

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative McAclran, William Henry Senator _____

Represented Davis County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place Nov 1847 Shelbyville, Illinois

2. Marriage (s) date place

George Lee 1873

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business President of the Board of Regents of the Southern Iowa Normal School

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Pharmacist

4. Church membership Unitarian

5. Sessions served 26th General Assembly 1896

6. Public Offices

A. Local _____

B. State President of the Board of Regents of the Southern Iowa Normal School at Bloomfield, Iowa

C. National _____

7. Death 21 Apr 1917 Bloomfield, Iowa; buried IOOF Cemetery, Bloomfield, Iowa

8. Children Mary (Mrs. Jinnel); Ruth (Mrs. E. D. Burdett)

9. Names of parents Samuel and Sarah M. (Lee) McAclran

10. Education _____

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He came to Bloomfield Iowa with his parents at age 6 months.
- At age 17 he began working as a clerk at the A. D. Gibbons drug store and later he became a partner.
- After Mr. Gibbons' death he conducted the business alone until his death.
- His father, Samuel H. McAshray, was also a member of the Iowa Legislature serving in the 4th, 5th General Assemblies 1852, 1854 and later was killed in the Civil War.



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Des Moines, Ia.

W.H. M. Schran Ref Davis Co.

of Iowa if he Votes for the Army Conscription Bill

PETITIONING RAMSEYER

Ottumwans Urging Congressman to Support President's Draft.

Citizens of Ottumwa without regard to political creed or walk of life are signing petitions and telegrams that are being sent to Congressman C. W. Ramseyer at Washington asking him to support the president's selective draft plan for the army.

Several of these have been passed about the streets since last Thursday and are still being signed and sent in by mail or telegraph to impress upon the representative the sentiment here for raising an army along the lines the president has suggested.

The text of the various petitions and telegrams leave nothing unsaid in making plain what the senders think. One of the messages reads:

"We urge the support of the president's selective draft plan for the army. This is no time for pussy footing."

Another reads: "We urge support of the president's selective draft for the army. Do not delay any longer."

The numerous messages of this kind have been signed in large numbers and those who have circulated them say that no one thus far approached has refused to sign them. The movement for reaching the members of Congress and the senators as well, was started last Thursday at the luncheon given at the Commercial club for Gen. H. A. Allen of the Iowa brigade who spoke in the evening at the Loyalty day exercises. Since that time the idea has taken like wildfire and numerous letters and telegrams have found ready signers.—Tuesday's Courier.

SAX HOTEL SOLD

Frank W. Ferguson of Bloomfield is the New Landlord.

Last Friday, Frank W. Ferguson of this city purchased the interest of Mr. P. S. Perkins in the Sax Hotel, taking possession that day.

The traveling public has enjoyed the excellent service extended at the Sax and is assured of a continuance of the same under the new proprietor, who is an old knight of the grip, having had many years' experience as a traveling salesman.

Mr. and Mrs. Perkins will leave the latter part of this week for Fort Scott, Kansas, where they will reside in Bloomfield they have given an ex-

IN DRUG BUSINESS SINCE 1864

W. H. McAchran, For Many Years a Leader in the Local Business World, Died Saturday.

A large audience gathered at the M. E. church Monday afternoon to pay their respects and last tribute to one of their fellow citizens and established business men, W. H. McAchran, who died at his home at Bloomfield, Saturday afternoon of last week.

The funeral service was indicative of the quiet purposeful life which the late citizen, ex-representative and business man had lived in his daily walk among the people of this community. The service was opened with an invocation by Rev. M. C. Campbell of the Nazarene church, and the singing of "The Better Land" by a quartet composed of Miss Carrie Davies, Mrs. C. V. Karr, Messrs. J. W. Davis and H. C. Brown, with John Teed as organist. The scripture lesson was read by Dr. C. A. Alden, followed by prayer by Rev. G. E. Von Hagen of the Baptist church. Preceding the expression of appreciation from the ministry of the city, given by Rev. H. C. Duckett of the Presbyterian church, the quartet sang, "I'm a Pilgrim." Following the word by Rev. Duckett, Dr. C. A. Alden, pastor of the Universalist church of Galesburg, Illinois, preached a most scholarly and eloquent sermon, paying appreciation of the unique fact that it was his first experience of preaching a Universalist funeral sermon where the resident ministers of the city were participants in the service, and the service itself held in a Methodist church. His sermon was an exposition of the faith of the deceased man, that of a Universalist, and a faith which Mr. McAchran had possessed and proved by his life, and to which the audience present at the service, acknowledged by their attendance. The large congregation of friends and business associates which filled the spacious room of the church sat with a marked attentive silence during the entire service. The service at the church was closed with a prayer by Dr. Alden, and the singing of "Lead Kindly Light," by the quartet. Following this Rev. H. B. Scoles of the Methodist church dismissed the congregation. The services were completed at the grave.

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The new management desires to announce that the dining room will be open on Sundays at 12:30 p.m. in the future instead of the hour previously announced.

FALLS HEIR TO FORTUNE

Walt Adams Employs Atty. Deupree to Aid Him Secure Share of Estate

Walter Adams, of south of town, will leave Friday for Thomas, Okla., where he will attend a meeting of eight heirs to the estate of his double cousin, Herman Adams, deceased. Mr. Adams has employed Harlan T. Deupree as his attorney at the meeting. Enroute to Oklahoma City, where Mr. Deupree will join him, Mr. Adams will stop at Joplin, Mo., where he will meet one of the cousins, who is also an heir. The heirs are all cousins of the deceased man, and are the only ones known to be living who would participate in the settling of the estate, which amounts to possibly \$75,000. The other six heirs reside in the state of Kentucky.

The residence on the Mrs. Matthews farm, southwest of this place, burned to the ground last Friday at about noon. It caught from the flue and was soon discovered by neighbors and those passing. Almost all of the furniture was saved but the building was entirely destroyed. It was occupied by Irvin Matthews, who was in town at the time.—Milton Herald.

Forest Colliver received word from Rudolph Lain in which he states that he with Ralph Brown were assigned to the 23d Co., squad 3, while Sam Wray, James Cox, Wendell Newton and others were assigned to the 23rd Co., but a different squad. He also stated his satisfaction at the quarters assigned them after they had passed, but spoke little of previous environment.

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The remains lay in state in the church for an hour preceding the service. During the funeral services the casket was closed. At the I. O. O. F. cemetery the body was laid to rest with beautiful ceremony.

The pallbearers were, W. P. Caldwell, C. D. Fortune, J. R. Wallace, H. C. Leach, H. A. Wishard and G. W. Phillips.

William H. McAchran was born at Shelbyville, Illinois, in November, 1847, and came with his parents to Bloomfield when but six months old. When a lad of seventeen he entered the drug store of A. D. Gibbons as a clerk. Later he became a partner, and the firm name of Gibbons & McAchran was a household word even after the death of Mr. Gibbons about ten years ago. After the death of his partner, Mr. McAchran purchased the interest of the senior partner and conducted the business himself until his death.

As a citizen of Bloomfield and Davis county he was always an active participant in the religious, political and commercial interests. He was one of the charter members of the First Universalist church of this city, when it was organized in 1872, and during the time the society existed in this city, he was a prominent and valued member. Being a man of sober and industrious habits, he was a strong supporter of the temperance cause in the city and state up until the cause became a political issue and was settled through legislation recently. Politically, he was a counseled member of the republican party, and his election in 1895 as a member to the Twenty-sixth general assembly and the extra session of 1897, proved the estimation of the electorate in this county. While in the legislature he fathered the bill which provided that a fire insurance policy could not be taken out for more than the actual valuation of the property insured, which bill is a part of the present insurance law of the state.

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**IN DRUG BUSINESS
SINCE 1864**

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As a business man he was highly respected and admired for his staunch principles and dealings. After the death of the late J. R. Sheaffer he was the oldest business man in the city, having been in business over 52 years.

After the death of Dr. D. C. Greenleaf, twenty years ago, he was chosen president of the Board of Regents of the Southern Iowa Normal, and held that position at the time of his death. His interest in the school was felt many times when the institution seemed destined for closing, but recognizing the influence and worth of such an institution he with others saved it to the city and county.

His passing will be regretted in many ways by the citizens of the community.

Besides his wife he leaves two daughters, Mrs. Mary Tinus of this city, and Mrs. E. D. Burchett of Waco, Texas.

PLEASANT RIDGE

Pleasant Ridge, April 23.—

Miss Carrie Dyer and Miss Bertha Parker were callers at the Alex Garretson home, Saturday.

John Bollinger has moved to the I. P. Mason farm.

A fine rain in this vicinity, Wednesday.

Ira Thompson and wife were in the county seat, Tuesday.

Alex Garretson and wife spent Sunday at the Dave Clark home, east of Floris.

Isaac Mason has moved to the Briggs farm.

Charlie Griggs has an acre of potatoes planted.

Miss Nora Dyer of Ottumwa visited at the parental home, Saturday and Sunday.

Alex Garretson was at the Ira Thompson and John Carpenter homes, Sunday.

Road dragging is the order of the day in this vicinity.

for a week's visit has returned home.

Mr. Forbes, of Ottumwa, spent last week at the Robert Murray home.

Warden Dyer, who has been in Clay county since last fall has returned home. He will build a house for his father, this summer.

Mrs. Will Smith spent Sunday afternoon at the John Champ home.

Earl Fisk was a pleasant caller at his uncle, Alex Garretson, Saturday.

Leslie Thompson has volunteered in the service of his country.

WHITE ELM

White Elm, April 23.—

D. A. Lanman and wife visited Sunday with Frank McClure's.

Mrs. J. M. Carroll spent Friday night and Saturday in Keosauqua at the home of her son, H. B. Carroll.

Mrs. Fae Underwood, of Udell, is visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Davison, of this place.

C. B. Anderson and family, of Ottumwa, were over Sunday visitors at Cal Anderson's.

Mrs. Roy Davis was a Selma caller, Saturday.

Lela Harward, Bertha Heger, W. K. Carroll and Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Carroll were shopping in Keokuk, Saturday.

Miss Lela Pottorff spent Saturday night with Reva Parker.

Mrs. Mag Lanman spent Sunday with Mrs. Ellen McMickle.

Al Davis and family spent Sunday at Marion Henkle's.

T. W. Rodgers and son were business callers in Selma, Saturday.

Mr. Geo. Garrison visited a few days last week with his niece, Mrs. Ed Parker.

Bill McClure, of Eldon, was in this neighborhood buying cattle one day last week.

Mrs. Clay Hinkle called on Mrs. John Perry, Saturday afternoon.

Lena Six was a caller at Marion Henkle's, Saturday.

Mrs. Maude Lanman was in Selma on business, Saturday.

Charlie Laughlin called on Roy Davis, Friday.

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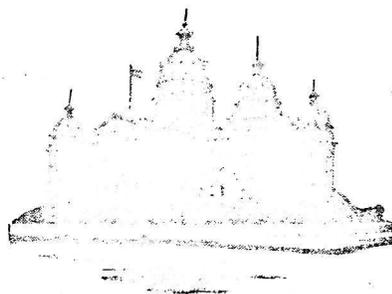
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W. H. McACHRAN was born at Shelbyville, Illinois, in November, 1847, and died at Bloomfield, Iowa, April 21, 1917. He came with his parents to Bloomfield when only six months old. When a lad of seventeen he entered as a clerk the drug store of A. D. Gibbons. He later became a partner and upon Mr. Gibbons' death in 1907 became sole owner, retaining the business until his own death. For twenty years he was a member of the board of regents of the Southern Iowa Normal School at Bloomfield. In 1895 he was elected representative and served in the Twenty-sixth and Twenty-sixth extra General Assembly.

NELS LARSEN was born in Sogn, Norway, September 1, 1841, and died at his home at Spring Grove, Minnesota, February 26, 1917. He came with his father to America in 1854, stopping that winter in Minnesota but in 1855 locating in Winneshiek County, Iowa. Here he engaged in farming. In 1879 he was elected a member of the county board of supervisors and served six years. In 1885 he was elected representative and was re-elected in 1887, serving in the Twenty-first and Twenty-second general assemblies. He continued to live on his farm in Winneshiek County until 1914, in the meantime holding different township offices. In 1914 he retired, moving to Spring Grove, Minnesota.

HENRY C. BURGESS was born in Fairfield, Maine, December 20, 1846, and died at Cresco, Iowa, March 8, 1917. He came with his parents to Lansing, Iowa, in 1861, and to Howard County in 1865. His education was obtained in common schools. He was employed at Ossian by the Fleming Lumber Company for fifteen years. In 1880 he went to Elma, conducting a mercantile business there. In 1885 he purchased the Fleming lumber business at Cresco and conducted it until 1915. In 1906 he was elected senator from the Howard-Winneshick district, and served in the Thirty-second, Thirty-second extra and Thirty-third general assemblies.

CHARLES F. CROSE was born at Sidney, Iowa, March 16, 1856, and died at his home at Santa Ana, California, January 11, 1917. As a boy he clerked in his brother's store at Manti, before Shenandoah was founded. When the new town was born the store was removed to it in wagons. This was one of the first stores in Shenandoah and Mr. Crose was connected with it as clerk or as partner for nearly forty years, excepting one year when he studied medicine and one year when he took a business course at Bryant & Stratton's Business College in Chicago. He was elected representative from Page County in 1903, and served in the Thirty-first and Thirty-second general assemblies. In 1910 he removed to Santa Ana, California.

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William H McAchran

Birth **Oct 1847** in [Illinois, United States](#)
 Death **1917** in [Lot 199, Iowa City, Wright, Iowa, United States](#)

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Timeline [\(View details\)](#)

1847 Oct	Birth Illinois, United States	7 source citations
1850 Age: 3	Residence Bloomfield, Davis, Iowa	1 source citation
1873 Age: 26	Marriage to Flora J. Mc Achran	1 source citation
1880 Age: 33	Residence Bloomfield, Davis, Iowa, United States	1 source citation
1885 Age: 38	Residence Bloomfield	1 source citation
1895 Age: 48	Residence Bloomfield, Davis, Iowa	1 source citation
1900 Age: 53	Residence Bloomfield, Davis, Iowa	1 source citation
1900 Age: 53	Residence Bloomfield, Davis, Iowa	1 source citation
1910 Age: 63	Residence Bloomfield Ward 2, Davis, Iowa	1 source citation
1917 Age: 70	Death Lot 199, Iowa City, Wright, Iowa, United States	1 source citation

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Family Members

Parents

- Samuel McAchran**
1818 – 1861
- Sarah McAchran**
1823 –

[Show siblings](#)

Spouse & Children

- Flora J. Mc Achran**
1854 – 1920
- Mary M McAchran**
1876 –
- Ruth Mc Achran**
1882 –

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1850 United States Federal Census

1 citation provides evidence for **Name, Residence, Birth**

1880 United States Federal Census

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1900 United States Federal Census

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Iowa Cemetery Records

1 citation provides evidence for **Birth, Death, Name**

Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925

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1900 United States Federal Census

Name: **Will H Mc Achran**
[Will H Mcechran]

Home in 1900: Bloomfield, Davis, Iowa

Age: 52

Birth Date: Oct 1847

Birthplace: Illinois

Race: White

Gender: Male

Relationship to head-of-house: Head

Father's Birthplace: Kentucky

Mother's Birthplace: Indiana

Spouse's Name: Flora J Mc Achran

Marriage year: 1873

Marital Status: Married

Years married: 27

Occupation: [View on Image](#)

Neighbors: [View others on page](#)

Household Name	Age
Members: Will H Mc Achran	52
Flora J Mc Achran	46
Ruth Mc Achran	17

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Iowa Cemetery Records

Name: **Willard H. McAchran**
Death Date: **1917**
Page #: **80**
Birth Date: **1847**
Cemetery: **I. O. O. F.**
Town: **Bloomfield**
Level Info: *Grave Stone Records of Davis County, Iowa; copied by Graves Registration W. P. A. Project*

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