

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

BERRY, W(iliam) ^{Henry}

Name of Representative Senator

Scout from Warren and Clarke counties

1. Birthday and place 23 October 1849, Cass Co., Ill.

2. Marriage (s) date place
Alice M. Barker (1853-1928), 22 May 1875, Indianola, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business lawyer, farmer

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession farmer

4. Church membership Methodist Episcopal

5. Sessions served 26 & 27GA, 1896-1900, SD 11, Warren & Clark Co.

6. Public Offices

A. Local _____

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 25 March 1923, Indianola; heart failure; bur Indianola

8. Children Don L. Berry (8 Oct. 1880-1 Nov. 1974 (publisher; farmer)

9. Names of parents Bemjamin C. Berry (1823-1894; Isabella (Isabel) Van Eaton (1839-1909)

10. Education county schools; Simpson College

11. Degrees B.S.; M.S. 1872

12. Other applicable information Grandfather William S. Berry, from
Virginia (probably Orange Co.), was soldier
in War of 1812; moved to Cass Co., Ill. 1833. Of Welsh lineage. Father Benjin C. moved to
Iowa in 1869; farmed until retirement; on Warren Co. Bd Sups; Capt. Co D, 104 Ill. Vol Inf.;
served 3 yrs in Civil War

W. H. was on farm until c. 1869. After graduation from Simpson studied law with J. H.
Hwnsweaon in Indianola; admitted to bar in 1873 and was partner with Henderson for many
years. His law firm consinued through successive partnerships to the present.

He was Mason, Odd Fellows; Ancient Order United Woodmen; Grant Club (Des M); Loyal
Leauge of Iowa; Iowa State Bar Assn.

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
Stork/Clingan, Legislators		x	
Indianola Record, Wed. 18 Mar 1923,plcol3		x	obit
Indianola Cemeteries (1879) p. 67		x	burials WH, Don & wives
Martin, Hist of Warren Co, Ia 1908		x	at 406
Warren Co. Genal. Soc. Hist Warren Co. 1987			nothing added
Warren Co. Bicentennial Comm.; Warren Co. Marriages			1849-1900
		x	at 44; marr. WH
Warren Co. Geneal. Soc.; Cemetery & Death Records of Warren Co. Ia 1980		x	399--Benj C.
			426--Isabel

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INTER-STATE CONTEST TO BE HELD HERE

Seven states to compete for collegiate oratorical honors at M. E. Church April 6.

For the first time, the big Interstate Oratorical Contest is coming to Indianola. This annual contest, in which the leading collegiate orators of seven states compete, has not come to Iowa for seven years, and never before have the people of this community had the opportunity to witness a forensic contest of this scope and importance.

The contest will be held at the M. E. church on Friday evening, April 6, at 8:30 p. m. The state contest winners from Minnesota, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota will be here to compete with Walter Dillon of the class of '26 of Simpson College, who represents the state of Iowa in this meet. Some of these orators are worth going miles to hear. Each has won his home college contest, his divisional state contest, and finally his state contest. To have gone this far in the competition each orator has had to have written an unusually strong oration, and to possess public speaking and oratorical powers above the average in college life.

Of the seven entered in the contest here, the three who are ranked highest by the judges will have the honor of competing with the three winners of the Eastern Divisional contest being held this month in Ohio, for virtually National honors at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois.

Iowa Represented By Simpson Student.

Walter Dillon, of Simpson, has the responsibility not only of upholding the honor of Simpson College in this contest, but of all the colleges of the Hawkeye state. Walter has written a splendid oration, which was published in full in last week's issue, on the subject of "The Menace of the Labor Union." He will meet very stiff competition in this inter-state contest. No Simpson orator has so far succeeded in placing in an inter-state contest. Nevertheless, Dillon has a good chance of placing and winning the right to go on to Evanston and enter the final inter-state.

Five Prominent Judges

Because of the importance and inter-state scope of this contest, five judges are required to decide the winners. Some famous men in the public speaking world have been engaged to act as judges. One of them is Prof. Charles Henry Woolbert, of the University of Illinois, author of the text book on Public Speaking used in Simpson and other colleges. Most, or all of the judges, come from other states.

A Rare Opportunity

The people of this community want our local entrant, who was born and raised in Warren County, to be one of the winners and to go on to represent us in a still higher field. The people of this entire community should turn out for this contest. The M. E. church should be packed, to lend support and encouragement to the man who represents us and our community.

W. H. BERRY

Sunday evening between four and five o'clock, W. H. Berry, the father, guide, inspiration and friend of the editor of this paper, fell dead at his office door in Indianola, stricken by heart failure. The shadow of such an event had been hanging over us for two months; but it was hardly expected so soon.

He had been in consultation with his physician, Dr. Park, and had left the doctor's office to go to his own saying that he would return shortly. When some time passed and he did not come back, Dr. Park went in search of him and found him where he had fallen, having inserted the key in the lock of the inner door to the office at the south end of the entry way which leads to the Worth Savings Bank and the Berry & Ripper office.

He had completed a record, of which he was very proud, of having attended to the business of his clients in every one of 200 terms of court, which have been held since he was admitted to the bar, with the exception of one when he was ill with typhoid fever. He had attended to the business of his clients on the day before his death and had driven his own car to the doctor's office.

He was born in 1849, came to Iowa in 1867, was admitted to the bar and began the practice of law in Indianola in 1873, was married in 1875 to Alice M. Barker, who survives him. To them was born only one child, the writer of this sketch.

I cannot gather myself to put in order the thoughts that come but if, when I shall be found in the swath of the grim reaper, such thoughts shall be in the minds of my children as flood my mind today, if they shall look back upon the life of their father and its influence on them as I look back upon the life of mine, I shall be satisfied.

A devoted believer in the gospel of work for the sake of service, an abhorrer of one who worked from merely a money aim, a despiser of the man who was satisfied to do nothing, he died as he would have desired, in the harness.

He was converted and joined the Methodist church at an early age, and throughout his life the business of his church was in his view, worthy of his best effort. Although a deep and scrutinizing thinker, his thinking led him more to a simple, childlike faith in the word of God and the promises of Jesus Christ. Such was the gist of one of the last conversations of any length that I had with him, and in that faith he went home.

The funeral service will be held in the Methodist church, Thursday, March 29, at two-thirty, and any of his friends who may want to view the remains may do so at the church between the hours of ten and two.

Don L. Berry

DONT MARRY A DANCER THERE'S A REASON

"Devils Method of breaking down womanly reserve," says Harper.

"Young man, don't marry a dancer; there's a reason." That sentence might be called the high spot of A. K. Harper's address last Thursday night on the subject of popular amusements. That the dance is responsible for many if not most of the ruined homes of America is the belief of Harper.

When it comes to speaking of the dance," said he "there is not paint enough outside the gaud pots of hell to do it justice."

"Of card playing he likened it to playing with gamblers tools. Some people teach a boy to play cards at home so he won't want to play away from home, said Harper, but does any sane person teach a boy to drink whiskey at home so he won't drink away from home.

Harper condemns card playing above other games because it cultivates the desire to the results upon chance. When it comes to football, basketball, baseball or any other manly sport, the Fairfield gospel team will be found on the front seat with a megaphone. Harper meets the chance that there is gambling in such sports with the rebuff that you can bet on the outcome of a field of corn, but it takes the exertion of good hard muscle and brain power to win the bet, while card games depend on chance and deceit. There are women in this county, said he, who play for cut glass and other prizes until they become the most accomplished liars in the entire community.

Mr. Harper does not have much respect for the general run of theatres and picture shows. He doesn't blame men who manage them so much as the public taste and the cupidity of the general directors of the industry. "There's many a show manager," he said, "who would that he didn't have to put on such rotten stuff."

"There is many a play with a good plot, but to make it pay at the box office, they have to cater to the vicious and depraved, East Lynne is rated as one of the great moral plays, but I don't believe any man ever went out of the door as good a man as he went in. Such plays are a part of the devil's business to make you think right is wrong and wrong is right."

But of all the popular questionable amusements the dance is the one to which Harper lays most of the condemnation. It is the business of the devil and the dance to break down the barriers of reserve and decency, said he. Some people may dance for the music alone. They say they do, but I'd hate to admit that my blood was so full of ice water that I could dance the modern round dance without any sensation except to the music. Some good people don't agree with me. A minister told me it was all right to dance. The same minister would drink beer and voted for the saloon in Iowa.

Harper's final appeal to the packed house which gathered Thursday night to hear his talk on popular amusements was to enter into any of these things without making a matter of prayer. The only answer there was a practically unanimous response, including hundreds of the young people. No invitation to come to the other side of the street was

Sticks to Post Through Storm

The electric lines to the water works were broken about two weeks ago, weighted down by the heavy snow in the first of this series of snow storms. As fires seemed to be in vogue it was feared a call for a large quantity of water might come at any time and in case of fire there would be no power to pump water to the city tower.

Answering the call in the middle of the night C. C. Litzenberg, city electrician, left his home to repair the lines himself. Suffering with a sore throat at the time, tonsillitis set in and in a few days erysipelas developed. He has suffered greatly during the past five weeks but is some better at this writing. The people of this city owe him no small amount of gratitude for his self-sacrifice and unbounded interest in their welfare.

Radio listeners will be interested to know that station W. O. C. will broadcast the full Annual Sunrise Easter Sacred Service of the Palmer School of Chiropractic at 5:45 Easter morning. Agatha Igo-Vickery, of Indianola will sing with the Glee Club.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Hurford returned to Indianola Tuesday from California, where they have been spending the winter.

Hyacinths and daffodils for Easter at Schooley's.

The Dorcas circle of the Methodist aid society will hold an Easter food sale at the Anderson & Perley store Saturday, March 31.

Miss Lela Watson, who teaches at Clinton is spending her Easter vacation at home.

Mrs. Marlatt was called to Des Moines the first of the week by the serious illness of Mrs. Hugh Anderson.

Mary Bradford came home from her school in Moline, Ill., for a short vacation.

For Mayor

	Kent	Slocum
First Ward	145	76
Second Ward	153	184
Third Ward	114	120
Fourth Ward	155	105
Totals	567	485

subscribed twenty-six hundred and fifty dollars.

Sunday p. m. the tabernacle was filled with men only and Mr. Scott sang "Somebody's Boy," then Mr. Harper with all the power in him, took a bat at the devil. Many responded to the invitation. At night his subject was "I will arise and go, or Git Up and Git."

One cannot doubt the religion of Jesus Christ when they see that over four hundred and fifty people of Indianola have pledged themselves to him, and the young fellows who used to be heard swearing are now praying and talking to their pals about their saviour.

The pans will not be passed at the evening meetings any more now, but on the last Sunday a collection will be taken for the Educational fund that is used to help young men and women. Wednesday night of this week Mr. Harper will preach what is said by those who have heard him before, his best sermon, "When the Whistle

HISTORY
OF
WARREN COUNTY, IOWA

FROM ITS EARLIEST SETTLEMENT TO 1908

BY REV. W. C. MARTIN, D. D.

ILLUSTRATED WITH PORTRAITS AND VIEWS

With Biographical Sketches of some
Prominent Citizens of the County.

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Politically Mr. Pearson is a Bryan democrat, and keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day. He has served as school trustee and as a member of the school board, but has never sought office. The cause of education, however, finds in him a warm friend and an effective champion of its interests. Socially he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, has served through the chairs of the Indianola lodge and is now a past district deputy. His entire life has been devoted to farming, yet in his chosen field of labor he has displayed energy and ability that have made him one of the prosperous citizens of the community.

WILLIAM H. BERRY.

William H. Berry, whose life record is regarded as a valuable asset in the history of the bar of Iowa, has for more than a third of a century been numbered among the practitioners at Indianola and has easily taken rank with its foremost representatives. He was born in Cass county, Illinois, October 23, 1849, a son of Benjamin C. Berry and a grandson of William S. Berry. The last named, in 1833, removed with his family from Virginia to Illinois, settling in Cass county, where he entered land from the government and also purchased land. Only the year before had the Black Hawk war occurred and great sections of the state were still uninhabited by the white man, while other districts gave but little evidence that the seeds of civilization had been planted. Benjamin C. Berry was a native of Virginia, probably of Orange county, and the family is of Welsh lineage. That the early representatives of the name in America came here in colonial days is indicated by the fact that William S. Berry was a soldier of the war of 1812.

Benjamin C. Berry was but a boy when his parents removed to Illinois, and there amid the wild scenes of frontier life he was reared. In 1869 he came to Iowa with his son, William H. Berry, and settled on the farm which he had purchased near Indianola. There he resided until two years prior to his death, when he retired from active business life and took up his abode in Indianola, where he remained until called to the home beyond. His widow still resides there. She bore the maiden name of Isabella Van Eaton, and is a daughter of Joseph and Marian Van Eaton. She lost her mother when only four or five years of age, and her father died in 1880. Benjamin C. Berry was an enterprising farmer and good business man and bore an unassailable reputation for commercial integrity. The Methodist Episcopal church found in him a most devoted and zealous member, and for many years he served as chairman of its board of trustees. His early political allegiance was given to the whig party, but being thoroughly in sympathy with the principles which gave rise to the republican party, he joined its ranks on its organization and continued to march under its banners during the remainder of his life. He was a member of the board of supervisors and acted as its chairman.



M. W. Ferry

At the time of the Civil war Benjamin C. Berry espoused the Union cause, enlisting on the 15th of August, 1862, as a member of the One Hundred and Fourteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He went to the front with Company D and for three years defended the stars and stripes, being mustered out in March, 1865. He had organized the company at Virginia, Illinois, and was elected its captain. At the time he was mustered out, however, he had been disabled by a gunshot wound in the wrist and had resigned his commission. For some time on active duty, he participated in the siege of Vicksburg, in the battles of Nashville, Guntown and Tupelo, and at the last named was wounded. He was also in a number of skirmishes and raids, including the raid on Jackson, Mississippi. Throughout the period of his residence in Warren county he was as loyal to the interests of local advancement and national progress as he was when he followed the nation's starry banner on the battlefields of the south. His death occurred on the 8th of April, 1894.

William H. Berry was reared upon the home farm and attended the country schools. Through the summer months he worked in the fields and was connected with the labors of the farm until about twenty years of age, when, desirous of enjoying better educational privileges than he had hitherto received, he entered Simpson College in 1867 and was graduated in 1872, completing a scientific course and winning the B. S. and M. S. degrees. Determining upon a professional career, Mr. Berry took up the study of law with J. H. Henderson as his preceptor, and after thorough preliminary reading was admitted to the bar in August, 1873. On the 1st of September he formed a partnership with Judge Henderson and the relation was maintained until December 1, 1885, when the Judge was elevated to the bench. Mr. Berry then practiced alone until January 1, 1896, when Judge Henderson resigned and the old firm of Henderson & Berry was reorganized and maintained an existence until August 1, 1901. Since that time Mr. Berry has been alone in practice and bears the reputation of being a most successful lawyer, devoting his whole time and attention to his professional duties. His practice is extensive and of an important character. He is remarkable among lawyers for the wide research and provident care with which he prepares his cases, and at no time has his reading ever been confined to the limitations of the question at issue. Combined with his legal learning are tact, patience and industry and he has moreover an analytical mind which enables him to recognize the points that constitute his case and to give to each its due relative value.

On the 12th of May, 1875, Mr. Berry was married to Miss Alice M. Barker, who was born in Indianola, July 25, 1853, a daughter of Moses R. and Rachel Barker, who came to this city in 1851, her father being one of the pioneer merchants here. Mr. and Mrs. Berry have but one child, Don L., who was born October 8, 1880, and is now farming on the Berry homestead, which his father purchased. He wedded Bertha Sloan, of Dexter, Iowa, and they have one child, Thomas S.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Berry are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and they belong to that class of citizens whose well known position in support of all that tends to benefit the community in educational, social

and moral lines gives them right to rank with the leading residents of Indianola.

Mr. Berry is a member of the Masonic fraternity, the Odd Fellows lodge, and the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and gives political support to the republican party. He was a member of the general assembly of Iowa as representative in the upper house from January 1, 1896, until December 31, 1900, and as senator he left the impress of his individuality upon the laws enacted during that period and labored for the interests of the commonwealth, placing the general good before partisanship and the interests of the public at large before personal aggrandizement. He belongs to the Grant Club of Des Moines and also to the Loyal Legion of Iowa, while in more specifically professional lines he is connected with the Iowa State Bar Association. Since his admission to the bar he has attended every term of court with the exception of one, when his absence was occasioned by illness. He is a vigilant and attentive observer of men and measures and is not only well read in the law but always keeps abreast with the best thinking men of the age concerning those questions which are of vital importance to state and nation.

A. B. McINTOSH.

Specific recognition should surely be given to A. B. McIntosh in the history of Warren county, for since pioneer days he has resided within its borders and in an active business career has won success. He has been identified with both merchandising and farming although his real life work has been in agricultural lines. As the years have passed the capable direction of his business affairs and his indefatigable energy have won him gratifying prosperity. It is not alone his success, however, that entitles him to the respect and admiration of his fellowmen, for in other lines his activities have benefited the community. He has been especially generous in his support of the Methodist denomination in building churches in this part of the state and at all times gives his endorsement to measures and movements which are calculated to promote the material, intellectual, social and moral advancement of the community.

Mr. McIntosh is now living retired at New Virginia. His birth occurred in Taylor county, West Virginia, October 31, 1839. His father, Elijah B. McIntosh, probably a native of the Old Dominion, was of Irish descent and devoted his entire life to farming, and was for many years a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal church and died in that faith in West Virginia at the age of fifty years. The mother, Rebecca (Sayres) McIntosh, was born in Virginia and died in West Virginia at the very advanced age of eighty-six years. Their family numbered twelve children, nine of whom reached adult age, while five are still living, as follows: A. B., of this review; Hannah, the wife of E. Freeman, a resident of New Virginia; Benjamin S., who makes his home in