

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Senator Miller,
Harmon J. - Represented Buchanan and Delaware Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 13 Nov 1866 Perry Township Buchanan County, Iowa
near Ottumville, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Nella E. Smale 25 May 1898 Independence, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Editor of the Independence Conservative newspaper, Independence, Iowa

B. Civic responsibilities Mason; Elder

C. Profession Editor; publisher; lawyer; teacher; school principal

4. Church membership Presbyterian

5. Sessions served 45th General Assembly 1933

6. Public Offices

A. Local Deputy in the District Court Clerk's office, 1891; Independence city attorney;
mayor of Independence; substitute postmaster; Buchanan County Board of

B. State He was in charge of the Iowa State Social Welfare Board

C. National

7. Death 1 Nov 1942 Independence, Iowa; burial Oak Wood Cemetery, Independence, Iowa

8. Children Paul G.; Marian (Mrs. Cecil Morrison); Leo E.;
Harmon S.; Margaret E. (Mrs. Eugene Crawford)

9. Names of parents Samuel and Sarah A. (Hilke) Miller

Miller, Warren S.

10. Education He was educated in the public schools of Buchanan County, Iowa near his farm home.

11. Degrees B.S. from Lenoir College in 1884 at Davenport, Iowa; he earned a law degree from the State University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, graduating in 1894

12. Other applicable information Democrat

- He practiced law from 1894-1896 with C. L. Everett in Independence, Iowa
- From 1896-1903 and 1914-1939, he was editor and publisher of the Independence Conservative newspaper, Independence, Iowa.
- From 1903-1909 he was editor and publisher of the Seneca Courier Democrat newspaper, Seneca, Kansas.
- He was editor and publisher of the Le Mars Globe Post newspaper, Le Mars, Iowa, then returning to the Independence Conservative, Independence, Iowa
- His early life was quiet in the family farm of his birth.
- He entered Lenoir College at age 13 because of parents who agreed that he have a better education than county schools could afford; he graduated in 1884 at age 17.
- In the fall of 1884, he began his first term of teaching, first having to get a special permit from the State Superintendent of Schools because he was under the required age to teach school. He taught for several years and at the same time took a summer course from the Cedar Rapids Business College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
- In 1891 he was the principal of Fairbank schools, resigned for the position of deputy to L. J. Spurger in the office of clerk of the district court.
- Two years later he entered law school at the State University of Iowa

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Minute Men To Organize In This City

Mr. L. G. Dodge, Buchanan
County Civilian Defense Chairman
announced Tuesday the formation
of a Minute Man organization for
Independence.

F. E. Mueller, Superintendent of
Schools, has been appointed Civil-
ian Defense Chairman for the City
of Independence. Ward Captains
for each ward include the follow-
ing people.

In each block in the city a man
and a woman will be selected to
make up canvasses in their block
for war needs and patriotic and
public causes. They will be

W. F. Miller Passed Away Sunday Morn

END CAME PEACEFULLY

He Had Been Active For Many Years In Business And Political Circles.

Warren F. Miller, retired pub-
lisher of this newspaper, passed
away early Sunday morning at the
People's hospital, just two weeks
and one hour after the death of
his life-mate. The end came peace-
fully, after a year of illness for
which there was no cure. He de-
parted this life as he had lived,
with thoughts only for those he
loved. The death of his wife came
as a hard blow, taking from him
one upon whom he had unstint-
ingly bestowed years of devotion
and care, and brought to a close
the most important phase of his
life. But a few hours previously
he had made the acquaintance of
his most recent grandchild, and
characteristically had a smile and
humorous thought for the new ar-
rival. Surely, by this time, He
who controls such things, must
have again united two whose lives
were so closely interwoven.

The son of Samuel and Sarah
Miller, he was born on a farm near
Otterville November 13, 1866. Had
he lived a few days more, he would
have observed his 76th birthday.
His early life was spent on the
farm of his birth, and his educa-
tion was obtained at the nearby
country school house. Seeking fur-
ther knowledge, he entered Lenox
college at Hopkinton, and upon
completion of that course entered
the law school of the State Uni-
versity of Iowa. Graduating from
there he returned to Independence,
and for some little time entered
the practice of law.

About that time the urge for
newspaper work came upon him,
and he became a co-partner with
L. W. Goen in the publication of
the Conservative. After six years
of association with Mr. Goen, he
took over publication of a new-

Valuable Gift Will Be Giv By Mercha

Gifts totaling hundreds
of dollars will be given by In-
dependence merchants to their cus-
tomers during the shopping sea-
son before Christmas as a mea-
sure of stressing gratitude and God-
send to the trade and to merit ad-
ded patronage in the season
ahead.

Those merchants who
operating in this Good Will
program will display the Gift
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tomers in their display win-
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Presentation of gifts will be
conducted on the business street
Independence during the week of
December 15 and will be held in
front of each place of business
presenting a gift.

The exact date and hour
of the gifts will be presented and
published in the Conservative
Bulletin Journal at a later date.
Watch these newspapers for
details.

This entire program will be
conducted by the Chamber of
Commerce.

EDUCATION WEEK AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS NOVEMBER 8 to

"Education for Free Men" is the
theme of American Education
week, to be held in all the
public schools of Independence
November 8 to 14.

Special programs are being
prepared by the different schools
all the days of the week. Dif-
ferent topics include: "Faith in
Democracy", on Sunday; "Serve
Wartime Needs", on Monday;
"Build Strong Bodies", on
Tuesday; "Develop Loyal Citizens",
on Wednesday; "Cultivate
Knowledge and Skills", on
Thursday; "Establish Sturdy Character",
on Friday; and "Strengthen
Morale for Victory", on Saturday.
Parents are invited to attend
these days and evenings. School
teachers will be at the schools

of independence. ward Captains for each ward include the following people.

In each block in the city a man and a woman will be selected to make all canvasses in their block for war needs and patriotic and public causes. They will be known as "Minute Men". Bond Drives, Red Cross, U. S. O., Boy and Girl Scouts, Scrap Drives are typical canvasses which may be made by the Minute Men.

These same "Minute Men" will act as Air Raid Wardens, Black Out Checkers, and Fire Control Wardens. In fact any community activity requiring a complete coverage may be handled through the Minute Man organization. This organization will be completed and is designed to become permanent for the duration of the war. A list of all "Minute Men" will be published at a later date. Watch these columns for the name of the Minute Men in your block.

On November 11 these Minute Men will call at your home on an all out War Bond Drive. Be prepared with a report on your war bond purchases. Better yet, buy a War Bond from your "Minute Man".

AMERICAN LEGION MET MONDAY AT COMMUNITY HALL

The regular meeting of the American Legion was held Monday evening at the Community Hall. Commander, Cecil Bayer, president, Lieutenant John Willey, home on a ten day furlough from Everett, Washington gave a very interesting talk to the group about his ten months training in the army. He told of the different planes and how the army was really getting the men into good physical condition through rigid training. Lieutenant Willey explained that the soldier boy received just as much recognition as he has earned. It is up to the individual whether he makes a good soldier or he doesn't. They all learn through hard training.

The food is very good and the sleeping quarters are the best." Lieutenant Willey stated. He stated that if any rumors got out to the effect that the equipment used by the soldier was inferior they should be banished immediately. All the soldiers use the very best equipment it is possible to make. The government is seeing that the boys' life will not be endangered through the fault of the old equipment. In conclusion the speaker stated that if anyone ever

After Lieutenant Willey's speech Father James Casey gave a mar-

About that time the urge for newspaper work came upon him, and he became a co-partner with L. W. Goen in the publication of The Conservative. After six years of association with Mr. Goen, he took over publication of a newspaper at Seneca, Kansas in 1903, remaining there for six years. In 1909 he moved to LeMars, Iowa, assuming publication of the LeMars Globe-Post, and in 1914 returned to Independence, again taking over The Conservative, which, until his retirement a few years ago, he had edited continuously since.

In earlier days he developed a liking for political life, and had held the position of deputy county clerk, mayor of Independence and Iowa state senator. For four years he filled the position of acting postmaster of this city, and from there went to Des Moines as head of the newly formed Iowa State Social Welfare Board. He had also filled



the position of Buchanan county democratic chairman for many years. Of recent years he had retired from active participation in both business and political circles, enjoying the ease of a well-earned rest. He was a member of the Presbyterian church of this city.

Surviving him are five children: Mrs. Cecil Morrison, Jefferson City, Missouri; Mrs. Eugene Crawford, Independence; Pvt. Paul G. Miller, Lowry Field, Colorado; Air Cadet Warren S. Miller, San Antonio, Texas, and Leo A., Independence. Also one brother, Dr. W. C. Miller, Chino, California, and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were held this afternoon from the Peoples Funeral Home, in charge of Rev. Robert J. Netting. Interment was made in Oak Wood cemetery.

All the children were present for the funeral.

Knowledge and Skills", on Thursday; "Establish Sturdy Character", on Friday; and "Strengthen Morale for Victory", on Saturday.

Parents are invited on all of these days and evenings. The teachers will be at the schools during the evening. They will talk with the parents and explain the way they are instructing their pupils in order to carry out the different themes. Parents are especially urged to attend school on Monday and Monday evening. That day an open house will be held through all the school buildings. The topic for that day is "Serve Wartime Needs" and it is believed that this is the most important of the entire group.

National Education week is of utmost importance this year because of the war time difficulties and because the school boy and girl of today needs to be prepared for the future when they will manage the affairs of these United States.

Miss Urquhart Is New President

Miss Charlotte Urquhart is the new president of the Independence Classroom Teachers Organization to serve during the 1942-1943 school year.

Some of the objectives of the organization are as follows: To interpret the schools to the public; and to set forth the needs of the schools in the state for the betterment of pupils, the tax payers, and the teachers. To unite for more effective service in the community, and to cooperate with other organizations of the town and of the state.

At a meeting on September 9, it was decided that the ladies of the faculty would devote Wednesday evening of each week to sewing and knitting for the Red Cross. At the October 15 meeting the members voted to sponsor a movie during Education Week, November 8 to 13 and to assist other organizations in under writing the 1942 Faculty Follies for the War Bond Sale, beginning November 11.

There will be other programs of interest to the public during the school year, to which every one is invited. Please watch for further announcements.

STAMP DRIVE AT THE JUNIOR HIGH

The Defense stamp drive at Junior High has now begun. Jack Bantz is president with John McCarty, Shirley Haele, Patty Campbell, Daniel Schremsler, Mary Elderton, Anne Mooney, and Dick Sheehan as his assistants.

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average about ninety-eight thousand dollars. The bank owns the building in which it is situated and which was erected in the fall of 1910, and is one of the best business blocks in Lamont. It is twenty-two by fifty-six feet in dimensions, is of pleasing design and of excellent material, and the upper floor is given over to office rooms. The affairs of the bank are in good condition and, although its first consideration is the safety of the funds intrusted to it upon deposit, it is so judiciously managed that it earns a good dividend for its stockholders.

WARREN F. MILLER.

Warren F. Miller, editor of the Independence Conservative, is a native of Buchanan county and has passed most of his life here. He is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Miller, pioneer settlers, and was born on a farm in Perry township, November 13, 1866. He was fortunate in parents who indulged his wish for a better education than the county schools afforded, and he entered Lenox College at the age of thirteen, graduating from there with the degree of Bachelor of Sciences in 1884, when a little past seventeen years of age. That fall he began his first term as a teacher in a Delaware county rural school, having to get a special permit from the state superintendent because of being under the required age. He followed teaching for several years succeeding, in the meantime taking a course in the Cedar Rapids Business College during a summer vacation.

In 1891 Mr. Miller resigned the principalship of the Fairbank schools to accept the position of deputy to L. F. Springer in the office of clerk of the district court. After two years he resigned this to enter the law school of the University of Iowa, from which he graduated in 1894. A few weeks later he and a classmate, the late C. L. Everett, opened a law office in Independence, but this partnership was dissolved with the beginning of the succeeding year, when Mr. Everett entered a partnership with Judge Ransier, and Mr. Miller with his former chief, L. F. Springer, under the firm name of Springer & Miller. He was elected city attorney of Independence the succeeding spring, serving two years, during which time it fell to him to prepare the ordinances, contracts, etc., for the new municipal lighting plant. In the fall of 1896 he gave up the practice of law to enter country newspaper work, he and his father purchasing an interest in the Conservative. He was associated with L. W. Goen for a little over six years in publishing the Conservative, the Millers then selling their interest back to Mr. Goen. It was during this time that Warren F. Miller was elected mayor of Independence, serving two terms and declining to be a candidate for a third. He then moved to Kansas, where he owned and published the Courier-Democrat for upward of six years. His next newspaper venture was at Le Mars, where he purchased the Le Mars semi-weekly Globe-Post, which he conducted till he sold it in December, 1913, and returned to Independence.

In March, 1914, Mr. Miller of this review, associated with S. Miller and Mattie E. Stevenson, purchased the Independence Conservative from the Goen estate and he became its editor and business manager. This brought him back to



WARREN F. MILLER

his old field of labor. New equipment was added and new life put into the paper, now in its sixtieth year, and the effect was at once apparent in the tone of the paper and its steady increase in business. He feels that he is probably located for as many years of business life as may be spared him, with his one ambition to make the Independence Conservative one of the best of its class.

Mr. Miller is a member of the Masonic order and of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He was reared in a Presbyterian family and united with that church in Independence under the pastorate of Rev. D. W. Fahs, in 1898. He was married in Independence, May 25, 1898, to Miss Nella E. Smale, one of the talented musicians of the city and the youngest daughter of George Smale, a pioneer druggist. They have a family of three children: Paul, aged fifteen, a student in the high school; Leo, aged ten, and Marian, aged eight, both in the city grade schools.

As would be expected of the editor of a democratic paper, Mr. Miller is a consistent and persistent democrat. He has been a member of the county central committee, wherever located, every year but one since he was twenty-two, county chairman once in Iowa and twice in Kansas, and was a member of the state committee in Kansas when he removed from that state. At forty-eight he is satisfied if the long hours and multifarious grind of country newspaper work affords him an occasional day to go fishing.

EZRA MACKENZIE.

Ezra MacKenzie is the owner of Brunswick Park, a fine farm of two hundred and eighty acres in Hazleton township, which is so called in honor of his birthplace—New Brunswick, Canada. His natal day was March 21, 1853, and his parents were Daniel and Phoebe (Brundage) MacKenzie, who were also natives of New Brunswick, the former of Scotch and the latter of English descent. As far back as is known the MacKenzies have followed agricultural pursuits. In the year 1800 the family was established in New Brunswick, and Daniel MacKenzie became one of the extensive landowners there, his possessions aggregating seven hundred acres. He was regarded as one of the substantial and valued citizens of the community in which he made his home and his life was ever in harmony with his professions as a member of the Freewill Baptist church. He died in 1890, at the age of seventy-six years.

Ezra MacKenzie pursued his education in the schools of New Brunswick and when twenty-four years of age came to the United States, since which time he has made his home in Buchanan county. He had previously owned a shingle mill and worked in the timber in the winter months, owning a big timber tract. After coming to this country he was employed as a farm hand for a time but as soon as possible made investment in land, to which he has since added until he now owns two hundred and eighty acres in Buchanan county which he calls Brunswick Park. His farm has been carefully developed and improved according to modern methods and all of the equipments and accessories of the model farm of the twentieth century are found upon his place. He is prominently known as a stock-raiser, handling Polled Durham cattle and Percheron horses, which he

South Dakota during one of the last uprisings of the Sioux Indians. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church and the Masonic Lodge, and has held various chairs in the Modern Woodmen of America.

Mr. Vitek married at Marshalltown, June 29, 1893, Miss Josephine Visek, who was born in Marshall County, daughter of Joseph and Theresa (Bohumil) Visek. Both her parents are deceased. Her father came from Vienna, Austria, and was a shoemaker by trade.

WARREN F. MILLER, editor and co-publisher of the *Independence Conservative*, was a school teacher in early life, studied and practiced law for several years, but eventually discovered his real forte and has been a newspaper man for a third of a century.

Mr. Miller was born on a farm in Perry Township in Buchanan County, Iowa, November 13, 1866. His people were pioneers of this section of Iowa. His father, Samuel Miller, who was born in May, 1833, in Preble County, Ohio, learned the trade of carpenter, but after coming to Iowa and settling in Buchanan County, in 1857, engaged in farming and cattle raising. He was one of the substantial citizens of the county and interested in many phases of its growth and development. He died in 1917 and his wife in 1918. Her maiden name was Sarah A. Wikle. To their marriage were born four children: Alonzo P., of California; Dr. William C., who also lives in California; Warren F.; and Mrs. Mattie E. Stevenson, who died at Independence, Iowa, in May, 1930.

Warren F. Miller was educated in country schools and when thirteen years of age enrolled as a student in Lenox College. That school gave him the Bachelor of Science degree in 1884. The following fall he taught his first term of school, in Delaware County, and while in school work employed his summer vacations for advance study in the Cedar Rapids Business College. While principal of the Fairbank schools he resigned, in 1891, to become deputy in the District Court clerk's office, and this post he also resigned in 1893 to continue his law studies in the University of Iowa, where he was graduated LL. B. in 1894. Mr. Miller and C. L. Everett began practice at Independence and after a short time he formed a partnership with L. F. Springer, in the firm of Springer & Miller. While practicing law Mr. Miller was elected and served two years as city attorney.

In 1896 he turned from the law to newspaper work. In that year he and his father bought an interest in the *Independence Conservative*, and during the next six years he had as his associate in that paper L. W. Goen. During this time he was elected mayor of Independence, and held that office two terms. A considerable part of Mr. Miller's career in the newspaper business was spent in Kansas. For six years he published the *Courier Democrat* at Seneca and then bought the LeMars, Iowa, semi-weekly *Globe Post*, which he

conducted until 1913. Then, returning to Independence, he bought in the following year a half interest in the *Conservative* and has been one of the publishers and has acted as editor and manager for the past fifteen years. The *Conservative* reflects Mr. Miller's broad experience and ideals as a newspaper man and is one of the very valuable country papers of Iowa.

Mr. Miller is a member of the Masonic fraternity and B. P. O. Elks and is a Presbyterian. He married, May 25, 1898, Miss Nellie E. Smart. Five children were born to their marriage: Paul G., a dealer in electrical goods at Independence; Leo E., associated with his father in the newspaper business; Marian E., who married C. C. Morrison, Boy Scout executive of Cape Girardeau, Missouri; Warren S., who is in the class of 1930 at Independence High School; and Margaret E., who is in the grades.

JAMES WILLIAM RHODE is a well known attorney of Earlham, Madison County. He has been a member of the bar for over half a century and has lent his abilities to a long and fruitful service in Madison County.

Mr. Rhode was born at Salem, Iowa, March 11, 1851, and was the youngest son of John and Catherine (Pickard) Rhode. His family connections have been Quakers or Friends for many generations. His maternal grandfather, Henry Pickard, was sent from the Plainfield Yearly Meeting, Indiana, to Salem, Territory of Iowa, in 1838, and there he helped to organize the first Quaker meeting west of the Mississippi River. Later he went back to Indiana, where he remained as a member of the quarterly meeting at Plainfield. John Rhode and wife came to Iowa about 1844 and for many years were residents of Salem. To this pioneer Quaker settlement came also the paternal grandfather, Thomas Rhode, from Indiana with his household effects, his droves of cattle and whip horses, settling there in 1845.

James William Rhode grew to manhood in this Quaker settlement and attended public school and Whittier College at Salem. He then went east and attended Earlham College, at Richmond, Indiana, a leading Quaker institution of higher learning. He studied law at Fort Madison, in the office of Casey & Hobbs, was admitted to the bar in 1878 and has steadily practiced law ever since. For twenty-two years he was a member of the bar at Fort Madison and since 1900 has lived at Earlham, where he is still active in the work of his profession. He is one of the few pioneer lawyers left in the state and is called frequently to counsel in many important matters. Mr. Rhode is a member of the Masonic fraternity, had a birthright in the Quaker church, and still leans to that faith.

He married, August 21, 1873, Miss Lydia J. Johnson, of Van Buren County, Iowa. They have three children: Vada C., of Earlham; Myrtle M., of Des Moines, wife of George E. Bricker; and Halla M. Rhode, employed in the

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Other Information

WARREN F. MILLER Senator from the thirty-third district, composed of Buchanan and Delaware counties, born in Buchanan county November 13, 1866. Graduated from Lenox College 1884, and from the University of Iowa law department 1894. Practiced law two years in **Independence**. Served one term as city attorney and two terms as mayor. Entered newspaper business in 1896 as part owner of **Independence** Conservative. Sold out in 1903 and went to Seneca, Kansas, where he published Courier-Democrat till 1909. Sold there and bought the Globe-Post at LeMars, Iowa. In 1914 sold Globe-Post and returned to **Independence** and purchased the **Independence** Conservative, which he is still publishing. Serving first term in the legislature. A democrat.

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Mueller, Richard G., Pvt., Independence. Killed in European area.

Netcott, Roland Merchant Marine, formerly Independence. Died Sept. 26, 1943 at Marine Hospital, Staten Island, N. Y. of tuberculosis.

Place, Harold Jr., Jesup. Killed in plane crash in Hawaii July 25, 1943.

Primmer, Donald B., Pvt., Brandon. Killed in action in European area.

Scharff, Paul F., First Lt., Aurora. Missing over Germany May 28, 1944 in European area.

Slater, Leslie V., Second Lt., Hazleton. Killed March 23, 1943 in Africa.

Sloan, Burl L., Brandon. Killed in Germany, April 12, 1945.

Smith, Arthur L., Sgt., Quasqueton. Died in Nashville, Tenn., Feb 22, 1944.

Snoble, Anthony William, Torpedoman's mate, Hazleton. Reported dead by Navy department on Okinawa March 27, 1944.

Stainbrook Perle D., A.S.C., Brandon. Shot down over Romania April, 1944.

Tidball, David Franklin, Independence. Killed in action at Pearl Harbor Dec. 7, 1941.

Walker, Gordon Ronald, Jesup. Killed in action in European area in Germany April 2, 1945.

Welter, Christopher, Pfc., Jesup. Killed in action in southwest Pacific area. Missing since May, 1942. Declared dead July 1, 1944.

Willenberg, Carl J., Cpl., Independence. Killed in action in southwest Pacific June 16, 1944 on Saipon in Marianas.

Wiley, John S., First Lt., Independence. Officially declared dead. Had been missing for more than a year following action in Sicily.

Wise, John O., Capt., Independence. Missing action since April 7, 1945 while on a mission Tokyo.

Young, Omer Lyle, T/Sgt., Hazleton. Killed in action in crash landing in England.

KOREAN WAR

In June 1950, South Korea was invaded by Communists from the north. American General, Douglas MacArthur, was in command of all the UN forces. President Truman, since Congress alone has the power to declare war, carefully called the conflict a police action, not a war. Finally, on July 27, 1953, after a lengthy negotiations, an armistice was signed. It left Korea divided much as before.

The Korean War became intensely unpopular among many Americans. Casualties were heavy, and the critics blamed the Truman Administration for not foreseeing the attack.

Much research has been done to find out those who served in the Korean War from Buchanan County and those who lost their lives are as follows: Sgt. Leroy Hansen Aug. 30, 1950; Pvt. Vincent Nabholz June 26, 1951; Pfc. Harold Walton July 10, 1951; Donald D. Caldwell June 2, 1951; Pvt. Gerald Donald Basquin Jan 15, 1952; Pvt. Eugene Jones June 26, 1953.

VIETNAM WAR 1965 - 1973

Vietnam was Americas longest most debilitating war, and its memory still haunts the nation. It is the longest and the saddest war America ever fought, and the only war we lost. This was an undeclared war.

Those boys who lost their lives as a result of the Vietnam War from Buchanan County are: Spec. 4 Gerald Fettkether, Feb. 1967; Pfc. Arnold Palmer, July 1967; Spec. 4 Ralph Gerken, July 1967; Pfc. Richard Payne, Dec. 1967; Pvt. hael Ewing, June 1968; Pfc. Martin Reidy, il 1968; Pfc. Donald Kremer, Dec. 1968; Spec. 4 Dwayne Clefish, Aug. 1980; Pfc. Robert Schares, Nov. 1969; Sgt. John Milton Cone, Nov. 1969; Pfc. Frank Stator, Feb. 1970; Spec. 4 Cecil Clayton June 23; Army Spec. 4 William Thorpe, Aug 1970; Pfc. Cecil Olsen, Jan. 1971.

It was related that there were 28 deaths in Buchanan County due to the Vietnam War. We were unable to get a complete list.

Out of 2.5 million men who served, some 57,

000 died of these 855 were Iowans. Another 300, 000 were wounded, and 6000 came from Iowa.

58,022 names are engraved on the Vietnam Memorial in Washington D.C. Iowa had 39 men missing in action.

COMMUNICATIONS

County Newspapers

THE INDEPENDENCE CIVILIAN was the first paper established. It began May 17, 1855 by F.F.Parker and James Hilleary, Proprietors, telling of their gratitude to Samuel Sherwood for getting timber to build a bridge across the river. After a year's ownership, they sold out to S.S. Allen and S.J.W. Tabor, the editor. He made the paper anti-slavery and Democratic, before he was elected county judge in 1856, at which time he sold out to his partner. Later proprietors were G.W. Barnhart, S.W. Cornwell, Cornelius Hedges, the Buchanan Democratic Association with the Hon. O.H.P. Roszell as editor. The name of the paper was changed to Independence Conservative. At one time during the Civil War, the editor and printers on the staff were reportedly given farm produce, grain, and vegetables by subscribers, who were unable to pay for their subscriptions in cash. The only interruption which caused the Conservative to miss a publication occurred on May 25, 1874 when the Independence business district was struck by a disastrous fire. The printeries were located on the south side of main street.

THE QUASQUETON GUARDIAN, the second county newspaper was established at Quasqueton by Rich and Jordan, December 13, 1856, and edited by Dr. Jacob Rich. This paper was moved to Independence in 1858 and sold to S.B. Goodenow in May 1864. After two years, it was sold to J. L. Loomis who consolidated the paper with the Bulletin, thus the Buchanan County Bulletin and Guardian. The name Guardian was dropped and paper sold to Judge William Toman. The paper was always Republican in politics, and a fearless advocate in moral reforms. The Quasqueton was published in the late 1890s and early 1900s.

THE AMERICAN EAGLE was established in Independence about 1858 by D.P. Daniels, editor of the Republican paper. It continued as such for two years, and then changed the name to the RISING SUN when it became a spiritualist paper. It was published weekly by Mrs. Daniels and Esquire Chandler as editors. It was moved to Des Moines about 1860.

THE NATIONAL ADVOCATE was established May 17, 1878 in Independence by R. J. Williamson, as a result of popular protest against the bank and bond system, and the general financial policy of the Republican Party. This was an organ of the National Greenback labor party. As the editor was elected to office of the clerk of court for this county on the Greenback ticket, he sold the paper to M. S. Hitchcock, one of the pioneers of the Greenback movement, January 1, 1880. The paper lasted until 1904.

THE CRISIS was another paper of short and meteoric existence. It was published during the campaign of 1862 by some of the leading Democrats and was published in Jesup. It wore itself out in a short time.

THE BUCHANAN COUNTY JOURNAL was started in October 10, 1879 in Jesup, by A. H. Farwell, editor and proprietor. He decided to move the printerie to Independence in 1881. This Republican paper was lively and newsy. The Bulletin and Journal merged in January 29, 1891.

THE INDEPENDENCE COURIER, a paper printed in the German language, was established in January 1881 by Hermann Hoffman, editor and proprietor. This was independent of politics. For ten years, Independence was the home of the Bulletin and the Journal. In 1914, Warren Miller, Samuel Miller, and Mrs. Walter Stevenson bought the conservative. After the death of Sam-

uel, his sister and Warren Miller became the sole owners. In 1946, the Bulletin Journal was sold by Mrs. Coltman to Reeves Hall, W. Earl Hall and Leon Barnes.

Another merger took place on January 1, 1951 when the Bulletin-Journal purchased the Independence Conservative from Leo Miller, and later became a weekly edition in 1968. The web offset press was installed in 1961 and the shop of the Bulletin-Journal was converted from the use of linotype and lead type to the current method using 'cold type' and photographic method of printing. This was the first such high-speed offset newspaper in the state. In the early 1980s the newspaper office was moved two blocks east for more storage space, and again in 1989 moved to the present Pinicon Plaza. The Bulletin-Journal and Conservative were purchased in 1978 by the Des Moines Register paper, and in the 1980s was sold to Gannett. The business offers various printing services and has FAX capabilities. In the past ten years, the publishers were: Russ Oeschlin, Jerry Davis, Jeff Moser, and presently Tom Hawley.

THE WEEKLY TELEPHONE was started in Quasqueton, January 7, 1881 under proprietorship of Dr. John Cauch and his son, Willis S., acting editor. This paper was neutral in politics.

The present WINTHROP NEWS was born in a welter of ink and greasy machinery under the banner of the Winthrop Times. The originator, Frank Vierth, also published papers in Jesup and Quasqueton. In January 1893 the paper came out under a new name, BUCHANAN COUNTY WEEKLY REVIEW. In May of the same year the paper was sold to Chas. Schofield and became the BUCHANAN COUNTY REVIEW. In the next fifteen years the paper changed frequently. George B. Heath was the publisher in 1905 and he gave the paper its present name, THE WINTHROP NEWS.

Jess N. Gray purchased the paper in June 1909, and edited it until his death in July 1932. His wife then published the paper until October 1937, when it was taken over by K. B. Harrington, a nephew of the Grays. Prior to 1940 when a linotype was installed, every stick of type in the paper, advertising and news matter, was hand set.

In September 1973 the newspaper was purchased by Esther Brockling of Independence, who remains the current owner, publisher and editor. At the time she became the owner, the paper was changed to offset printing which is a photographic process where the typesetting is computerized.

In early years, Fairbank had a paper named the Fairbank View.

The Iowa Turfman was a publication at Independence and devoted to the advancement of the horse breeding interests of Iowa in general and Independence in particular. The name was changed to the American Trotter. The office was in the Phillips block on Chatham Street. This paper folded after the fall of Mr. William's empire.

THE SATURDAY HERALD came into existence on Saturday October 5, 1895. The Herald was really an outgrowth of the printing business established in Independence by G. W. Raymond. The office was directly opposite the Geden Opera House on the second floor. Their specialty was local news and when they could not find a sufficiency they proceeded to manufacture it. The editorials were particularly clever at times and some of the literary geniuses among the young men of the town lent their literary ability. This enterprise was abandoned about the year 1899.

THE BUCHANAN COUNTY SCHOOLS first issue appeared in January 1899. This publication was devoted to the interest of teachers and educators, and contained a large amount of general reading matter pertaining to educational matters and school work and several columns of local news concerning work in the county. This was the first issue of the Bulletin-Journal. The Bulletin and the Journal merged in January 29, 1891. The CITIZENS HERALD was started in the home of Fay F. Place in November 1899. This



You searched for **Warren F. Miller** in **Iowa**

1910 United States Federal Census

Name: Warren F Miller
Age in 1910: 43
Estimated Birth Year: 1867
Birthplace: Iowa
Relation to Head of House: Head [Self (Head)]
Father's Birth Place: Ohio
Mother's Birth Place: Ohio
Spouse's Name: Nellie E Miller
Home in 1910: Le Mars Ward 3, Plymouth, Iowa
Marital Status: Married
Race: White
Gender: Male
Neighbors: [View others on page](#)

Household Members:	Name	Age
	Warren F Miller	43
	Nellie E Miller	38
	Paul G Miller	11
	Leo A Miller	5
	Marion N Miller	4

Source Citation: Year: 1910; Census Place: Le Mars Ward 3, Plymouth, Iowa, Roll: T624_418; Page: 4B; Enumeration District: 0116; Image: 85, FHL Number: 1374431.

Source Information:

Ancestry.com. 1910 United States Federal Census [database online]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2006.



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Description:

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You searched for **Warren F. Miller** in **Iowa**

1920 United States Federal Census

Name: Warren F Miller
Home in 1920: Independence Ward 2, Buchanan, Iowa
Age: 53
Estimated Birth Year: abt 1867
Birthplace: Iowa
Relation to Head of House: Self (Head) [Head]
Spouse's Name: Nellie E Miller
Father's Birth Place: Ohio
Mother's Birth Place: Ohio
Marital Status: Married
Race: White
Sex: Male
Home owned: Own
Able to read: Yes
Able to Write: Yes
Neighbors: [View others on page](#)

Household Members:	Name	Age
	Warren F Miller	53
	Nellie E Miller	46
	Paul G Miller	21
	Leo A Miller	15
	Nathan N Miller	14
	Samuel S Miller	2
		[2
		11/12]
	Margaret E Miller	1
		[1
		9/12]

Source Citation: Year: 1920; Census Place: Independence Ward 2, Buchanan, Iowa; Roll: T625_480; Page: 10B; Enumeration District: 76, Image: 164

Source Information:

Ancestry.com. 1920 United States Federal Census [database online]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2010. Images reproduced by FamilySearch.



Original data: Fourteenth Census of the United States, 1920. (NARA microfilm publication T625, 2076 rolls). Records of the Bureau of the Census, Record Group 29. National Archives, Washington, D.C. For details on the contents of the film numbers, visit the following NARA web page: [NARA](#). Note: Enumeration Districts 819-839 are on roll 323 (Chicago City).

Description:

This database is an index to individuals enumerated in the 1920 United States Federal Census, the Fourteenth Census of the United States. It includes all states and territories, as well as Military and Naval Forces, the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam, and the Panama Canal Zone. The census provides many details about individuals and families including: name, gender, age, birthplace, year of immigration, mother tongue, and parents' birthplaces. In addition, the names of those listed on the population schedule are linked to actual images of the 1920 Federal Census. [View more](#)



You searched for **Warren F. Miller** in **Iowa**

1930 United States Federal Census

Name: **Warren F Miller**
 Home in 1930: **Washington, Buchanan, Iowa**
[View Map](#)
 House Number: **416**
 Street Address: **Second Street**
 Age: **63**
 Estimated Birth Year: **abt 1867**
 Birthplace: **Iowa**
 Relation to Head of House: **Head**
 Father's Birth Place: **Ohio**
 Mother's Birth Place: **Ohio**
 Spouse's Name: **Nellie Miller**
 Race: **White**
 Occupation:
 Education:
 Military Service: [View image](#)
 Rent/home value:
 Age at first marriage:
 Parents' birthplace:
 Neighbors: [View others on page](#)

Household Members:	Name	Age
	Warren F Miller	63
	Nellie Miller	58
	Paul Miller	32
	Les Miller	25
	Sammy Miller	13
	Margaret Miller	11

Line Number: **16**

Source Citation: Year: 1930; Census Place: *Washington, Buchanan, Iowa*; Roll: 644; Page: 4A; Enumeration District: 30; Image: 861.0.

Source Information:



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Original data: United States of America, Bureau of the Census. *Fifteenth Census of the United States, 1930*. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1930. T626, 2,667 rolls.

Description:

Containing records for approximately 123 million Americans, the 1930 United States Federal Census is the largest census released to date and is the most recent census available for public access. The census gives us a glimpse into the lives of Americans in 1930, and contains information about a household's family members and occupants including: birthplaces, occupations, immigration, citizenship, and military service. The names of those listed in the census are linked to actual images of the 1930 Census. [Learn more...](#)