

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Mitchell, Ernest Roy Senator _____
Represented Wapello County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 28 Feb 1877 Medina, Audrain County, Missouri

2. Marriage (s) date place

Martha Louise Mc Davis 11 Sept 1912 Ottumwa, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Admitted to practice law 9 Oct 1902; former member of the
American, Ottumwa and Iowa Bar Associations

B. Civic responsibilities Mason; Knights of Pythias; Elks Club;
member of Ottumwa Association

C. Profession Attorney

4. Church membership Episcopal

5. Sessions served 35th General Assembly 1913

6. Public Offices

A. Local Mayor of Ottumwa 1927-1929 Wapello County Assistant Attorney
1909-1911, again 1917-1919 and 1925-1927

B. State _____

C. National United States Commissioner in the Ottumwa district 1917-1929

7. Death 12 Nov 1945 Ottumwa, Iowa; buried Ottumwa Cemetery, Ottumwa, Iowa

8. Children No children

9. Names of parents John Henry and Emma Louisa (Dome) Mitchell

Mitchell, Ernest Roy

10. Education Attended and graduated from public and high school at Bloomfield, Iowa, 24 Apr 1896

11. Degrees Graduate of University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa Law school in 7 June 1900

12. Other applicable information Democrat

- Has practical law in Attumun from graduation of law school in Oct 1902 until his death
- He moved with his parents to Davis County, Iowa in fall 1877 and then moved to Hagerston County, Iowa 15 June 1897.
- Military service - Iowa National Guard - Company I and Company G, 1899-1902, Captain Cadet Company, State University Battalion, member of corporation till 1899-1900



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army troops would begin moving
forward "very soon" from their
positions north of Chinwangtao.
Thus far, he said, his troop have
only defended themselves; com-
munist, he alleged, had attacked
in that sector seven times.

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Prior to the peace parley, the
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Reuther announced he is calling
a special national General Motors
conference in Detroit Monday and
Tuesday, November 19 and 20.

To Get Full Report.
He said the conference will be
attended by more than 200 dele-
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GM plants throughout the nation.
It will hear a report on develop-
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E. R. Mitchell, Lawyer And Former Mayor, Dies

Ernest R. Mitchell, 68, attorney
and former mayor of Ottumwa,
died at 7:45 a. m. today at Ot-
tumwa hospital following a linger-



E. R. MITCHELL.

ing heart ailment. His home is
at 648 North Court street.

He was born Feb. 28, 1877, at
Mexico, Mo., the son of John H.
and Emma Mitchell. He attended
Bloomfield high school and was
graduated from the State Uni-
versity of Iowa law school in 1900.
He had practiced law in Ottumwa
since that time.

After serving two terms in the
Iowa legislature, he was elected
Wapello county attorney on two
different occasions. He was U. S.
commissioner in the Ottumwa dis-
trict from 1917 to 1929, and was
mayor of this city from 1927 to
1929. For a number of years he
had been on the commission for
insanity. He was active in demo-
cratic political circles.

A member of the Trinity Episco-
pal church, he also was an active
member of the Masonic lodge, the
Knights of Pythias and the Elks
club.

He married Martha McGavic of
Ottumwa on Sept. 11, 1912. Sur-
viving, besides his wife, is a niece,
Mrs. Virginia Cheshire of Oak-
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Death Comes To Mrs. West Bonnifield

Helen E. Gardner Bonnifield, 63, of West Bonnifield, editor of Bloomfield newspapers, died 3 a. m. today at her home in Bonnifield after a lingering illness. She was the daughter of Alva T. and Clara Gardner, she was born in Ottumwa and was an accomplished artist.

A graduate of Drake university and the Pratt Art Institute of New York, she had studied under the tutelage of Grant Wood and taught art in Iowa and California after heading the Drake university art department.

She resides here with her husband, also an Ottumwan, she is survived by a son, Pvt. Miles Brown, recently returned from the European war theatre her mother, Laura Gardner, Ottumwa,

four brothers, Paul Gardner, Rockwell, Nev., Dr. Thomas Gardner, Denver, Colo., Prof. Warren Gardner, Cleveland, Ohio, and her father, A. T. Gardner, Des Moines.

Her father, A. T. Gardner, cashier of John Morrell & Co. preceded her in death in May 1944.

Her body was removed to the

Mitchell Rites Saturday At 1:30

Funeral services for Ernest R. Mitchell, attorney and former Ottumwa mayor, who died Monday, will be held Saturday at 1:30 p. m. at the Lester Jay funeral home. The Rev. L. H. Matheus, B. D., pastor of Trinity Episcopal church, will have charge of the service and burial will be in Ottumwa cemetery.

POWELL DISCHARGED.

CANTRIL. — Wayne Powell, who has been stationed at Camp Gruber, Okla., has received his discharge and returned Monday night to his home here.

The Rev. J. E. Clark and daughter, Mae, spent Monday at Ft. Madison with the former's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Dorn.

Carroll Reece funeral home pending funeral arrangements.



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LOOMIS FUNERAL.

Funeral services for George Loomis, 66, who died Tuesday 8:45 a. m., at his home on Waverly avenue, will be held Thursday 2:30 p. m. at the Carroll Reece funeral home. The Rev. Edward Byrd, pastor of the East End Presbyterian church, will have charge of the service, and burial will be in the Shaul cemetery. The body has been taken to the residence on Waverly avenue and will be returned to the funeral home Thursday morning.

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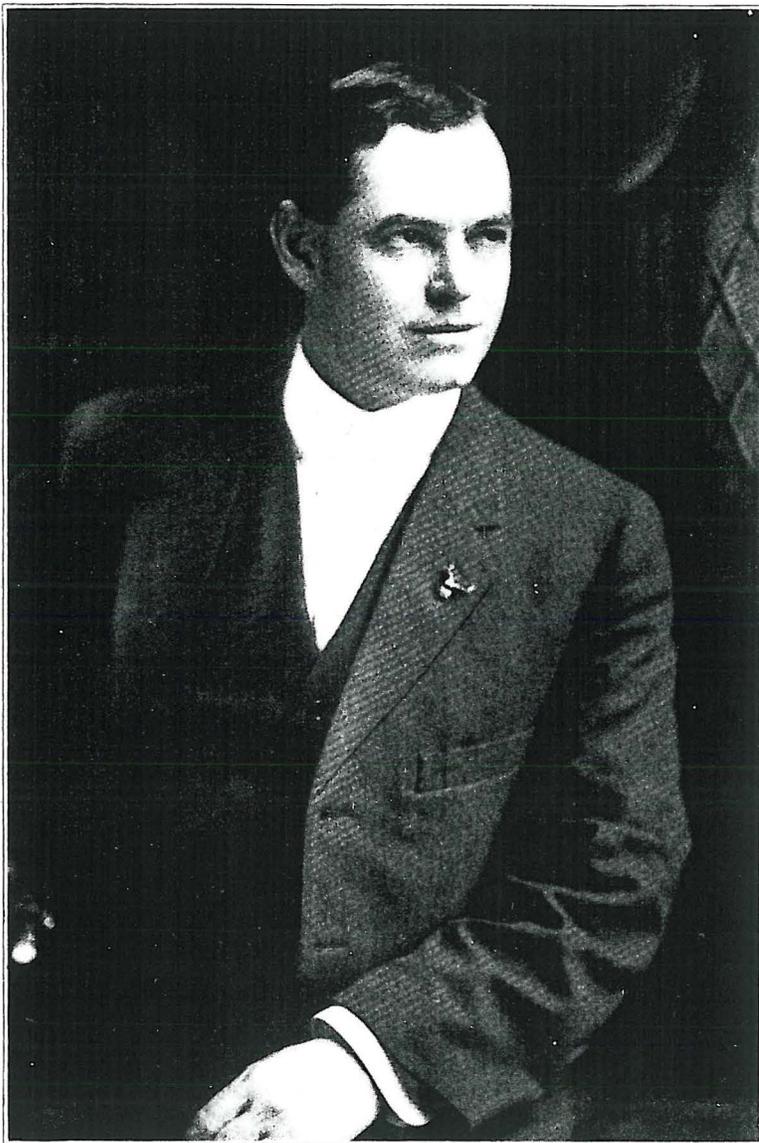
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Wapello county, and his circle of friends is extensive, for his reliability and personal worth and his social, genial nature have gained for him the warm regard of all with whom he has come in contact.

ERNEST R. MITCHELL.

Ernest R. Mitchell, lawyer and law maker, practicing his profession in Ottumwa, was born in Mexico, Missouri, February 28, 1877. His father, John H. Mitchell, was a native of Hillsboro, Highland county, Ohio, born March 8, 1848. Removing westward he engaged in the drug business at Mexico, Missouri, Moulton, Iowa, and at Bloomfield from 1870 to 1892. From 1891 to 1894 he was a member of the state board of pharmacy under appointment of Governor Horace Boies. He is now engaged in the real-estate and insurance business at Ottumwa, having devoted his efforts to activity along those lines since 1897. He now has many clients in both branches of his business, and an analyzation of his life work shows that enterprise has been one of the chief features of his success. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Emma L. Dome, was born in Elkhart, Indiana, on the 25th of May, 1846. Both Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Mitchell are still living. In their family were two sons, the elder being Fred R. Mitchell, a graduate of the Iowa College of Music at Grinnell and now a professor of music in Denver, Colorado.

Ernest R. Mitchell was but a young lad when his parents removed from Missouri to Iowa, and in the schools of Bloomfield he pursued his education until graduated from the high school with the class of 1896. In the following fall he entered the State University, where he pursued the liberal arts' course and won his degree in June, 1900. He next studied law with the firm of Steck & Smith and was admitted to practice by the supreme court of the state and the federal courts in 1902. Since that time he has followed his profession in Ottumwa and in a calling where advancement is proverbially slow he has made great progress, winning prominence and success by his thorough and competent methods and his comprehensive knowledge of the law. He was assistant county attorney of Wapello county from 1906 until 1910 and made an excellent



ERNEST R. MITCHELL

record in that connection. That by no means limits the extent of his political activity, however, for he has ever been a stalwart advocate of democratic principles since age conferred upon him the right of franchise, and in 1912 he was elected on the democratic ticket to represent his district in the state legislature. He is a member of the judiciary, municipal corporations, public lands and buildings, pharmacy, state university, insurance, and code supplement committees, and is secretary of the last named. He was renominated without opposition.

On the 11th of September, 1912, Mr. Mitchell was married to Miss Martha L. McGavic, who was born in Ottumwa and is a daughter of S. L. McGavic, a lumberman of Ottumwa. Her mother, who bore the maiden name of Ellen Boales, is deceased.

Mr. Mitchell is prominent in lodge circles. He belongs to Wapello Lodge, No. 12, K. P.; Ottumwa Lodge, No. 347, B. P. O. E.; and the Royal Arcanum. He is also one of the Ottumwa Oarsmen, a fact which indicates something of the nature of his recreation. His religious faith is evidenced in his membership in Trinity Episcopal church, in which he has served as vestryman since 1906. His ideals of life are high, his actions manly and sincere, and the course which he pursues, both at the bar and as a private citizen, commends him to the confidence, respect and good-will of all.

W. T. WILSON.

W. T. Wilson, a worthy native son and respected citizen of Wapello county, was elected to the office of county clerk in 1912 and in that connection has made a highly creditable record. His birth occurred on the 24th of October, 1864, his parents being Thomas A. and Lucy J. (Farmer) Wilson, the former born in Owen county, Indiana, November 20, 1830, and the latter in the same county, on the 23d of April, 1831. Thomas A. Wilson, an agriculturist by occupation, came to Iowa in 1851, settling on a farm in Wapello county. His last years were spent in honorable retirement at Ottumwa, where he passed away on the 20th of February, 1900. The period of his residence in this county covered nearly a half century, and in his demise the community lost one of its substantial and esteemed citizens. His

Outline of Personal History of

Ernest R. Mitchell,
RESIDENCE *Ottumwa, Ia.*

Kindly furnish on this sheet the necessary data for a personal sketch and return at your early convenience. Every question is important.

EDGAR R. HARLAN, CURATOR

The Historical Department of Iowa

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(This form is for use in collecting data on deceased as well as living persons. Appropriate alterations may be made in matter below.)

- 1. Name in full (all names) Ernest Roy Mitchell
- 2. Chief occupation or profession LAWYER
- 3. Former occupation or profession
- 4. Date and place of beginning each October 9th. 1902, Ottumwa, Iowa
- 5. Present residence address #231 North Wapello Street, Ottumwa, Iowa
- 6. Present business address #207 East Main Street, Ottumwa, Iowa
- 7. Date of birth February 28th. 1877
- 8. Place of birth Mexico, Audrain County, Missouri
- 9. If born abroad, where
- 10. Emigrated to America, when
- 11. First migrated to what state and county, whether born abroad or in America Davis County, Iowa, Fall 1877
- 12. Emigrated the second time to what state or county Wapello County, Iowa, June 15th. 1897
- 13. Further emigration, if any
- 14. Education. Give name and location of rural, high, business or technical school, college or university Graduated from Bloomfield, Iowa High School April 24th. 1896;
State University of Iowa, June 7th. 1900, Bachelor of Philosopny;
- 15. Date of graduation and degree if any Admitted to Practice Law by Supreme Court
October 9th. 1902.

16. Place of death
17. Date of death
18. Place of burial
19. Name of father in full (all names) John Henry Mitchell
20. Occupation of father Pharmacist 1870 to 1897.; Real Estate & Insurance 1897 to date
Member Iowa Commission of Pharmacy 1890 to 1893
21. Full Maiden name of mother (all names) Emma Lorintha Dome
22. Residence when married Moulton, Appanoose County, Iowa
23. Military service, if any (exact dates) Co. I & CO.G. Iowa National Guard 1899 to 1902
Captain Cadet Company, State University Battalion, Winner of com-
petitive drill 1899-1900
24. Political offices, (from the smallest to the largest, with dates) Assistant County Attorney of
Wapello County 1907 to 1911; Representative 18th. District (Wapello
County) 1913-14 35th. General Assembly
25. Director or trustee of financial, religious and educational institutions Member and Clerk of Vestry,
Trinity Episcopal Church, Ottumwa, Iowa.
26. Politics Democrat
27. Religious denomination if any Protestant Episcopal Church
28. Religious preference if non-affiliated with a denomination
29. Member of what societies or associations of learning ~~Wapello~~
30. Member of what secret organizations, with honors or offices held, with dates Wapello Lodge #12
Knights of Pythias, Chancellor Commander 1910; Member Committee State
of the Order 1913-1914; Ottumwa Lodge #347 B. P. O. Elks, Exalted Ruler
1908, Representative 1909, District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler 1911.
31. Member of what clubs if any Ottumwa Carsmen;
32. Belonged to what firms (give names in full and dates if possible)
33. Officer or director in any corporation ✓
34. Enclose business card if possible ✓
35. Enclose photograph and autograph Photo under separate cover.

37. Miscellaneous



FAMILY HISTORY

1. To whom married Martha Louise McGavic
2. Date of marriage September 11th. 1912
3. Place of marriage Trinity Church, Ottumwa, Iowa
4. Date of his or her birth September 23rd. 1878
5. Place of his or her birth Ottumwa, Wapello County, Iowa
6. Religious denomination Protestant Episcopal Church
7. Date of his or her death
8. Place of his or her death
9. Place of his or her burial
10. Father's full name Samuel L. McGavic
11. Born where and when Near Batavia, Ohio; September 4th. 1845
12. Occupation of his or her father Retail Lumber
13. His or her mother's full name Ellen Boales
14. Born when and where Albia, Monroe Co., Iowa
15. Parents' residence at time of their marriage Albia, Monroe County, Iowa
16. Miscellaneous remarks on their family

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The People of Iowa

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SPECIAL TREATMENT OF THEIR CHIEF ENTERPRISES IN
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BUSINESS, ETC.

by
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when her father died, the other children in the English family being Frank, John, Michael and Stella.

W. R. COYLE is editor and owner of the *Alta Advertiser*, one of the country weeklies published in Buena Vista County. Mr. Coyle has been in the printing or newspaper business since he left college.

He was born in Woodbury County, Iowa, December 1, 1902, son of Walter and Mabel (Thompson) Coyle. He was only five years old when his mother died, and he grew up in the home of his maternal grandfather, A. M. C. Thompson, of Anthon, Iowa.

He attended school there and later completed his education in Morningside College at Sioux City. His apprenticeship at the printing trade was served in the plant of the *Anthon Herald*. Later he worked as a printer in various offices, at Cherokee and Sibley, Iowa, and also in South Dakota.

Mr. Coyle in 1920 located at Alta, where he became an employee of the *Alta Advertiser*. A few years later he was made publisher and now owns and operates the business, publishing a live and interesting newspaper every Thursday. *The Advertiser* is independent in politics, while Mr. Coyle personally is a Republican. He is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason and Shriner at Sioux City.

He married Miss Blanche Stivers, who was born at Washta, Iowa, daughter of A. H. and Gene (Whitney) Stivers. Mrs. Coyle also attended Morningside College.

HON. NEILL GARRETT, assistant attorney general of the State of Iowa, is one of the brilliant young attorneys who is placing his talents at the disposal of his state and rendering it and the people a much appreciated service. It is only when honest and capable men are in public office that real progress can be made in the conduct of governmental affairs, and Iowa is fortunate indeed in having secured so many of the leading members of the bar to serve in the office of the attorney general as his assistants.

Neill Garrett was born at Leon, Iowa, in Decatur County, June 26, 1894, a son of B. W. Garrett, whose life is written of at length elsewhere in this work. Educated in public schools of Leon and Des Moines through the grades, and the Des Moines High School, Neill Garrett took his professional training in the law school of Drake University, and was graduated therefrom in 1916, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws, and immediately thereafter established himself in the general law practice in the capital city.

With this country's entry into the World war Mr. Garrett enlisted in the summer of 1917, and was sent for training to the training camp at Fort Snelling, Minnesota, where he was commissioned a second lieutenant of infantry and sent to Camp Dodge, Iowa. In June, 1918, he was promoted to a first lieutenant, and in August,

1918, he was made a captain. He was commanding officer of the Nineteenth Division, Motor Transport Train, in his last assignment. He received his honorable discharge January 28, 1919, and returned to Des Moines and resumed his practice.

As a lawyer Mr. Garrett has established a record and reputation for integrity, clear thinking, ability, courage and service. In 1921 he was appointed assistant attorney general, and has continued to hold that office ever since, in it displaying his fearlessness and ability to deal with the suppression of crime and to adjudicate important legal questions which come up continuously in the conduct of state affairs. He has taken part in a number of important railroad rate valuation and merger cases and is considered an expert in such matters.

On November 10, 1920, Mr. Garrett married Miss Pearl Jones, born in Story County, Iowa, a daughter of James G. and Dora Jones. They have three children: Mary, Martha and Priscilla. Mr. and Mrs. Garrett are members of the Christian Church, and he belongs to the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and Delta Theta Phi, the legal Greek letter fraternity. Since he cast his first vote Mr. Garrett has been a Republican, because he firmly believes that his party best represents the spirit of our forefathers and best conserves the interests of the country.

ERNEST R. MITCHELL. An attorney of high and well-established standing at the Iowa bar, Ernest R. Mitchell enjoys the distinction of belonging to one of the old families of this country, of Scotch and Irish ancestry, established in this country four generations ago. One of the cherished possessions of Mr. Mitchell is a commission, signed by Robert Lucas, territorial governor of Iowa and governor of Ohio, commissioning John Houston Mitchell, great-grandfather of Ernest R. Mitchell, as colonel of the First Regiment, Second Brigade, Eighth Division, in the Ohio Militia, dated September 10, 1833, and in addition to the signature of Governor Lucas bearing that of W. H. Kirby, secretary of state.

Ernest R. Mitchell was born at Mexico, Audrain County, Missouri, February 28, 1877, the second son of John Henry and Emma Lorintha (Dome) Mitchell.

John Henry Mitchell was born at Hillsboro, Highland County, Ohio, March 8, 1848, and came to Iowa in 1870, locating at Moulton, Appamoose County, where he engaged in the operation of a drug store, later going to Mexico, Missouri, where a store was operated for about a year. He then returned to Iowa, and with a brother was engaged in the retail drug business at Bloomfield until 1892. From 1891 to 1893 John Henry Mitchell served, through appointment by Gov. Horace Boies, as a member of the Pharmacy Commission in Iowa. Until 1922 he continued to reside in Iowa, but in that year went out of business and established himself in Covington County, Mississippi.



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Ernest R. Mitchell was graduated from the public schools of Bloomfield, Iowa, in 1896, and entered the University of Iowa in September of that year, being graduated therefrom in June, 1900, with the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy. In October, 1902, he was admitted to practice law by the Supreme Court of Iowa, and has since been engaged in active practice at Ottumwa, Wapello County, Iowa.

Mr. Mitchell has always been an active Democrat, and he has filled the following public offices: assistant county attorney, Wapello County, Iowa, 1909-1911; representative to the General Assembly of Iowa from Wapello County, 1913-1915; county attorney, Wapello County, 1917-1919 and 1925-1927; Government appeal agent to local exemption board of Wapello County, September, 1918, to March, 1919, close of the World war; United States commissioner, Southern District of Iowa, Ottumwa Division, July 1, 1917, to July 3, 1929, under appointment by Hon. Martin J. Wade, judge United States District Court; mayor of Ottumwa, Iowa, April, 1927, to April, 1929.

On September 11, 1912, Mr. Mitchell was married to Miss Martha L. McGavic, a daughter of Samuel L. McGavic, and born and reared at Ottumwa. She is an active member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and for some years has been chairman of the Americanization committee of the order. She was appointed by Judge Martin Wade, of the Southern Iowa United States District Court, on commission to assist applicants for naturalization in the proper filing of papers.

Mr. Mitchell holds membership with the American Bar Association, the Ottumwa Bar Association, the Iowa State Bar Association and the Second Judicial District Bar Association. He and his wife are members of Trinity Episcopal Church, Ottumwa, and he also holds membership in the Masonic Order, being a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason, a Knight Templar and a Shriner, and he belongs to Ottumwa Lodge No. 347, B. P. O. E., and the Knights of Pythias.

Among other important cases with which Mr. Mitchell has been connected was the first one to be tried under the Espionage Act—United States of America vs. Wallace, in which he appeared for the Government in 1917 as United States commissioner. In 1922 Mr. Mitchell was the Democratic candidate for attorney general of Iowa. Not only is he a very successful lawyer, but he is prominent as a man of large affairs. He and his wife are social leaders, and very popular all over Wapello and surrounding counties.

HON. PARK A. FINDLEY, sheriff of Polk County, is a man whose courage and integrity are proverbial, and who has held his important office since 1922. He was born at Bloomfield, Davis County, Iowa, January 28, 1875, a son of John B. and Mary (Moore) Findley, she born at Columbus, Indiana, and he at Bloomfield, Iowa, and he died in 1916, but she survives and at the advanced age of eighty-four years is in excellent

health. For many years the father was engaged in the practice of medicine at Bloomfield, and was one of the earlier physicians of that region. The following children were born to the parents: Sheriff Findley, who is the eldest; Olga, who resides at 1206 Twenty-second Street, Des Moines, the wife of H. J. Susong, an insurance man; John B., Junior, who is an engineer residing in the Philippine Islands, at Manila; Reika, who is unmarried and lives with her mother; and two who are deceased. The father was a Knight of Pythias, and he and the mother early united with the Episcopal Church, of which she is still a member. His professional training was taken in the Chicago College of Physicians and Surgeons, and he inherited his ability, as his father, William McKay Findley, was also a physician. The latter was reared by the Wyandotte Indians, studied medicine, and was a surgeon with the Iowa Cavalry, and at the battle of Lookout Mountain, during the war between the states, he was chief surgeon of the field hospital. His father, the great-grandfather of Sheriff Findley, was president of Louisville, Kentucky, College at the time of his death. The maternal grandfather, Samuel A. Moore, was born in Maryland, and came to Iowa in a wagon and took up land, operated it, also practiced law, and was advanced to the bench at Bloomfield, and he was also a member of the Iowa State Legislature. During the war between the states he served as captain of Company G, Second Iowa Infantry, and later as colonel of the Forty-fifth Iowa Infantry, and he was wounded in the battle of Shiloh.

Sheriff Findley first attended public schools and later Drake University, and was graduated in medicine from that institution. For some years he was engaged in the practice of medicine at Des Moines and later in Mexico. When war was declared with Spain he enlisted and was sent to the Philippines, with the rank of second lieutenant, served there for about a year, and was returned with the rank of captain and with the Congressional Medal of Honor. Going back to Des Moines, he was assistant surgeon at the National Military Hospital, Leavenworth, Kansas, for three years. In 1916 he served on the border, and also in the World war, but did not get overseas. His life has been an eventful and varied one, and he has served in many capacities, including that of cowboy, and sailor, in addition to those already mentioned. In 1922 he was elected sheriff of Polk County, was reelected in 1924, 1926 and 1928, and is devoting all of his time to the duties of his office.

In 1909 Sheriff Findley married Miss Laura Wilson, who was born at Bloomfield, Iowa, where she was also educated. There are no children. They belong to the Episcopal Church, and he is a vestryman of Saint Andrew's Church. Fraternally he belongs to all of the bodies of both the York and Scottish Rites, and the Shrine, in Masonry; to the Loyal Order of Moose and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a member of the Spanish-American War Vet-



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