

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Hilson, Ward (His real name is John Hart Hilson) Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Represented Linn County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 5 Sept 1865 near Travis, Iowa in Perry Township, Linn County, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place  
Anna Stevenson 14 Sept 1905

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business \_\_\_\_\_

B. Civic responsibilities Mason

C. Profession Farmer; breeder of short-horn cattle and Clydesdale horses

4. Church membership Presbyterian

5. Sessions served 32nd 33rd General Assemblies 1907, 1909

6. Public Offices

A. Local \_\_\_\_\_

B. State \_\_\_\_\_

C. National \_\_\_\_\_

7. Death 21 Apr 1932 near Travis; buried Perry Township, Linn County, Iowa

8. Children Esther; John; Leigh; Allan

9. Names of parents James ("Jim" Jr.) and Esther (Hallow) Hilson

10. Education Educated in the country school near his  
home

11. Degrees Graduate of Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa in 1877  
with a degree in veterinary medicine

12. Other applicable information Republican  
- He practiced veterinary medicine for several years, but later  
gave it up and returned to full time farming.



ALL THE TAMA COUNTY NEWS ALL THE TIME AND ALWAYS ON TIME

TRAER, TAMA COUNTY, IOWA, FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 1932

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### LD FIDDLERS' CONTEST PLANNED HERE MAY 21ST

Will Be Feature of Closing Night's Program at Annual Traer Merchants' Exhibit

Thomas A. Edison spent much of his life in the last years of his life in an effort to revive and perpetuate the music of America's old-time fiddlers. Edison is dead, but the entertainment committee of the coming Traer Merchants' Exhibit and Automobile Show is determined to do its share in trying on his work along that line at least so far as this particular town of Iowa is concerned.

One of the most interesting features planned for the program of the closing exposition here is an old-time fiddlers' contest, to be held at 7:30 p. m. on Saturday, May 21, the last night of the show.

The competition will be open to the old and old-time fiddlers from far and near are invited to get out their fiddles and make a fight for two worth-while cash prizes which are offered to the winners. There will be no entry fee and no admission charge to spectators.

Entries are being sent out by the committee to all known fiddlers in this locality, but any others who are welcome to take part. The nature of the contest will be simple. The fiddler will play our well-known numbers—"Arkansas Traveler," "Turkey in the Straw," "Listen to Me," "Mockin' Bird," and "Irish Wash-Woman," in addition to one other of his own choosing. There will be no judges, but the competition will be decided by volume of the applause he crowd.

In contrast, the fiddling bee here will be immediately by the big show week, with the support of Herb Heuer's Vagabonds of radio station WOC, Davenport, Iowa's finest exponents of mod-dance tunes.

Republican Caucus Monday

caucus of the Republicans of Township and Traer precinct will be held in the auditorium of the city next Monday night, May 2, at 8 o'clock, for the selection of delegates to attend the county convention and transact any other business that may be presented.

Sale at York's 7-10 Week

Friday's 5c to \$1 store in Traer has a sale on this week. Some of the most notable and low values advertised by Mr. York, on page ten of this Star-Clipper. The sale will end Saturday night.

Baseball Team for Traer Is Assured

Team Will Be Member of Corn Belt League—First Game Here May 8

Entry to earlier indications, a team will have baseball again this year.

Apparent lack of interest on the part of some of the players caused the fact that no team could be organized this season, and as a result the Corn Belt league, of which Traer was member last year, secured another organization to take its place. Last week, however, a few of the local baseball enthusiasts scurried around and organized a group, and petitioned for readmittance to the league. Although the Corn Belt officials had already made up their schedule on the basis of a six-team league, they granted the request and formed a new eleven-team league.

Members of the league this year will be: George Center, Hudson, Gilbertville, Reinbeck and the Watering Station nine of Waterloo. Four of this group—Traer, Eagle, Hudson and Dike—were also members a year ago. Grundy Center, who won the 1931 championship, peddled out this year, as did LaPorte, of the town, it is understood, "gone kittenball." Reinbeck was member of the league last year and won the championship this year, but dropped out last year because of inability to secure a manager.

### Clutier School Pupil Triumphs in Annual County Spelling Bee

Mildred Kosnar, Eighth Grade Girl, Wins Right to Compete in State Contest

### FRANCES ROUBINEK, OF CARROLL, IS RUNNER UP

Buckingham Boy Takes Third Honors—'Interrogative' Is Deciding Word

They seem to know how to spell around Clutier. Tama county's best and second best spellers, as shown in the county contest in Toledo last Saturday, are Clutier girls. The champion is Mildred Kosnar, who also won the county contest for town school pupils only which was held in Clutier last fall. A close second was Frances Roubinek, of Carroll No. 7. Roger Gravatt, of Buckingham, was third.

Sixty-one local winners took part in the county contest, which was attended by a large audience. The affair was in charge of Marcy A. Richards, county superintendent of schools, who was assisted by W. A. Pye, Toledo; C. W. Polk, Montour; E. A. Gump, Garrettsville.



—Mrs. Carrie McKinney, School Principal, who presented the trophy to Mildred Kosnar, winner of the 1932 spelling championship of Tama county in the annual county contest held last Saturday at Toledo.

win—no relation to Andy; and L. H. Callender, Clutier.

More difficult words were pronounced from the start than have usually been selected in former county contests, and the pupils vanished faster, although the contest consumed around two hours. "Interrogative" is the word which decided the championship.

The winner, Mildred Kosnar, is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kosnar, farmers east of Clutier. She is an eighth grade student in the Clutier school. Miss Roubinek is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Roubinek, south of Clutier. Miss Kosnar will represent Tama county in the state contest in Des Moines May 7, sponsored by the Des Moines Register. The winner in Des Moines will be given a free trip to Washington, D. C., as well as her teacher or other chosen companion. She will also be eligible to enter in the national spelling contest.

Here is the order in which the last ten spellers were able to spell since in the line: Mildred Kosnar, Clutier; Frances Roubinek, Carroll; Roger Gravatt, Buckingham; Mrs. vs. Dahms, Highland; Helen Cobart, Clinton; Hazel Elston, Toledo; Hazel Elston, Toledo; Hazel Elston, Toledo.

### PERMANENT STAR ROUTE CARRIER TO BE CHOSEN

Bids Due May 17—Present Temporary Operator Drives 103 Miles Daily for \$1,100 Per Year

Evidently the star mail route now operating as an experiment between Tama and Grundy Center, via Traer and Reinbeck, is to be made a permanent service. It has had considerable patronage already, which is increasing. It is especially helpful in direct mail service between Traer and Toledo.

This week Postmaster Glenn F. Shortess received orders to call for bids for a permanent service. Kenneth Huppelcutt, of Tama, the present carrier, is operating on a temporary basis at a salary of less than \$1,200 per year, which is considerably more than the postoffice on the route until May 17, soon after which date a contract will be let for the permanent service. The successful bidder will be required to furnish a bond for \$1,400 for the faithful performance of the duties.

The route is 49.9 miles in length, making a tour of practically 100 miles daily except Sunday. The carrier leaves Tama at 9:15 a. m., arriving in Traer at 9:55 o'clock and at Grundy Center at 11:15; leaving Grundy Center again at 11:30 a. m., stopping at Traer at 12:35 p. m., and reaching Tama at 1:30. Other stops are made each way at Toledo and Morrison. The entire route is paved.

The term of contract for the permanent carrier will be from July 1, 1932, to July 1, 1935. It has not yet been determined whether or not he will be required to work on holidays. Some star routes operate on holidays, the same as most mail trains, while others do not.

### Star-Clipper Editor Is Paid High Honor

E. E. Taylor Named One of Iowa's Three 'Master Publishers' by Stat. Press Group

E. E. Taylor, managing editor of the Traer Star-Clipper, was named one of the three Master Editor-Publishers of Iowa at the annual convention of the Iowa Press Association in Cedar Rapids last Friday.

Others so honored were Harvey Ingraham, for thirty years editor of the Des Moines Register, and J. F. Gravo, of Waverly, 89-year-old editor and publisher of that city's two newspapers, the Bremer County Independent and Waverly Democrat.

The selection was the first ever made in the state, although each year hereafter the Iowa Press Association will confer the same honor upon three outstanding editors. The Master Editor-Publisher award was made possible by a gift of G. L. Caswell, of Des Moines, the state press group's executive secretary. The chairman of the judging committee this year was F. L. Mott, director of the school of journalism of the University of Iowa. Other members were Prof. Blair Conner, head of the department of industrial journalism at Iowa State college; John W. Carey, associate editor of the Sioux City Journal; J. G. Lucas, editor of the Madrid Register and News; and T. W. Purcell, editor and publisher of the Hampton Chronicle.

There were thirty-two nominations for the Master Editor-Publisher award this year. In choosing three from this group, Dr. Mott said at the meeting Friday, the committee based their choice upon the relation of each man to his family, community and state. Consideration was also given to the success of his newspaper financially and to high-minded editorial policies over a long period of years.

The Star-Clipper editor, the only one of the three winners who was able to attend the convention, was presented with a handsome silver plaque which bears the following inscription:

First Annual  
Iowa Press Association Convention,  
1932

### Ward Wilson Dies Suddenly at Home Southwest of Traer

Eldest Son of Illustrious Tama Jim' Wilson is Victim of Heart Attack

### WAS BORN ON FARM ON WHICH HE DIED

Served Two Terms as County's Representative in State Legislature at Des Moines

John Ward Wilson, 66, son of the late "Tama Jim" Wilson and a lifelong resident of the Traer community, died suddenly Thursday night of last week at his home three miles southwest of Traer.

Mr. Wilson had been a victim of heart disease for a number of years but had never been seriously ill. Two or three days before his death he complained of not feeling well and consulted a physician, who advised him to quit active work and take things easy for a time. He continued to be up and around the farm a greater part of the time, however. Thursday night he seemed to be feeling better than usual, but retired early. Between 9:30 and 10 o'clock his wife heard a noise in his bedroom, went there to investigate and reached his side just as he died. A doctor was summoned but could be of no service.

A large crowd attended the funeral, which was held Sunday at Tranquillity church. The Rev. E. O. Dirks, pastor, was in charge. Members of the local Masonic lodge conducted services at the grave in Buckingham cemetery.

Mr. Wilson spent his entire life on the same farm. He was born there Sept. 5, 1865, being the eldest son of James and Esther Wilson, pioneers of the Scotch settlement along Wolf creek west of Traer. Ward, as he was commonly known, received his education in the district school and in Iowa State college at Ames, where he graduated in 1877 with the degree of doctor of veterinary medicine. He was president of his class. Returning home, he practiced his profession for several years, making his headquarters on the home farm. Later he gave up veterinary work to devote his entire attention to farming.

Mr. Wilson took an active part in matters of public interest, both locally and nationally. While his father, the most illustrious citizen this community has ever had, was serving as secretary of agriculture at Washington, Ward was for two terms a member of the Iowa state legislature, where he was instrumental in having passed much legislation beneficial to the producer.

Mr. Wilson was an active Mason. He was a member of Hesperia lodge, No. 340, of Traer; of Cypress commandery, No. 37, at Vinton; and of El Kahir temple at Cedar Rapids. As a young man he became a member of Tranquillity church, located not far from his home, and was a trustee of that institution at the time of his death.

The decedent was united in marriage on Sept. 14, 1905, to Anna Stevenson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stevenson. She survives, together with four children—Esther, of Iowa City, and John, Leigh and Allan, all at home. Mr. Wilson also leaves four brothers—Peter M., Jasper and Wright, all of Traer, and James Wilbur, of Brookings, S. D.—together with one sister, Miss Flora Wilson, of Washington, D. C.

Attend Funeral in Ohio

Mrs. Frank Lawson, who has been spending several months here with her mother, Mrs. James McNeal, received word Monday of the critical illness of her son, John Ward Wilson. She left for that place at once, accompanied by her son, Carroll; Mrs. McNeal, the child's great grandmother;

### RECEIVERSHIP COSTS OF TRAER BANK LOW

Profits So Far Have Taken Care of All Expenses—Second Quarterly Report Reveals Good Record

The profits of the closed Traer State bank have more than taken care of the expenses of the receivership, it is disclosed by the second quarterly report of the receiver made to the district court this week. The income to date has been \$2,167, mostly for interest, and expenses \$1,943. No such a showing is made in the receivership of the Buckingham and Voorhies banks.

On January 1 last, the date of the first report, the balance of the assets consisted of \$142,592 in bills receivable. Since that date \$19,595 has been collected in principal and \$722.73 in interest, leaving assets of \$122,099 remaining, but offsets of deposits amounting to \$5,324 have reduced the assets to \$117,071. That is, deposits of \$5,324 have been applied on notes. Two additional stock assessments have been paid—\$300 by H. C. Best and \$250 by Ruth Young Keith, bringing the total amount of assessments paid up to \$16,200, or a little more than half of the \$30,000 assessed against the stockholders.

Most of the first dividend of 50 per cent, amounting to \$71,825, has been paid, only small amounts remaining uncalled for. The total cash receipts since the last report amount to \$21,283. Preferred claims of \$3,094 have been allowed and \$10,000 is on deposit in a Cedar Rapids bank awaiting the outcome of the dispute over the draft of more than \$9,000 which had been issued to the city of Traer to pay on bonds but had not been cashed. The question as to whether that is a preferred claim and must be paid in full or whether it goes in with the general claims and will stand whatever less other claims finally stand is yet undetermined.

The receiver has \$12,525 in cash on hand. The receiver, Mr. Jacobson, and his local assistant, Mr. Sherman, may well feel proud of their record to date in liquidating this bank. The showing is far ahead of that of the average closed bank. The Reinbeck State, closed long before the Traer State, is just paying its first dividend, which is only 10 per cent.

Two Cars Licensed This Week

Two new automobiles, both Chevrolets, were licensed in Tama county during the last week, both by Traerites. They are: L. H. Geyer, Traer, special sedan, and L. T. Schulz, Traer, three-window coupe.

### 'Penrod' Tonight at Traer Opera House

'Community Players' to Present Noted Comedy—Second Performance Saturday Night

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Tim ..... Max Meyers  
Della, the Schofield cook, .....  
..... Mrs. D. J. Gallogly  
Mary Schofield, Penrod's mother .....  
..... Mrs. Walter Galley  
Mr. Jones, Marjorie's father .....  
Marjorie Jones ..... Carl Wilson  
Jarge ..... Raymond Wilson  
Robert Williams ..... Charles Pratt  
Mrs. Bassett ..... Mary Beecher  
Henry P. Schofield, Penrod's father .....  
Margaret Schofield, Penrod's sister .....  
..... Maxine Dickey  
Henry Hamilton Dade .....  
Penrod Schofield ..... Ruth Stoakes  
Sam Williams ..... Herbert Bootcher  
Vernie Mae Beecher ..... Willa Wagner  
George Bassett .....  
James Thomas, Walter Byrnes  
Rev. Lester Kinoshing ..... Walter Galley  
Herman ..... Harold Pikeles  
Verma ..... Robert Shortess  
Mr. Coombs, chief of police ..... Harold Blanchard

Remember back, you boys and girls of nineteen years ago, how a then

### May Term of Will Open Nichols to

Fifty-Seven New Docket, Including Mortgage For

### 50 FORECLOSURE STARTED SI

Automobile Accidents a Number of Dan M. K. Henke As

The May term of the court will open in Toledo next week. Judge Nichols on the 17th of the following Monday. It will not appear unless Judge Nichols has the docket shows cases, there are two suits, most of which county farms. Since foreclosures have been record never approach by before. The gre brought by insurance Joseph F. Enegar, released on \$1,000 bond not guilty to a pater by Esther Goldswort appeared before Just of, Toledo.

L. A. Andrew, rec Martin Shimmers, adm estate of Patrick Shi Martin Shimmers Indi 438 said to be due on bond signed by them. The First National has begun foreclosu against Eliza Filloson trowd, et al. Judge against them for \$1, given in March, 1931, mortgage on real es township. Sale is aske

Mutual Insurance I vs. Howard Christens a case just filed. Th the charge of the Christensen farm of 1 ard township because of a note for \$12,000 Foreclosure of mortg Fred H. Moore, adz estate of Ernest T. judgment for \$163 at August 1, 1931, agai Son of Traer, claim wages. Moore was for in the McGinnis f last year.

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### TRAER AND TA MEET TODAY

Locals Take Only Fo to Drop Dual Event Score of 76

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High School, Boston, in 1893, and from the Medical School of Harvard University in 1898. He was house officer in Long Island Hospital, 1890-97; assistant superintendent of Lake Geneva Sanitorium, 1901-05; assistant superintendent Independence State Hospital, Independence, Iowa, 1905-07; medical superintendent State Hospital for Inebriates, Knoxville, 1910-15; medical superintendent Cherokee State Hospital, Cherokee, 1915 to the time of his death. He was commissioned a major in the Medical Corps of the U. S. Army in September, 1918. He had membership in many medical societies and stood high as a neurologist and psychiatrist and in the administration of hospitals.

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JAMES A. WHITE was born in La Salle County, Illinois, September 1, 1859, and died near South Amana, Iowa, April 9, 1932. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery, Williamsburg. His parents, Peter and Sarah White, removed their family to a farm near South Amana in 1861. James attended country schools, Grave's Academy in Iowa City, and Notre Dame University, Notre Dame, Indiana. He followed the occupation of farming and stock raising, and stock shipping. In 1902 he was elected clerk of the District Court of Iowa County and was re-elected in 1904. In 1908 he was elected senator in the Iowa and Johnson counties district and was re-elected in 1912, serving in the Thirty-third, Thirty-fourth, Thirty-fifth and Thirty-sixth assemblies. He was a Democrat in politics.

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THOMAS J. WILSON was born in Washington County, Iowa, October 23, 1854, and died in Oskaloosa April 12, 1932. Burial was in Forest Abbey, Oskaloosa. His parents were Michael W. and Catharine (Hood) Wilson. He was educated in common school and on reaching manhood became a farmer. In 1882 he removed to a farm in Mahaska County about seven miles southwest of Oskaloosa. For twelve years he was a township trustee. In 1910 he was elected a member of the Mahaska County Board of Supervisors and served three years. In 1914 he was elected representative, and was twice re-elected, serving in the Thirty-sixth, Thirty-seventh and Thirty-eighth general assemblies. The last few years of his life he lived in Oskaloosa.

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WARD WILSON was born on a farm two and one-half miles west of Truer, Iowa, on September 17, 1865, and died at his home on the same farm April 21, 1932. Burial was in Buckingham Cemetery. His father was James Wilson, U. S. secretary of agriculture, and his mother was Esther (Wilbur) Wilson. He was educated in a country school and in the Iowa State College of Agriculture at Ames. For several years he practiced the profession of veterinary surgeon in his section, and was engaged in farming and the breeding of Short Horn cattle and Clydesdale horses. In 1906 he was elected representative and was re-elected in 1908, serving in the Thirty-second and Thirty-third general assemblies.



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### Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925

Name:	<b>Ward Wilson</b>	
Birth Year:	<b>abt 1866</b>	
Birth Place:	<b>Iowa</b>	
Gender:	<b>Male</b>	
Race:	<b>White</b>	
Marital Status:	<b>Single</b>	
Census Date:	<b>1915</b>	
Residence State:	<b>Iowa</b>	
Residence County:	<b>Tama</b>	
Locality:	<b>Perry</b>	
Mother's Birthplace:	<b>New York</b>	
Father's Birthplace:	<b>Scotland</b>	
Roll:	<b>IA1915_470</b>	
Line:	<b>742</b>	
Neighbors:	<a href="#">View others on page</a>	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	Ward Wilson	49

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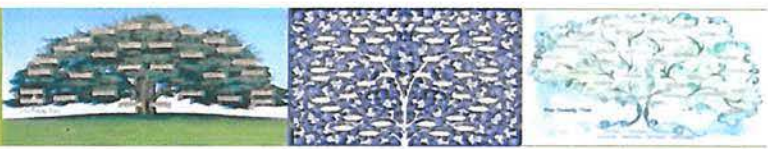
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Ancestry Hints for John Ward WILSON 3 possible matches found on Ancestry.com



Father: James WILSON b: 16 AUG 1835 in Ayrshire, Scotland Mother: Esther WILBUR b: <1836> in NY

Marriage 1 Anna STEVENSON

Children

- 1. Leigh WILSON 2. Esther WILSON 3. John Ward, Jr. WILSON 4. Allan WILSON

Sources:

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Ward Wilson

Born: abt 1865 [city], [county], Iowa, USA

Died:

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James Wilson

Esther Wilbur

John Wilson

Jean McCosh

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Spouse

Anna Pearl Stevenson

Born: 14 Aug 1881 in Crystal Township, Tama, Iowa, USA

Died: 8 Oct 1977

Marriage:

Children

Children	Sex	Birth
John Ward Wilson	M	
Alan Wilson	M	
Esther Wilson	F	abt 1907
John Wilson	M	abt 1909
Leigh Wilson	F	abt 1912
Allen Wilson	M	abt 1919

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