

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Gilbert, William Northrup Senator _____
Represented Marshall County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 20 Mar 1850 New Milford, Connecticut

2. Marriage (s) date place

Margaret Brantford 6 Feb 1879

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business President of the Central State Bank in State Center

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Banker

4. Church membership Methodist Episcopal

5. Sessions served 36th, 37th General Assemblies 1915, 1917

6. Public Offices

A. Local _____

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 5 Dec 1911 State Center, Iowa; buried in Mount Morris, Illinois

8. Children Harold B.; Frederick B.; two other sons died in infancy

9. Names of parents _____

10. Education _____

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He came with his parents at age 6 to Ashton, Illinois where they settled on a farm in 1856.
- He lived and worked on this farm until age 22. He then left the farm to go into the general mercantile business in Mount Morris, Illinois under the firm name of Gilbert and King continued until October 1878 when he came to State Center.
- He came to State Center with his brother, H. M. Gilbert and established a dry goods business with the name of the Gilbert Brothers.
- This business lasted for 23 years. He disposed of it in 1901 and was influential in organizing the Central National Bank.

COMMUNITY MOURNS PROMINENT CITIZEN

W. N. Gilbert Called by Death After
Illness of More Than
a Year

After a year's illness, due to stomach and intestinal trouble, W. N. Gilbert, president of the Central State Bank and for 47 years a public spirited citizen and business man of State Center, former state legislator, died at his home Monday night, December 5th. Funeral services were held at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon in the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he was an officer throught this residence



W. N. GILBERT

in State Center. His body was taken for burial to Mt. Morris, Ill. where two sons of the Gilbert family lie buried.

Rarely does a citizen give such service to his community as Mr. Gilbert gave to State Center and to Marshall county throughout his lifetime here. He believed in the community, he was devoted to it and the one great purpose in his life and work was to help make it ever better. It mattered not whether the task that came to him to do was a thankless one or not, if it promised community good, he undertook it and did it. He gave of his time and his efforts unsparringly and without thought of personal recognition, for he preferred to render

new bank, Mr. Gilbert succeeded to its presidency. It was first known as the Bank of State Center, but later it was organized as the Central State Bank, Mr. Gilbert continuing as its president. Mr. Gilbert's experience as a farmer and then as a merchant gave him a preparation for banking that made his business skill, his understanding and his judgement of rare value to the bank and throught its history it has served the community the better for that.

Mr. Gilbert's interest in public welfare began with his first coming. He had a wholesome interest in religion and served as a member of the official board of the Methodist Episcopal church from the very first year of his coming to State Center. For fifteen years he served as superintendent of its Sunday School. In every enterprise of the church he was active in one way or another. He was an organizer of the State Center Chautauqua Association and served as its first president, continuing in that position for a number of years. He gave much time to public school affairs, as a member of the board of education at different times and as treasurer. Repeatedly when called on to serve the municipality, he gave himself to the work of a councilman or as a city treasurer. In manifold voluntary activities for public good, he served on committees and boards. He gave as freely of his time to public good as he did to his own private interest, and sometimes more. Throught this record of service, he could be found on the side which to him seemed to promise the best for public welfare.

On February 6, 1879, Mr. Gilbert was married to Miss Florence Brayton of Mt. Morris, who survives him. To them four sons were born, two of them dying in infancy. The elder son, Harold B., is located at Yakima, Wash. and the younger, Frederick B. is at home.

Mr. Gilbert was first taken sick about 18 months ago. About sixth months later he submitted to an operation at Rochester, Minn. following which he spent the winter in Texas and California. Up to the time of his illness, Mr. Gilbert was an unceasing worker. In spite of years that numbered up the seventies, he was at his tasks daily and seemed as vigorous as when he was much younger.

Mr. Gilbert was no less an unusual man in his neighborliness than he was as a citizen and as a business man. Those whom he has quietly served in one way or another as a friend are numberless. He held high ideals as a Christian man, as a Christian citizen, as a Christian business man, and he strove to live according to those

A WOMAN WHO

GOODNESS! WHERE CAN I
HIDE THESE SHIRTS? GOT
HENRY FOR CHRISTMAS?



MAYBE THERE'S A PLACE
UPSTAIRS. I'VE GOT TO
HIDE THEM WHERE HE'LL
NOT RUN ACROSS THEM!!



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STIPP'S WELL DIGGING PROBLEM IS SOL

Albert Baker is lucky man in solving recent puzzle—\$5 waits him at this office

A few weeks ago the Enter printed a well-digging problem, mitted by W. H. Stipp of Mar town, which was as follows:

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His service was not alone for the community.

He was called upon again to serve to advise in affairs of county and state importance. Against his own inclinations he stood for election to the state legislature, but after his election he gave service that ranked him as one of the most useful members of the 36th and 37th General Assemblies and his counsel and judgment were particularly valuable in those days of talk and war.

William Northrup Gilbert was born in New Milford, Conn., March 20, 1850, but when he was only six years old his parents came west to settle on a farm near Ashton, Ill. in 1856. He lived and worked on this farm until he was 22 years old. That farm experience, into which was woven every struggle and achievement that comes to the farmer, gave him for all his remaining years an interest in and a sympathy with farming that made him useful in this farming community as a business man and as a banker.

When Mr. Gilbert was 22 years old he left the farm to go into the general mercantile business in Mt. Morris, Ill. under the firm name of Gilbert and King, continued here for six years until in October, 1878 he came to State Center with his brother, H. M. Gilbert, to establish a dry goods store under the firm name of Gilbert Bros. For 23 years Mr. Gilbert carried on this business, the last five years alone, for his brother retired from the firm in 1886. In 1901 W. N. Gilbert disposed of his business and then was influential in organizing the banking establishment with which he was identified until his death.

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NEW CHIMNEY AT LIGHT PLANT IS NOW COMPLETED

The work of construction on the new stack at the light plant was completed this week and it is expected that the stack will soon be in use. The stack is built of vitrified tile, tested and with a compressive strength such that the chimney should stand for many years. It is ninety two feet and five inches above ground and rests upon a concrete base 16 feet square. It is 10 feet square at the base and 5 feet square at the top. The inner chimney is five feet square all the way from base to top. The stack will cost the city about \$3000 and half its cost will be saved at once as the erection of two steel stacks this fall will be avoided.

CHRISTMAS SEALS ON SALE HERE SOON

The Christmas seals, sold every year to finance the fight against tuberculosis in Iowa, will be placed on sale here in the near future. The work will be done by the school children and this year a certificate signed by Governor Kendall will be given to every Iowa school pupil who succeeds in selling two dollars worth of Christmas seals in the campaign. The local campaign will be under the direction of Miss Harriett Bassett.

Governor Kendall is the honorary vice-president of the Iowa Tuberculosis Association and is heartily in sympathy with the Seal Sale.

"The battle against disease is one of the most important things we have to face today," says Governor Kendall.

"The sale of Christmas Seals is one means of helping in this fight, and I hope that the people of Iowa will give their hearty support to this campaign."

Ed Croker of this city is visiting with his brother Art in Marshalltown.

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Mr. Stipp has written me seeking for the method by which solved the problem, and has offered the \$5.00 to be given to Mr. Baker, which we will do if he or his parents will it.

MAIL YOUR CHRISTMAS PACKAGES THRU

Christmas is almost here and one should remember that the office department has a big job and needs your help. It is a big job to deliver packages to every family in the land in space of a few days time and a disappointment. For that reason the Post office department is asking those who have packages to mail them this week to rush that comes directly before Christmas.

Packages should be well packed and tied and addressed plainly that they may arrive in good shape with their Christmas appeal spoiled. You can put on the envelope you wish "Do not open until Christmas."

Mr. and Mrs. Claire Olmsted, Mr. William Olmsted and Mr. Conrad visited at the Mr. Walter Ficken home Sunday