

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Senator Mitchell,
Elmer Edworth - Represented Mahaska County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 27 Jan 1863 near New Sharon, Iowa in Mahaska County Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Did not marry

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He was admitted to the bar to practice law, but his father died and instead of practicing law he farmed and raised livestock on the family farm "Mitchell Meadows"

B. Civic responsibilities

C. Profession Harmonist; lawyer (but did not practice); teacher; raised livestock

4. Church membership Methodist Episcopal

5. Sessions served 37th, 38th General Assemblies 1917, 1919

6. Public Offices

A. Local

B. State

C. National In 1890 he began 16 years of work in government service in Washington, D.C.; worked in the Government Printing Office 1890-1906

7. Death 17 Mar 1924 near New Sharon, Iowa; buried in New Sharon Cemetery, New Sharon, Iowa

8. Children No children

9. Names of parents John H. and Eveline (Howes) Mitchell

10. Education He was educated in common and country schools in Mahaska
County, supplemented by a course at Hobson Penn College in
Cokelona Iowa (formerly named Adelona College)

11. Degrees At age 17 he took two years general course in Cokelona
College (now called Penn College) Cokelona Iowa. attended University
of Washington earning M.A. degree in law, later graduated from Columbia University Law
school

12. Other applicable information Republican
For 6 years he taught in the public schools of Mahaska County, Iowa in the
winter and spent his summers on his father's 1000 acre farm.



PROUD MAHASKA.

1843-1900.

A LITTLE KNOWLEDGE ACQUIRED UNDER DIFFICULTIES—TIPPECANOE AND TYLER, TOO—THE NATIONAL ROAD—PAW-PAWS—AMERICA'S BLACK 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—SOLDIERS' AID SOCIETY—OUR NEIGHBORS AND OUR OWN PRECIOUS DEAD—MANY AND VARIED REMINISCENCES.

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Sec. 11; P. O. Lacey; owns 340 acres of land valued at \$35 per acre; born in Northumberland county, Pa., in 1815; came to Iowa in 1855; married Ellen Plaine in 1840; she was born in Northumberland county, Pa., in 1820; they have nine children, Jonathan, Curtis, Mary, Anna, Jane, William, Richard, Carrie, Elmer; lost one son, George B., who enlisted in Co. C, 7th Iowa Infantry in 1861, and died in 1862; are members of the U. P. church.

McCONNEL, J. Q., farmer, Sec. 29; P. O. Oskaloosa; owns 272 acres of land valued at \$30 per acre; was born in Posey county, Ind., in 1829; came to Iowa in 1846, and settled in Madison township; married Jane Dille in 1856; she was born in Virginia in 1834; they have six children, Asa, Wiley, Quincy, Walter, Frank, Etta M.

McMILLAN, WOOSTER, farmer, Sec. 29; P. O. Oskaloosa; owns 107 acres of land valued at \$40 per acre; born in Cattaraugus county, N. Y., in 1834; came to this state in 1860; married Sarah A. Myers in 1860; she was born in Ohio in 1838; they have five children, Minnie, Ida, Almira, Ada, Clarence, Adella, Astella; they are members of the Society of Friends.

McFadden, Elizabeth, farmer, Sec. 32; P. O. Oskaloosa.

MIDDLETON, I. C., Sec. 35; P. O. Oskaloosa; owns 9 acres of land valued at \$1,600; born in Center county, Pa., in 1830; came to Iowa 1840, and settled in Washington county; removed to this county in 1867; married Mary A. Bryan in 1868; she was born in Greene county, Ohio, in 1843; they have one child, Caloway.

Mitchell, Robert, farmer, Sec. 17; P. O. Oskaloosa.

Miller, S. C., farmer, Sec. 13; P. O. Lacey.

Misner, John, farmer, Sec. 31; P. O. Oskaloosa.

MILLER, SOLOMON W., farmer, Sec. 12; P. O. Lacey; owns 165 acres of land valued at \$45 per acre; was born in Greene county, Ohio, in 1839; came to Iowa in 1875; married Emma Lupton in 1864; she was born in 1841; they have one child, Charlie; are members of the Society of Friends.

MITCHELL, JOHN, farmer, Sec. 9; P. O. Oskaloosa; owns 1192 acres of land, valued at \$25 per acre; was born in Carroll county, Ind., in 1830; came to Iowa in 1851; married Eveline Hoover in 1861; she was born in Pennsylvania in 1833; they have nine children, Llewellyn, Elmer, Ollie, Jane, Anson, Amy, Addie, John, and Vexella.

MOTT, G. M., farmer, Sec. 13; P. O. Lacey; owns 85 acres of land valued at \$40 per acre; was born in Knox county, Ohio, in 1837; came to Iowa in 1849; married Mary Grimes in 1858; she was born in Maryland, in 1837; they have three children, Eliza, Charlie B. and Walter; Mr. Mott has been justice of the peace.

Morgan, John, farmer, Sec. 6; P. O. New Sharon.

Mott, G. M., farmer, Sec. 13; P. O. Lacey.

Morgan, R. D., farmer, Sec. 5; P. O. New Sharon.

NELSON, PETER, farmer, Sec. 35; P. O. Oskaloosa.

Norton, Perry, farmer, Sec. 3; P. O. New Sharon.

PARKHURST, H. C., farmer, Sec. 11; P. O. Lacey.

Parkhurst, J. S., farmer, Sec. 13; P. O. Lacey.

Padgett, Catharine, farmer, Sec. 33; P. O. Oskaloosa.

Outline of Personal History of Elmer E. Mitchell

RESIDENCE New Sharon Iowa

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
DES MOINES, IOWA

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

- 1. What is your name in full? Elmer Ellsworth Mitchell
2. What is your present profession or occupation? Farmer and Stock Raiser.
3. Where and when did you begin? Prairie Twp. Mahaska Co Iowa 1896
4. What other occupation have you followed; where and when? Have taught school. Was for 16 years a Clerk in Government Printing Office at Washington D.C. This was from 1890 to 1906
5. What is your residence address? New Sharon Iowa.
6. What is your business address? New Sharon Iowa.
7. What is the date and the place of your birth? Mahaska County Iowa .Jan. 27 th 1863
8. If born abroad, when and where did you first settle in America?
9. If you removed again before settling in your present home, where and when was such removal?
10. What schools have you attended; if a graduate, when and with what degree? Common schools of Mahaska County. Oskaloosa College, Oskaloosa Iowa, LLB National University 1893 LLM National University 1894. Master of Law Columbian University now Washington University Washington D.C.
11. What was your father's full name? John W. Mitchell
12. What was your father's occupation? Farmer and Stock Raiser.
13. What was your mother's full maiden name? Evaline Hower

14. Where did your parents reside at the time of their marriage? Mahaska County Iowa.
15. What military service had your father; give as complete as you can? None.
16. What military service have you had? None.
17. What political offices have you held; do not omit even the smallest, and give date and place of service, if you can? None.
18. Of what financial, religious, or educational institutions are you a trustee or director; give dates if you can? None.
19. With what political parties have you been affiliated; give dates? Republican party since 1884
20. In what religious denominations have you a membership? None.
21. If you have no church membership, to what sectarian faith do you incline? Protestant.
22. In what societies of learning have you a membership? None.
23. Of what secular orders or secret societies are you a member? None.
24. What honors or offices have you held in your society or lodge; give dates? None
25. Of what social clubs are you a member? None.
26. Of what business firms have you been a member? None.
27. Please enclose both a business card and your photograph for permanent record in the Historical Department of Iowa Photo enclosed.
28. For which of your works (as writer, sculptor, artist, architect, politician or other constructive influence) have you the highest esteem? None.

To the Voters of Mahaska County

DEAR SIR:

It is proper that a candidate for public office should state his views on public questions.

FIRST—I am for progressive ideas, but not extravagance.

SECOND—I stand for good roads, good drainage, cement culverts and bridges. In time we may have gravel or paved highways. I believe that each County should collect taxes for and control its own bridge and road making, and that as part of the funds to pay for the same, each County should collect, handle and use its own auto tax—not as present law, by state, divided among all Counties, according to number of townships, and used only for “crowning, draining, dragging, graveling, macadamizing, concrete or stone culverts”—(about ten per cent retained for State Highway Commission expenses).

I realize that increased taxation often brings waste. Hence I favor rigid economy in public expenditures, and also favor change in Inheritance tax to ten per cent, for state revenue.

THIRD—I support and will vote for equal suffrage for women.

FOURTH—I am in favor of complete suppression of the liquor traffic. Iowa people want work, not whiskey, more good bread, less beer.

FIFTH—I stand by our Army and Navy. But I do believe that the present demand for millions of men and money is unreasonable and unnecessary. After all the destruction and death of war in Europe—“let us have peace.”

SIXTH—If elected a member of the legislature, I will do all possible to aid and benefit, by proper legislation, all classes—reasonable control of corporations, aid industries, manufacturing, building, mining coal, crop raising, etc.

I was born in and have lived right here in Mahaska County; have traveled about the country East and West, and I say that in everything, Iowa has the best.

If these fair, honest principles suit you, I will be thankful for your support on election day, November 7, A. D., 1916.

Very respectfully,

ELMER E. MITCHELL,

Candidate for State Senator,
Mahaska County, Iowa

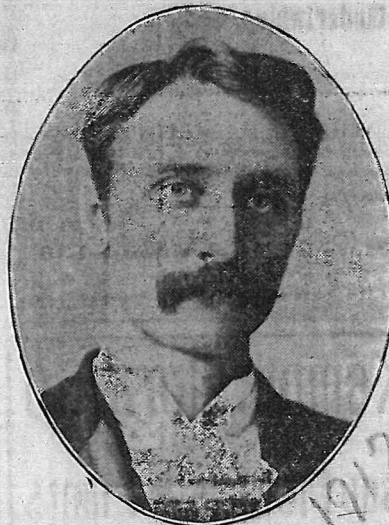
October 18, 1916,
New Sharon, Iowa.



ELMER E. MITCHELL.

Republican Candidate for State Senator From Mahaska County.

June 1912
The subject of this sketch was born in Madison township, Mahaska county, Iowa, about 48 years ago. He was reared on a farm and began to plow on his father's farm when ten years old. Received his education in the common and country schools, with a supplementary course in the Oskaloosa College. Taught school for about five years, teaching in winter and farming in summer. In 1890 he received a government appointment in Washington, D. C., through Major Jno.



F. Lacey, in which capacity he was retained for sixteen years. He retained his residence in Mahaska county, Iowa, coming home each year to vote. He resigned about six years ago, since which time he has been on his farm in Prairie township.

He is a post graduate in two law schools, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Law and Master of Law in the National University of Washington, D. C. Admitted to the bar of the supreme court of the District of Columbia, also the Court of Appeals and the supreme court of the United States.

He now asks for the support of his republican friends for the office of State Senator before the republican primaries on June 3.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.



29. Please supply for permanent preservation in the Historical Department of Iowa a list of all your works.....

None.

30. Will you attach your autograph to one or more of your works and present the same to the Historical Department of Iowa for permanent preservation?..... Have none.

31.

DOMESTIC HISTORY OUTLINE

FIRST MARRIAGE.

32. With whom was your first marriage?..... Bachelor.

33. Where and what date was this marriage?.....

34. When and where was your wife (or husband) born?.....

35. In what religious denomination did your wife (or husband) hold membership?.....

36. Where did your wife (or husband) die, if not surviving, and where and when was the interment?.....

37. What was the full name of the father of your wife (or husband) and where was he born?.....

38. What was the full maiden name of the mother of your wife (or husband)?.....

39. Where and when was she born?.....

CHILDREN OF FIRST MARRIAGE.

Full Name.	Date of Birth.	Place of Birth.
1. No Children		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		
6.		

SECOND MARRIAGE.

40. With whom was your second marriage? None
41. Where and what date was this marriage?
42. When and where was your wife (or husband) born?
43. In what religious denomination did your wife (or husband) hold membership?
44. Where did your wife (or husband) die, if not surviving, and where and when was the interment?
45. What was the full name of the father of your wife (or husband) and where was he born?
46. What was the full maiden name of the mother of your wife (or husband)?
47. Where and when was she born?

CHILDREN OF SECOND MARRIAGE.

Full Name.	Date of Birth.	Place of Birth.
1. None.		
2.		
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STATE OF IOWA
1927

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OF THE

Forty-second General Assembly

REGULAR SESSION
CONVENED JANUARY 10, 1927
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CLEM F. KIMBALL, President of the Senate
L. V. CARTER, Speaker of the House

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Senator McLeland spoke as follows:

MR. PRESIDENT, AND SENATORS: It is not without a feeling of sadness tonight that I exercise my privilege of speaking a few words in commendation of the life of the late John B. Classen, former Senator from my home county. I knew him well. He was my friend. Mr. Classen was one of those rare souls whom to know is to love, admire and respect. Genial, bighearted and broadminded, he was ever ready to help a friend in need or cheer his fellow man along the way. Truly he was a man whose life typified the well known lines:

"But let me live by the side of the road
And be a friend to man."

Until the last few years of his life, Mr. Classen enjoyed robust health, was fond of fun, appreciated a good joke and enjoyed amusements. An evidence of the esteem of his neighbors and the citizens of his township is shown in the fact that when first a candidate for the legislature, he received every vote cast in his precinct.

Mr. Classen was successful in business, conscientious in all his dealings and was always ready to contribute to any worthy cause. He was a valuable asset to his community. A man of good judgment and firm in his views, he was always liberal in considering the opinions of others, weighing carefully their ideas, then remaining loyal to his conclusions.

As a member of the House he served in the special session of 1896, when the Code of Iowa was revised, and was chairman of the committee on county and township organization, which proved a very important committee in that session. While in the Senate he was chairman of the committee on highways and was a member of the ways and means, military and other important committees. Mr. Classen had been in failing health for eight years, but his condition had not been regarded serious until the last few weeks. His passing was an end of an eventful and useful life.

The resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

ELMER E. MITCHELL

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee which was appointed to prepare resolutions commemorating the life, character, and services of the late Elmer E. Mitchell of Mahaska county, Iowa, beg leave to submit the following:

Elmer E. Mitchell was born January 27, 1863, in Mahaska county, Iowa, near New Sharon. He was educated in the public schools of his county, after which he took a two years' general college course. For six years he taught in the public schools, spending his vacations on his father's farm. In 1890 he was appointed to a position in the United States census office in Washington, D. C. Two years later he was called to a position in the United States government printing office. During his incumbency of these positions, he attended the University of Washington,

from which he graduated with a Master's Degree of Law. He later took a post-graduate course in Columbia University Law School and was admitted to the practice of law in the United States courts. After the death of his father, he engaged in farming and stock raising in Mahaska county, on his farm which was known as Mitchell Meadows. He was a member of the Iowa state Senate during the thirty-seventh and thirty-eighth sessions. His death occurred March 17th, 1924, on his farm near New Sharon, Mahaska county, Iowa.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, By the Senate of the Forty-second General Assembly of Iowa, that in the death of Elmer E. Mitchell the state and the community where he lived have suffered the loss of an influential and honorable citizen; and,

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the Journal of the Senate and that the Secretary be directed to send an engrossed copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

F. C. STANLEY,
OSCAR ULSTAD,
F. M. BEATTY,

Committee.

Senator Stanley spoke as follows:

I was not personally acquainted with Senator Mitchell but have learned of his life and work from those who knew him.

He was born on a large farm in Mahaska county near New Sharon, Iowa. His early life was spent on the farm. He was schooled at the district school and the public schools of his community. Later he secured the equivalent of one or two years of college work. At that time this amount of education was above that secured by the average young person. He taught school in the country schools of his county. Later he secured an appointment in the government printing office at Washington, D. C. While in that position he made use of his spare time in attending the law school from which he later graduated and was admitted to the practice of law, not only in the lower courts but also in the higher courts of the United States.

His interest in public affairs is shown by the fact that he later became a candidate for the position of state Senator from Mahaska county. In this campaign he was successful and served two sessions in the General Assembly of Iowa. In many respects Senator Mitchell was an eccentric character but a view of his activities through life shows that he was a man interested in the constructive things. He gained as much education as was available to him. He always took an interest in the civic affairs of his community, of the state and of the United States and at the time of his death was contemplating becoming a candidate again for the position of Senator from Mahaska county.

The resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.



Elmer E. Mitchell
Birth **1863** in [Mahaska Co., Iowa](#)
Death **1924**

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Mahaska Co., Iowa

1924 [Death](#)
Age: 61

[Burial](#)
Friends Cemetery, New Sharon, Mahaska Co., Iowa

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Family Members

Parents

[John W. Mitchell](#)
1830 – 1903

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1833 – 1913

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Spouse & Children

No Spouse or Children

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