

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Mills, Bruce Reese Senator _____
Represented Harrison County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 28 Jan 1867 Bushnell, Illinois

2. Marriage (s) date place

Arnetta D. Kirk 25 Sept 1889 Harrison County, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Livestock business; real estate business; postmaster
of Woodbine, Iowa; automobile business; farming interests in Harrison and
Harrison Counties, Iowa

4. Church membership

Presbyterian

5. Sessions served

38th, 39th General Assemblies 1919, 1921

6. Public Offices

A. Local Postmaster at Woodbine 1907-1916 and again 1924 until death;
Woodbine city council; Woodbine school trustee

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death Oct 1923 Woodbine, Iowa; buried Woodbine Cemetery, Woodbine, Iowa

8. Children Armedeta (predeceased her father in death); Helen (predeceased her father in death);
Mrs. Galt H. Reed; Ted; Paul

9. Names of parents

Simon and Mary J. Mills

10. Education He was educated in graded schools in Logan, Iowa

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He moved with his parents to Logan, Iowa, in May 1870 where he grew to manhood.

- In 1897 the family moved to Woodburn, Iowa where he engaged in the livestock and real estate business



A MAN PLACED UNDER A NEW HIGH POWERED MICROSCOPE WOULD APPEAR SEVEN MILES TALL.



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land college chapel.

Bruce R. Mills Served Under Seven Presidents

The people of Woodbine and vicinity were shocked Sunday morning when it was learned Bruce R. Mills had committed suicide by hanging himself in the barn at his home that morning. Mr. Mills had been in poor health for several years and had been confined to his home most of the time for several weeks before his death.

The funeral service was held at the Presbyterian church Tuesday at



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The board of supervisors has found it necessary to issue \$48,000 in funding bonds at 5% interest to take up outstanding warrants against the poor fund.

The \$48,000 will all be used to take up the outstanding warrants and overdrafts and there will be no reserve left in the poor fund. It is likely that between September 1 and December 1 all warrants will have to be stamped "Not paid for want of funds".

The Logan Observer says: "In the five year period, 1928 to 1932 the amount required for the county's poor fund has steadily increased. In 1928 the expenditures from this fund were \$26,515.55; in 1929 they were \$30,487.10; in 1930 they increased to \$37,611.78; in 1931 the increase was to \$60,761.55; in 1932 the total from the poor fund was \$67,369.51. The increase in that fund's expenditures was \$10,853.99 or more than 61 per cent. It is anticipated that the expenditures for 1933 will exceed those of any past year."

County Treasurer Hammitt is calling in all warrants on the county poor fund, dated prior to September 1, 1933.

JOINT INSTALLATION

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson of Pisgah were guests Monday evening of Weiss post, American Legion, and after the usual fine dinner installed the newly elected officers of the Legion and Auxiliary.

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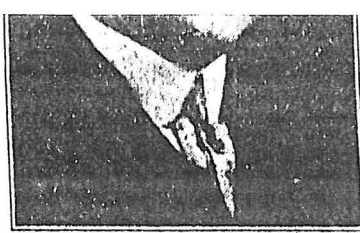
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Dr. Paul Bergers, Missouri Valley chiropractor, who was arrested the night of Sept. 21 by police after an automobile collision on Avenue B, pleaded guilty Friday afternoon in district court to a charge of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated.

Judge Ernest Miller fined him \$300 and costs. He ruled that upon payment of \$100 and costs immediately he could pay the balance at the rate of \$50 a month. Dr. Bergers paid the \$100 and \$9 costs.—Non-pareil.

Jobs For Work

To date, approximately 800 unemployed men have registered. Here is Mr. McKinnon's schedule:

Saturday, October 7, Dunlap at 9 a. m.; Woodbine at 1 p. m. at town hall.

Monday, October 9, Little Sioux at 9 a. m.; Mondamin at 11 a. m.; Mondaile at 1 p. m.

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Mr. Mills had the distinction of being appointed postmaster by four different presidents, Theodore Roosevelt, Taft, Harding and Coolidge. Besides these he served under three other presidents — Wilson, Hoover and Franklin Roosevelt.

Mr. Mills was a faithful public servant, always giving the best he had for the good of the greatest number of people. He was a kind and loving father; devoted to making his home life as comfortable and as happy as possible for those dependent upon him. He was a member of the Presbyterian church and gave of his time and substance unstintedly. His lifework is finished; he has served his country well and has now gone to be with his God. We shall miss his smiling face from the office, from the street, from his every day walk of life, but what is our loss will be eternity's gain. May he rest from his labors, and may his good works left behind be a memorial to his life.

The pall bearers at the funeral were six employees of the postal service. Burial was made in the Woodbine cemetery.

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You searched for **Bruce R. Mills** in **Iowa**

1870 United States Federal Census

Name: **Bruce R Mills**
 Birth Year: **abt 1866**
 Age in 1870: **4**
 Birthplace: **Illinois**
 Home in 1870: **Jefferson, Harrison, Iowa**
 Race: **White**
 Gender: **Male**
 Value of real estate: [View image](#)

Household Members:	Name	Age
	Simon Mills	52
	Mary J Mills	33
	Wm D Mills	24
	Bruce R Mills	4

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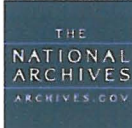
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1910 United States Federal Census		
Name:	Bruce R Mills	
Age in 1910:	43	
Estimated Birth Year:	1867	
Birthplace:	Illinois	
Relation to Head of House:	Head [Self (Head)]	
Father's Birth Place:	Pennsylvania	
Mother's Birth Place:	Pennsylvania	
Spouse's Name:	Annetta D Mills	
Home in 1910:	Boyer, Harrison, Iowa	
Marital Status:	Married	
Race:	White	
Gender:	Male	
Neighbors:	View others on page	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	Bruce R Mills	43
	Annetta D Mills	43 [42]
	Irma M Mills	19
	Helen B Mills	10
	Theodore K Mills	2
	Harold P Mills	1/12 [0]
	Myrtle Savery	23
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1920 United States Federal Census

Name: **Bruce R Mills**
[Bran R Mills]

Home in 1920: **Woodbine, Harrison, Iowa**

Age: **52**

Estimated Birth Year: **abt 1868**

Birthplace: **Illinois**

Relation to Head of House: **Self (Head)**
[Head]

Spouse's Name: **Annetta D Mills**

Father's Birth Place: **United States**
[United States of America]

Mother's Birth Place: **United States**
[United States of America]

Marital Status: **Married**

Race: **White**

Sex: **Male**

Home owned: **Own**


Able to read: **Yes**

Able to Write: **Yes**

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Household Members:	Name	Age
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Source Citation: Year: 1920; Census Place: Woodbine, Harrison, Iowa; Roll: T625_493; Page: 3B; Enumeration District: 71; Image: 41.

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Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925

Name:	Bruce R Mills														
Birth Year:	abt 1867														
Birth Place:	Illinois														
Gender:	Male														
Race:	White														
Marital Status:	Married														
Census Date:	1 Jan 1925														
Residence state:	Iowa														
Residence County:	Harrison														
Locality:	Woodbine														
Relation to Head:	Head														
Mother's Birthplace:	Illinois														
Father's Birthplace:	Illinois														
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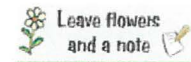
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