

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Wilson, Charles James Senator

Represented Washington County Iowa

1. Birthday and place 11 Nov 1850 Washington, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place
Clara Conger 13 Dec 1872 Washington, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He was a director of the Washington Telephone Company and the Washington National Bank; president of the Washington County Beer Association and a member of the Iowa State Bar Association.

B. Civic responsibilities Mason; Knight of Pythias; Elks

C. Profession Lawyer

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 28th 29th General Assembly 1900, 1902

6. Public Offices

A. Local City solicitor 1877-one term and again in 1885; elected county at large in 1886 - 4 terms

B. State He was a member of the staff of every Iowa Governor since 1909 - both Democrat and Republican.

C. National

7. Death 11 Apr 1936 Washington, Iowa; Buried Woodlawn Cemetery, Washington

8. Children Carleton Charles; Katherine (Mrs. Smith); Edith Hamilton (Mrs. Lytle); Maude Helen; Nellie

9. Names of parents Michael Hillis and Catherine Ann (Blood) Wilson

Wilson, Charles James

10. Education He attended the district schools of Washington Iowa; he also attended the Washington Academy.
11. Degrees Iowa University of Iowa law school graduating in 1875 with LL.B. degree
12. Other applicable information Republican
- He spent the first 20 years of his life on the family farms southwest of Washington
 - His wife, Clara, died 24 Mar 1930
 - Before attending law school he studied law in the McJunkin, Henderson and McJunkin law office.
 - After graduating from law school he formed a partnership with E. H. Stone and J. J. Kellogg. Stone retired and in 1883 the firm was known as Wilson and Kellogg. It was dissolved in 1887.
 - Later his son, Carlton C Wilson, joined him as Wilson and Wilson until his death.
 - Military service - Co. D, Iowa National Guard 1877-1878. He enlisted as a private, then promoted to various grades, until he became Chief of Engineers and Major of Colonel in the staff of Governor Carroll.

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Service Is Announced For Church

Iowa National Guard Leaders to Be Here for Funeral at 3:30 Tomorrow

Services marked by simplicity will be held Sunday afternoon at 3:30 in the Methodist church for Col. C. J. Wilson, who died yesterday afternoon after an extended illness.

Services will be in charge of Dr. B. F. Schwartz of the Methodist church, assisted by Dr. F. W. Eastwood of the Presbyterian church. Burial will be in Woodlawn cemetery. It will not be a military funeral, as suggested in reports from Des Moines following the colonel's death yesterday.

The body, which was taken to the L. A. Jones funeral home, was removed to the Wilson home today.

Military Men Coming

Although it will not be a military service, several prominent officers of the Iowa National Guard plan to attend, according to word from Des Moines today. Adjutant General Charles H. Grahl will be here as a personal representative of Governor Clyde Herring, of whose staff Colonel Wilson was a member.

He had been a member of the staff of every Iowa governor since 1907.

Included among those who will be here besides General Grahl will be Gen. Matt Tinley of Council Bluffs, Col.

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GOOD FRIDAY'S AUDIENCE LARGE

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Washington, Iowa, Red.
—Marjorie McFarlane teaches in Wapello, the week end at the her parents, Mr. and F. McFarlane.
—NOTICE—All and Legionnaires meet at City Hall m. Sunday, to attend of Col. C. J. Wilson.
—Mrs. Harold Ofelt's daughter, Harriet, of are visiting at the home of Ofelt's parents, Mr. and Harry Whittaker.
—Mrs. Orville and Noah Leichty and Jean, Marie Kaufmann, Mrs. Ezra Wittmer, of land, were shopping in Wapello today.
—A. C. Sparkman tractors. Easier to insure full life. Great savings. Washington Co.
—John W. Lemmer, optometrist, will attend a meeting of the district of the Association of Optometrists in Minneapolis, Minn., April 14. He made a report at the annual convention of the Iowa Optometric Association which is to be held in Des Moines, April 15, 16.
—Got your eggs dressed Easter fowl? Old's Produce, 112 Wapello.
—George Radtger, morning for Burlington he picked up his A. F. Andersen and Harter of Burlington, Ralph Walker of and they drove together to Iowa, to visit the Mrs. Dora Jones, whose 79th birthday their visit was to be.
—Card party at Mon. eve April 13.
—Thomas Tollen and nie Millburn, both of obtained a marriage yesterday.
—Jean Moore, student of Iowa, is on Easter vacation at her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Moore.
—Phil Jacobson, the Retailers Hardware of Mason City, was a visitor of Wapello today.

Funeral Services for Col. Wilson at Methodist Church

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George F. Everest of Council Bluffs, Col. Glenn C. Haynes of Fort Madison, and Gen. Ray Yenter, Col. Max O'Brien, Lt. Col. James E. Thomas, Gen. Lloyd B. Ross and Gen. Guy Logan, all of Des Moines.

Born in Washington

Charles James Wilson, was born in the home now known as the Mount Home on South Iowa Ave. on November 11, 1850. It was then the home of his uncle, Jonathan Wilson. His own father and mother, Michel Wilson and Catherine Ann Hood Wilson lived southeast of town and it was here he spent the first twenty years of his life.

"C. J." Wilson, as he was always known grew up here, attending the law school, at the State University of Iowa, where he was graduated in 1875. Before he was graduated from the law school, he married Clara Conger, daughter of Jonathan Clark Conger and Jane Sloan Conger on Dec. 23, 1872. Mrs. Wilson died March 24, 1930 in Washington, Iowa.

Studied Law Here

Before attending the University, Mr. Wilson studied law in the McJunkin, Henderson and McJunkin law office here. After graduating he formed a partnership with Hon. E. W. Stone and Capt. J. J. Keillogg. Stone retired from the firm and in 1883 the law firm was known as Wilson and Keillogg. In 1887 this law firm was dissolved by mutual consent. Later years his son, Carleton C. Wilson became his law partner and the firm was known as Wilson and Wilson until the time of his death.

In 1877, Mr. Wilson was elected city solicitor and served one term, being again elect-

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ed in 1885. He was elected county attorney in 1886 and was re-elected to this position.

A Military Man

Col. C. J. Wilson was a military man, having joined Company D., Iowa National Guard in 1877 or 1878, in which he held various positions. He was too young to fight in the civil war and too old for the Spanish American, but Washington had no more patriotic citizen.

He was appointed a member of Gov. Cummins staff in 1909 and had served in that capacity until his death, under republican and democratic governors. He tried to resign in 1933 because of age but was not accepted.

Nobody enjoyed the military affairs more than he, the reviews, the governors receptions, and he was a striking figure in his military uniform.

Unusual Museum

He had many interesting hobbies and his remarkable museum is known all over the state. He loved the out doors, flowers, birds, trees and he loved his fellow men. Children were a delight to him.

During his last sickness, his great grand son, child of Mr. and Mrs. Carleton Lytle was his special joy. He had a sense of humor which endeared him to every one.

One sister, Mrs. Alice Shaver, survives and his four children, Mrs. Kathryn Wilson Smith of Richland Iowa, Carleton C. Wilson, Mrs. Edith Wilson Lytle and Miss Helen Wilson of Washington. There are several grand children and one great grand son.

Jenkins, Claire Dodd and Wini Shaw. The Yacht Club Boys and Cab Calloway and his band also featured.

Mrs. Findley Reopens Suit; She Receives No Allowance

Des Moines—Mrs. Grace Findley, wife of the late Park A. Findley, former head of the state bureau of investigation, reopened her battle in probate

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Mr. Stewart is truly classed among the self-made men of the county, having started in life with limited means, but by strict attention to business, assisted by his amiable wife, he has acquired a nice property. Everything around him denotes thrift and enterprise, and to such men is due the progress of the age. Mr. Stewart has assessed his township five times, taken the census once, and has filled the office of Trustee several times. He has also been President of the Washington County Agricultural Society three terms, and Vice President of the same two terms. His farm is known as the Clemmon's Grove Farm, and is one of the finest stock farms in the county.

MRS. J. H. WILLIAMSON, widow of J. H. Williamson, now resides on section 16, Dutch Creek Township. She was born May 10, 1834, on the east bank of the Mississippi River, in the village of New Boston, Ill., and is the daughter of James and Jane (Kennedy) Erwin. Her father was a native of Ireland, who came to Ohio at the age of eighteen years, and there became acquainted with and married Miss Jane Kennedy, a native of Butler County, Ohio. In the fall of 1834 they crossed the Mississippi River into Iowa, and became the first white persons to make a home in that county. For the first six months after moving into Iowa, her mother never saw the face of a white person; the Indians were her only neighbors, and for a time she was a teacher of Indian children, teaching them to read and write. About 1841, Mr. Erwin died. In 1871 Mrs. Erwin moved with her only son to Washington Territory, where she now lives, and is in the enjoyment of good health, at the age of eighty-four. She cast her first vote in that Territory. Shortly after the removal to Louisa County, in this State, they became charter members of the First Presbyterian Church in Iowa. They were earnest workers in the Church, and did much to advance the religious and educational interests of the Territory of Iowa in that early day.

The subject of this sketch was united in marriage

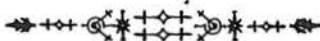
with J. H. Williamson Oct. 10, 1850. They remained in Louisa County about seven years after their marriage, and then removed to near Knoxville, in this State, where Mr. Williamson purchased a farm, and where they resided until 1862. He then traded that farm for one where Mrs. Williamson now lives. He was called from a useful and busy life Nov. 5, 1882. He was a devoted member of the United Presbyterian Church, and in his death the county lost one of its most estimable citizens; the wife, a kind husband, and the children, an indulgent father. They were the happy parents of six children: Jennie E., born Jan. 15, 1852, now the wife of W. R. Lindsey, a painter by trade, residing in Washington; S. S., born July 18, 1855, a farmer in Greeley County, Kan.; S. E., born Jan. 26, 1858, died Aug. 18, 1860; May E., born Dec. 25, 1860, died Aug. 15, 1870; William E., born Aug. 8, 1865, has charge of the home farm; Elmer J., born Dec. 2, 1870, died Aug. 18, 1871.

Mrs. Williamson, after the death of her husband, moved to the city of Washington for the purpose of educating her youngest son, and remained there until the spring of 1887, when she moved back to the home farm. She has 160 acres of land, all of which is under a high state of cultivation, and supplied with good farm buildings. She is a member of the United Presbyterian Church, and in her life endeavors to follow the precepts of her Master.

CHARLES J. WILSON, County Attorney, of Washington, is "a native to the manor born." He is the son of Michael W. and Catherine (Hood) Wilson, and was born in Washington County, Iowa, Nov. 11, 1850, and has here spent his entire life. Until twenty years of age he remained upon his father's farm, assisting in the work, and having received a liberal education, entered the office of McJunkin, Henderson & McJunkin, where he read law for nearly three years. He then entered the law department of the State University at Iowa City, from which he graduated in June, 1875. Returning to Washington, he at once opened an office, and some years later formed a partnership with Hon. E. W. Stone and Capt. J.

J. Kellogg, under the firm name of Stone, Wilson & Kellogg. The first-named retired from the firm in 1883, when the firm became Wilson & Kellogg. This copartnership continued until January, 1887, when it was dissolved by mutual consent. In 1877, Mr. Wilson was first elected City Solicitor and served one term. He was again elected in 1885. In the fall of 1886 he was elected County Attorney, and Jan. 1, 1887, assumed the duties of that office, in which he brings to bear all his powers for the punishment of offenders, and in all things studies the county's best interest. That he filled the position of City Solicitor satisfactorily to the people was attested by his re-election.

On the 13th of November, 1872, Mr. Wilson was united in marriage to Miss Clara Conger, daughter of J. C. Conger, who was also one of the early settlers of Washington County. Mrs. Wilson, like her husband, was born in this county. They have three children—Kittie, Carleton C. and Edith. In the organization of the National Guards of Washington, Mr. Wilson took considerable interest, and has formed one of the company up to the present time. In rifle practice he is much interested, is a member of a rifle team, and is a good shot. Politically, he is a Republican. As a lawyer he stands well among his fellow members of the bar, as well as the people generally, keeping well posted in the various changes constantly being made in the statutes of the State. As a citizen, he is ever alive to the interests of his city and county, and is willing to do all in his power to advance them. Pleasant and agreeable at all times, he has made many friends.



CAPT. JOHN J. KELLOGG, attorney-at-law, Washington, is a native of Adams Center, Jefferson Co., N. Y., born Oct. 16, 1837. His father, Luke Kellogg, was born in Oneida County, N. Y., in 1800, while his mother, Ada (Maxon) Kellogg, was born in Madison County, the same State, in 1804. They were married in 1822. His grandfather, Ashbel Kellogg, born in New Hartford, Conn., was a soldier, acting as Paymaster in the Revolutionary War, and located

in Oneida County, N. Y., at an early day. His Grandfather Maxon was also a soldier in the Revolutionary War. Luke Kellogg and Ada Maxon, about four years after their marriage, located in Jefferson County, N. Y., where they reared a family of ten children, nine of whom are now living: Betsey, the wife of Albert Heath, a jeweler, resides in Adams Center, Jefferson Co., N. Y.; George G., a farmer, lives on the old homestead; Delia O., widow of Thomas R. Greene, lives in Adams Center; Henry J., marble manufacturer, in Jefferson County, N. Y.; Martha A. is the wife of Galen Hall, a photographer, of Adams Center, N. Y.; Charles G. is a fruit-grower in Los Angeles County, Cal.; Lorenzo M. is a farmer in Illinois; Ellen A. is the wife of M. Tittsworth, a merchant in Adams Center, N. Y.

Luke Kellogg was an Abolitionist, one who was neither afraid nor ashamed to express his views, and his house was for years a station on the "underground railroad." The poor slave endeavoring to escape to a land of freedom was kindly cared for by him, and helped on his way. He was also a strong temperance man, well posted in all questions of public interest, and held several offices of honor and trust. After the death of his first wife, Mr. Kellogg married Patience Pettitt, of Gloversville, N. Y. He died in 1870.

John J. Kellogg, the subject of this sketch, was reared on his father's farm, received a liberal education, and taught school for several years. In 1860 he went to Illinois, and while there enlisted in August, 1862, at Kankakee, as a private in Co. B, 119th Ill. Vol. Inf., known as the Board of Trade Regiment, and was mustered in at Camp Hancock, Chicago. The regiment had a very active existence and was in many engagements during the war. Mr. Kellogg, on the organization of the company, was made Orderly Sergeant, and as such went into active service. After rendezvousing at Chicago, the regiment was sent to Memphis, Tenn., and from there joined in the first expedition against Price on the Tallahatchie River. Returning to Memphis, it was forwarded to Chickasaw Bayou, and was in that engagement; then to Arkansas Post, where it took a hand; then to Young's Point, where it worked on the canal dur-

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has been found and his appreciation of the responsibilities that have rested upon him have made him a citizen whose worth is widely acknowledged."

Another fitting and well deserved characterization of Dr. McAllister was given in the *Spencer News*, which said: "Dr. McAllister had a strong personality and he who ventured to cross swords with him always found a foeman worthy of his steel. He was ready to contend for his convictions. Such a man makes some enemies, but those who were men honored him. It could not be said that he had no prejudices, but the loftiness of his personality and character and his self-sacrificing service for his fellows made you forget them and made them well nigh invisible. * * * And his memory will live, rich with fragrance, in the hearts of those he served with heroic self-sacrifice."

COLONEL CHARLES JAMES WILSON.

Colonel Charles James Wilson is a well known lawyer of the Washington bar, practicing as a member of the firm of Wilson & Wilson. He was born November 11, 1850, in the city where he still resides, his parents being Michael and Catherine Ann (Hood) Wilson. The Wilson family is of Irish lineage and was founded on the soil of the new world by Thomas Wilson, the great-great-grandfather, who settled first in Nova Scotia but afterward removed to Frederick county, Maryland, and subsequently to Allegany county, that state. When the colonies attempted to throw off the yoke of British oppression he joined the American army and rendered aid in the cause of independence. His son Thomas was the father of Judge James Wilson and the grandfather of Michael Wilson. The last named was born in Allegany county, Maryland, August 13, 1808, and on the 15th of February, 1849, wedded Catherine Ann Hood, a native of Ohio, and a daughter of Charles C. and Frances (Hammond) Hood. On her father's side Mrs. Wilson was a descendant of Benjamin Hood, a son of Samuel Hood, of England, whence the former emigrated to America, settling on the Patapsco river as far west as Hollofield some time prior to 1700. Through her mother Mrs. Wilson traced her ancestry back to Major General John Hammond, a son of Thomas Hammond. The former came to America in 1667 and settled on the Severn near Annapolis, Anne Arundel county, Maryland.

The father of Michael Wilson, Judge James Wilson, had removed to Perry county, Ohio, in 1816, and had there filled the office of judge. The son was reared under the parental roof, where he remained until he reached the age of twenty-five years and then started out in the world on his own account. His father gave him the use of some land and he turned his attention to the raising of tobacco. In 1840 he arrived in Iowa, settling in Washington county, where he entered a claim to a tract of land on section 29, Washington township. Not a furrow had been turned nor an improvement made upon that place, but with characteristic energy he began the development of a farm and converted it into a valuable property, upon which he resided until a few years prior to his death. He added to his holdings from time to time until he had seven hundred acres in Washington county and also a fine farm in Mahaska county. His work brought good results, for it was intelligently directed and, moreover, his industry was unflinching. Aside from his farming interests he became a

director of the Washington National Bank upon its organization and so continued for many years.

Mr. Wilson was of the type of the hardy, resolute pioneer, a famous hunter, a lover of nature and enamoured of solitude. An honest man, he scorned sharp practice and in all of his dealings was thoroughly conscientious and honorable. His word was as good as any bond ever solemnized by signature or seal and a promise once given was sacredly kept. Throughout his entire life he was a devoted member of the Methodist church and his Christianity guided him in all of his relations. He was hospitable, charitable and very generous to the poor. Through a very severe winter he kept thirteen destitute families in wood. He loved to have his family, his relatives and friends about him and his home was the center of most cordial and warm-hearted hospitality. In his character were many sterling traits which won him the friendship and high regard of all with whom he came in contact. He died February 8, 1891, while his wife, who was born in Somerset, Ohio, March 1, 1826, passed away February 20, 1905. In their family were four children, as follows: Charles James, of this review; Thomas J., a resident farmer of Mahaska county, Iowa, and the present representative in the state legislature from that county; William W., who makes his home in Washington; and Alice, the wife of Henry Shaver, of Washington, Iowa.

Colonel Charles J. Wilson was reared upon his father's farm adjoining the city of Washington and after attending the district schools continued his studies in the Washington Academy. He read law in the office of McJunkin & Henderson, a well known law firm of Washington, who directed his reading for two years. He then pursued the law course in the State University of Iowa until graduated in 1875 with the LL. B. degree. Opening an office in Washington, he practiced alone for several years and afterward became a member of the firm of Stone, Wilson & Kellogg, with which he was associated for four or five years. He was then alone for ten years, at the end of which time he was joined by H. M. Eieher in a partnership that continued for several years. Later he formed his present partnership with his son, Carlton C. Wilson, and they are now practicing under the firm name of Wilson & Wilson, enjoying a large and successful general practice in the conduct of which they display marked capability and comprehensive knowledge of the principles of jurisprudence. Mr. Wilson has ever believed in careful and thorough preparation of his cases, preparing for defense as well as attack, and his clear and cogent reasoning has won for him many verdicts favorable to his clients. He is a director of the Washington Telephone Company and of the Washington National Bank but aside from these connections has always largely concentrated his attention upon his professional duties. At the present time he is president of the Washington County Bar Association and is also a member of the Iowa State Bar Association.

On the 13th of November, 1872, Colonel Wilson was united in marriage to Miss Clara Conger, of Washington, by whom he has had five children, as follows: Nellie, who died in infancy; Catharine, the wife of F. W. Smith, of Richland, Iowa; Edith, who gave her hand in marriage to Lloyd Lytle, of Washington; Carlton C., who is a graduate of the law department of the University of Iowa and a member of the firm of Wilson & Wilson; and Helen, at home.

Colonel Wilson is well known in fraternal circles as a Royal Arch Mason, as a Knight of Pythias and as an Elk. He is very active in political circles, regarding it the duty as well as the privilege of every true American citizen to exercise his

right of franchise and thereby support the best interests of the community and the country at large. He is a republican and for four terms filled the office of county attorney of Washington county, occupying that position from 1890 until 1898. He was formerly a member of the state central committee from the first congressional district and he has thus been active in guiding the affairs of his party in Iowa. He has also been numbered among the makers of her legislation, for he represented Washington county in the twenty-eighth and twenty-ninth general assemblies, where he gave careful consideration to each question which came up for settlement, studying thoroughly the vital problems affecting the welfare of the state. The name of Colonel Wilson is perhaps even more widely known in military circles, for he has been connected with the Iowa National Guard since 1878. Enlisting as a private, he has been promoted to various grades until he became chief of engineers, with the rank of colonel, under Governor Cummins, and was aid-de-camp with the rank of colonel on the staff of Governor Carroll. He has been called to the same position on the staff of Governor Clarke and so continues at the present time, his duties in that connection winning him his official title. He takes the deepest interest in military affairs and believes in a thorough organization. He is fond of hunting and fishing, in which he finds his recreation, and his deep interest in the upbuilding and advancement of his city is shown in his active cooperation in the work of the Commercial Club, of which he is a member. One of his diversions is the collection of general curios, including Indian relics, archaic firearms and implements. He has his collection housed in a museum which he built especially for the purpose and it contains many things of the greatest interest.

Colonel Wilson is a many-sided man, possessing a variety of tastes and displaying signal ability along all the lines in which he puts forth activity. His is one of the most acute intellects at the Washington county bar. He has a quick, responsive mind, is a deep thinker and logical reasoner. In his views of life there is nothing narrow nor contracted. He looks at every question from many standpoints and his vision is clear, his views comprehensive. He is thoroughly qualified for public life and it is recognized that he was one of the most able and safe counselors of the state that have represented Washington county in the general assembly. The breadth of his knowledge and the strength of his wisdom were greatly appreciated, especially by the committees of which he was a member. His home is noted for its generous hospitality, Colonel Wilson being an ideal host and entertainer. His mind is stored with a fund of interesting reminiscences and anecdotes and in telling a story he employs the art of impersonation with marked effect. As an able lawyer, a keen, farsighted business man and, above all, as a patriotic and public-spirited citizen, he deserves mention in this work.

FRED L. EATON.

Fred L. Eaton has been actively connected with the management of the Sioux City Stock Yards Company since its organization and as president and general manager is concentrating his attention upon organization, constructive efforts and administrative direction. He possesses tireless energy, keen perception, honesty of purpose and a genius for devising the right thing at the right time joined to everyday

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school education, he attended a Quaker academy, and Oskaloosa College, at Oskaloosa. He was a farmer in Wapello County for a time in his early life. In 1916 when the Farmers Union was organized in Iowa he became its secretary and in 1921 was advanced to president, a position he held until he relinquished it in 1930 at his own request. He was at the time of his death president and general manager of the Farmers Union Life Insurance Company, was president of the Farmers Mutual Automobile Association, and was president of the National Farmers Holiday Association since its inception in 1932, Des Moines being the head office of each of those organizations. He was identified with the McNary-Haugen plan in the 1920's, and later with the movement for price-fixing of agricultural products based on the cost of production. He opposed the compulsory testing of cattle for tuberculosis in 1931. In farm strikes in effort to obtain better prices, and in the war on foreclosures of farm mortgages he was a leader and adviser. During the last twenty years of his life he was the foremost advocate in Iowa of protest against farmers' economic conditions, which sometime led to violence. He came into conflict with Governors Hammill, Turner, and Herring in the administration of law. Listed as a Republican, he disregarded party bonds, voting for Smith in 1928 and for Roosevelt in 1932, but soon became a caustic critic of the latter's administration, and spoke in support of the Constitution. He was a public speaker of genuine ability, having ready command of a good style of language and an acquaintance with English masterpieces, and excelled in his use of invective. He evidently thought farmers were suffering intolerable wrongs, and he became the voice of protest.

CHARLES JAMES WILSON was born in Washington, Iowa, November 11, 1850, and died in Washington April 10, 1936. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Washington. His parents were Michael W. and Catherine (Hood) Wilson. He grew to manhood on his father's farm south of Washington and received his education in the home public schools. He read law in the office of McJunkin, Henderson & McJunkin in Washington and was graduated from the Law Department of the State University of Iowa in 1875. He practiced alone in Washington a few years and then with E. W. Stone and J. J. Kellogg formed the firm of Stone, Wilson & Kellogg. In 1883 Mr. Stone retired and the firm continued as Wilson & Kellogg until 1887. In later years his son, Carleton C. Wilson, became his partner as Wilson & Wilson, which firm continued until his death. In 1877 Mr. Wilson was elected city solicitor and served one term, and was again elected to that office in 1885. In 1886 he was elected county attorney and by reason of that and re-elections, served eight years in that position. In 1899 he was elected representative and was re-elected in 1901, and served in the Twenty-eighth and Twenty-ninth general assemblies. He joined Company D, Iowa National Guard in 1878, and was active in