons and three daughters, Christian being the only surviving one. Mr. John Houtz was again married to a Mrs. Snevly. Politically John Houtz was a strong Federalist, a man well posted in political affairs, and held the office of Justice of the Peace for twenty-four years. Occupying a prominent position in the community where he lived, he was the arbiter of all difficulties among his neighbors. He was an influential member of the German Reform Church, in which he held the position of Elder for many years. He died at Fredericksburg, Pa., in the year 1828.

The subject of this sketch, Christian Houtz, received his education in the common schools. When sixteen years of age he was apprenticed to the trade of carpenter and joiner, serving an apprenticeship of two and one-half years, receiving no compensation for his labor, and furnishing his own board and mending. After finishing his appren-

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1843-1900.

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FOREST—APPLE BUTTER BOILING—ST. MARY'S IN THE WOODS—SCOTT'S
TAVERN—A GENTLEMAN IN THE ROUGH—FIRST GLIMPSE OF IOWA—
PATON WILSON—COLONELS AND ESQUIRES—NOT DANGEROUS—NEW
PURCHASE—FIRST VIEW OF OSKALOOSA—MAHASKA'S FIRST SCHOOL—
FIRST ORGANIZATION OF METHODIST CHURCH—KILLING A BEAR—
QUAKERS—A BLAZED PATH—GOING TO MEETING IN OX WAGON—THE
FIRST FIRE IN OSKALOOSA—FIRST EDITORS OF OSKALOOSA HERALD—
THE BEAR DANCE—COAL—HARRISON TOWNSHIP—THE WAR—SORGHUM
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loosa, August 12, 1854, and worked at his trade for eighteen months, then engaged in business with J. B. Dixon, and they continued together until the death of Mr. Dixon, in 1876. Mr. Wilson and D. W. Loring are the oldest merchants that have been in business without change, and Mr. Wilson has been in the leather and saddlery hardware business longer than any one in the State. He married Miss Amelia S. Baer, from Crawfordsville, Indiana, October 13, 1858; she is one of the earliest settlers, and has been here thirty-five years; there were only three cabins here when she came; they have two children, George W. and Stella Maud; and they lost one son, Harry.

WILSON, MITCHEL, dealer in dry goods, clothing, hats and caps, Oskaloosa; born in Clinton county, Ohio, June 30, 1833; he was brought up there until nineteen years of age; then came to Iowa, by wagon, being about thirty days on the way, and arrived here about Nov. 1, 1852, a few days before the election of President Pierce. He was engaged in the mercantile business for several years. He entered the Oskaloosa Branch of the State Bank of Iowa, and became cashier of that institution, and was also cashier of the National State Bank, which succeeded it, for some years; held office of city treasurer two years, and city councilman. He married Miss Ella Crawford, from Indiana, in the spring of 1863; they have three children, Cora A., Lena A. and Walter Guy.

Wilson, Isaac, farmer.

Wilson, Samuel, salesman.

Williams, W. B., boot and shoemaker.

Williams, J. C., county superintendent.

WILLARD, CHAS. T., firm of

C. T. Willard & Co., dealers in dry goods; born in Galesburg, Knox county, Illinois, February 18, 1848; he was brought up and received his education there. He came to Oskaloosa in 1869 and engaged in the dry goods business. He married Florence A. Reece, from Abington, Knox Co, Illinois, October 26, 1870; they have two children, Warren Reece and Helen C.

WILEY, JNO. H., physician, Oskaloosa; born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, in 1821, and was brought up and lived there until 1846, and then removed to Indiana. He studied medicine and attended lectures in the city of New York, and also attended a second course of lectures in Cincinnati. He practiced his profession in Indiana, until 1865, and then came to Iowa, and located in Mount Pleasant, practicing his profession there, and in Ottumwa, until coming here, in 1872. He married Angeline Antrobus, from Decatur county, Indiana, December 6, 1846; they have four children, Isabella J., Elizabeth, Alice A., Carrie Maud, and they have lost one son, Harry.

WILLIAMS, M. T., this gentleman's name has occurred quite frequently in the body of this work. It should be so. No name is more intimately connected with the early history of Mahaska, than that of M. T. Williams. Mr. Williams is an Ohioan. He was born in Butler county, in the old Buckeye State, May 29, 1820. During his early boyhood his father removed to Indiana, and settled near Terre Haute. Here young Williams enjoyed the benefits of a common school education until he was sixteen years of age, when he attended Wabash college, at Crawfordsville, during two years. After leaving school he engaged in en-

gineering in Hoosierdom, in employ of the State of Indiana, for a few months, when the internal improvement work on which he was engaged was suspended. While yet eighteen years of age, young Williams returned to Ohio and studied law in Cincinnati with Judge O. M. Spencer, and afterward graduated at the Ohio law school; he was admitted to the bar April, 1842. Believing that the best place for a young man was on the frontier, on the second day of the following month Mr. Williams started for Iowa, coming across Illinois in a wagon. Arriving at Mt. Pleasant, he formed a partnership with G. W. Teas, a somewhat noted character in that day, a partnership which lasted about one year. He first came to Mahaska county in December, 1843, and shortly afterward went to Iowa City, where he spent the winter, and in the following spring, as has been elsewhere related, he became organizing clerk of the county, with Wm. Edmundson as first sheriff. He continued to fill the office of clerk of court until 1854, when at the August election of that year, he refused to become a further candidate. During the latter part of this service he was also clerk under John A. L. Crookham, county judge, and in accordance with the law, in the absence of the latter, was acting county judge. At this time, and in this way, he acquired the title of Judge Williams, by which he is currently known. In the fall of 1854, Mr. Williams was elected to the state legislature, where he represented his county during the succeeding term. September 1st, of this same year he engaged in the practice of law in Oskaloosa, with Wm. T. Smith as partner. March 1, 1855, these gentlemen opened the first banking house in Mahaska county, and continued to

do a general banking and land business, for two years and a half, when Mr. Williams withdrew from the firm. In 1858 a partnership was formed with Judge Seevera, which partnership continued for ten years. During five of these years, from 1863 to 1868, these gentlemen, in connection with H. P. Ninde, had a land agency which had the personal attention of Mr. Williams. The latter continued with Mr. Ninde in the land agency until 1873, practicing law in the meantime; in the last named year Mr. Williams associated in law business with Liston McMillen, a young man from Ohio, with whom he is still in partnership; Judge Williams was elected to a second term of the Legislature in 1861; for the past 15 years he has been U. S. Commissioner; as elsewhere mentioned, he served with great credit six years as trustee of the Iowa Asylum for the Insane, at Mount Pleasant from 1868 to 1874; he was also locating commissioner in 1846, of the county seat of Polk county; in 1850 he became a member of the Masonic fraternity, and is now a prominent Sir Knight in that order in Oskaloosa; during quite a number of years he was, and now is, a member of the vestry of St. James Episcopal church. Judge Williams has lived a life which has ever been one of quiet usefulness; he holds an honored place in the community; his record shows no entries of wrong doing; he ranks high in the esteem of his fellow citizens, and is especially loved by the younger people; "Caje" Williams is a general favorite; he has a pleasant home in the town of his choice; during the summer of 1845 he built with his own hands, a house just north of the public square, and in Sep-

tember of that year brought to it as his bride, Miss Virginia Rebecca Seevers; this lady was born near Winchester, Virginia, and is a daughter of James Seevers (who came to Mahaska in 1844, and is now 86 years of age); the first home of the young couple has long since been abandoned for a more comfortable and elegant residence, where Mr. and Mrs. Williams with their two daughters, Alice Eugenia, and Beulah J., extend a hospitality to their friends such as few are able to bestow, and there enjoy the reward, to which years of frontier life and hardships have justly entitled them.

[A further sketch of Mr. Williams occurs under the chapter on "First Court."]

WOODY, JOHN W., firm Woody & Hellings, abstracts and loans; born in North Carolina, March 17, 1841, and was brought up and received his education there, and in Indiana and Ohio; he removed to Indiana in 1860, and attended school and engaged in teaching until 1868, when he came to Iowa and was president and principal of Whittier College, at Salem; he resigned in 1872, and read law; he was principal of the high school for one year, and then was called to the presidency of Penn College, and remained here for five years; during the present year he associated with Mr. W. P. Hellings, and engaged in the abstract and loan business; he is also president of the Central Iowa Loan and Trust Company; he married Miss Mary Chawner, of Indiana, April 1, 1868; they have one son, Horace H.

Woods, E. M., farmer.

WRAY, WILLIAM H., firm of Mattison & Wray, grocery and provision dealers; born in Shelby county, Indiana, April 29, 1837; when seventeen years of age he came with his parents by wagon

to Iowa; they were twenty-eight days on the way, and arrived in this county, five miles east of Oskaloosa, April 19, 1854; he was on the farm for about ten years, then came to this city and engaged in the lumber business in 1866, and continued for twelve years, until 1877, when he sold out and engaged in his present business; he has held the office of city alderman; married Miss Francis Montgomery, from Shelby county, Indiana, October 5, 1858; they have three children, Walter, Joseph and Nellie, and have lost two children, Eddie and Cooper.

Wray, W., lumber dealer.

WRIGHT, MRS. EMILY J., formerly Miss Emily J. Ellis; was born in Warren county, Ohio, and removed, with her parents, in infancy to Fountain county, Indiana; they came to Mahaska county in 1855, and located in Oskaloosa; she married Thomas T. Wright, September 10, 1861; he was born in Highland county, Ohio, March 6, 1833; he was brought up and received his education there, and came to Iowa and located in Oskaloosa in 1854; he was engaged in the grocery and drug business for some years, and afterward engaged with Terry & Spencer in the wholesale grocery trade; they bought Mr. Terry's interest and he retired; associated with Mr. Spencer they continued the business until the death of Mr. Wright, February 19, 1875; Mrs. Wright still retains her interest in the business of the present firm of Wright & Spencer; she has one son, Samuel B., born March 29, 1862, and has lost one son, Benjamin F., born December 13, 1863, and died August 9, 1864.

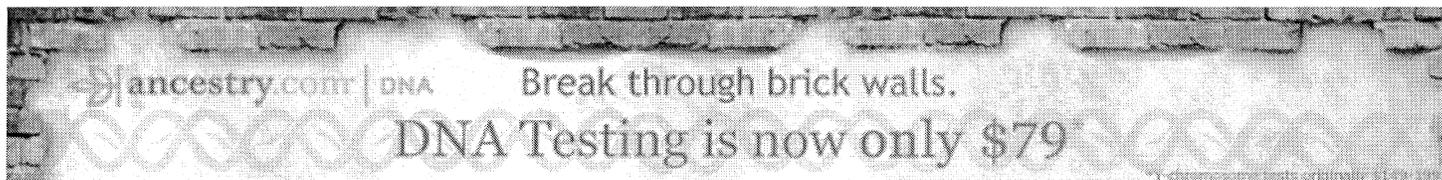
Wright, Dillon, blacksmith.

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- **Given Name:** Micajah T
- **Surname:** Williams
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 B: 1725
 MD
 D: 6 May 1781
 New Garden, Guilford
 Co., NC
 M: 11 Oct 1746

Jesse Williams
 B: 13 Jan 1753
 New Garden, Guilford
 Co., NC
 D: 21 Dec 1833
 Wayne Co., Indiana
 M: 9 Nov 1774
 New Garden, Guilford
 Co., NC

Prudence Beals
 B: 1730
 Chester Co., PA
 D: 25 Jun 1815
 New Garden, Guilford
 Co., NC

Caleb Williams
 B: 30 Jun 1780
 New Garden, Guilford
 Co., NC
 M: 18 Sep 1806
 Montgomery Co., OH

Eleanor Johnson
 B: 3 Feb 1757
 Guilford Co., NC

Micajah T. Williams
 B: 29 May 1820
 Butler Co., OH
 D: 15 Jan 1884
 Mahaska Co., Iowa
 M: 19 Sep 1845
 Mahaska Co., Iowa

**Virginia Rebecca
 Seevers**
 B: 31 Mar 1826
 Winchester, VA

Sarah Sunderland
 B: 1784
 Fayette Co., PA

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Butler Co., OH**Death:** 15 Jan 1884
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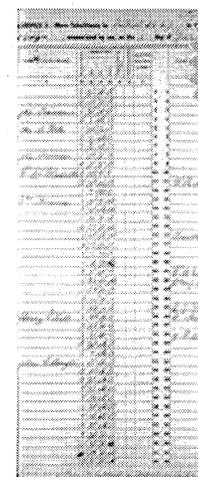
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Birth Place:	Ohio	
Gender:	Male	
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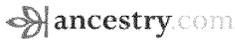
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29 May
Butler, OH
Birth

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19 Sep
Mahaska, IA
Age: 25

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15 Jan
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was laid to rest beneath the spreading branches of a forest oak, in the family burying-place at Forest Cemetery. The funeral service was preached by Rev. W. H. H. Pillsbury, of Ottumwa. The various masonic bodies of Oskaloosa, assisted by visiting members from many of the surrounding towns, took charge of the interment, & his mortal remains were laid away in accordance with their beautiful rites & ceremonies. No citizens of Mahaska co. was more greatly mourned than Micajah T. Williams. Always of a kindly & charitable disposition, he was never appealed to in vain by those who needed a friend or substantial aid. He was a great friend to the young, & many young men have received from him wise counsel & such hopeful words as will not soon be forgotten by them. In all public matters he took an active interest, & it is said that subscription papers were few that were not graced with his name, & a liberal donation. He was a strong, staunch friend of the common school, & with him the education of the land was considered akin to religious duty. One of the local papers of Oskaloosa, in its notice of Mr. Williams' death, said: "He was a careful attorney, a splendid man in every way. Just in all his dealings, of the noblest instincts, kind & gentle as a woman, no one ever an unkind feeling toward this knightly, courteous gentleman." The Montezuma Republican said: "He was a man honored & honorable, big hearted & liberal handed. His death makes a big gap in the line of pioneers of Mahaska co.." Of him the Ottumwa courier said: "He has left a record as a lawyer, business man & public servant, second to that of no other citizen of Mahaska co.. He was a very genial companion, & universally honored & respected by all who knew him." The bar of Mahaska co., in its resolutions of the respect, declared him to be a pioneer & Patriarch of its body. "A genial gentleman, hospitable friend, kind & indulgent husband & father, rich in love & friends, ripe in the years of honors."

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