

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Wilken, Frank Henry Senator _____

Represented Lee County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 9 Dec 1857 Fort Madison, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place
Anna M. Luebbers 21 May 1878

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Served for 10 years as director of the Fort Madison Building and Loan Association being president 1895 - 1899

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Merchant, real estate and insurance business

4. Church membership Catholic

5. Sessions served 24th 25th General Assemblies 1892 and 1894

6. Public Offices

A. Local Fort Madison school board member 1886 - 1889; Fort Madison city council member 1888 - 1900; served as substitute mayor of Fort Madison when called upon

B. State Member of the Iowa Mutual Protective Association

C. National _____

7. Death 4 Sept 1916 Fort Madison, Iowa, buried Sacred Heart Cemetery, Fort Madison, Iowa

8. Children Margaret A. (Mrs. O'Brien); Clara M. (Mrs. Kelly); Helen A. (Mrs. Armitrout); William A.

9. Names of parents William and Agnes (Shuetts) Wilken

Wilken, Frank H.

10. Education He was educated in the Dist Madison public school
and also in private parochial school

11. Degrees

12. Other applicable information

Democrat

- His parents were from Germany.
- He began business for himself in February 1876, several months before he
became a citizen.
- At first he conducted a small grocery store that eventually grew into
large proportions and had a large patronage.

Wilken, Frank H.

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
- Lee Gentry Howe Record - WPA			
- Progressive Men of Iowa 1899, p. 483-484			
- Article - <u>The Renwick Times</u> , Renwick, Iowa			
			Iowa. Sept. 28, 1916, p. 3, col. 4
- <u>Obituary - The Evening Democrat</u> , Fort Madison, Iowa			
			Iowa. Sept. 5, 1916, p. 5, col. 2

Hon. F. H. Wilken Called by Death

Died at Sacred Heart Hospital Monday.

Was Prominent Figure Commercially and Politically Here for Last Quarter of a Century.

Frank H. Wilken, a native of Fort Madison and prominently identified with commercial and political activity of this city, this country and this part of the state for the past thirty years, passed away at Sacred Heart hospital at 7:45 a. m. Monday, September, 4, 1916, his death following complications from which he had been a patient sufferer for the past two years. He had been confined to the hospital for eleven weeks.

Mr. Wilken's life and the fruits of his life were exemplary. He was born at Fort Madison September 9, 1857, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Wilken, pioneer residents of this section. He was 59 years of age at the time of his death. For several years he conducted a general merchandise business here, was a successful business man, one whose integrity and word was never questioned. He held the interests of the city well at heart and was frequently vested with public positions of prominence and responsibility. He has served the democratic party as committeeman for perhaps as long as any resident in the county. For several terms he was a member of the city council and during the incumbency of Mayor Hamilton was often called upon to take over the duties of the city's highest executive. He served in the lower house of the state legislature during the 24th and 25th general assemblies as representative from this district. For the past six years he has been doing real estate and insurance business, maintaining his office at 1307 Front street. His residence was at 1236 Fifth street.

He was united in marriage May 21, 1878, to Miss Anna M. Luebbbers, who survives him with three daughters and one son, Margaret A. Wilken O'Brien of Keokuk, Clara M. Wilken Kelly of Great Falls, Mont., Helen A. Wilken Armintrout of this city, and William F. Wilken, also of this city. There are seven great grandchildren, Geo. M. Wilken of this city is a brother and Mrs. J. S. Dietcher of Chicago and Mrs. A. Beimer of San Bernardino, Calif. are sisters.

Mr. Wilken will be missed not only for his citizenship, but for his family devotion, his faithful regard for his religious duties, and all else that went to make for him a monument of respect and esteem. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic church.

Funeral services, private, from the residence and from St. Mary's church at 9:00 a. m., Thursday, thence by motor to Sacred Heart cemetery, where internment will be made. Please omit flowers.

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Former Iowa Illinois Candidate.
Iowa City.—Frank O. Lowden, former Iowa, and graduate of the law department of the State university of Iowa, is the Republican nominee for governor of Illinois with a plurality of more than 85,000 over the two other Republican candidates.

Improving Water System.
Hampton.—It is hoped that at least twelve blocks of new water mains can be laid here this fall. The size will range from four-inch to eight-inch. Work has been delayed because of lack of material.

County Agent for Palo Alto.
Ames.—Palo Alto county, the 19th county in Iowa to organize for the employment of a county agricultural agent, has secured the services of Bert J. France, an Iowa State college graduate in agriculture, class of 1910. Mr. France was a farmer boy until 1906, when he came to Iowa State.

Greene.—Greene has been enjoying a rapid growth in the past few years and many new houses have been built each year for the past several years. Seventeen new houses have been erected this season. Some of them are completed, and others are in the course of construction.

Former State Senator Dead.
Fort Madison.—Frank Wilken, prominent in democratic politics in Lee county and southeastern Iowa for the last twenty-five years, former senator from this district, died following a lingering illness.

Woman Has Big Job.
Decorah.—For the first time in its history a woman will have entire charge of the State Teachers' convention at Des Moines in November. She is Mrs. Eva Fleming of Decorah, who was elected to the executive committee three years ago.

Pushing Extension Work.
E. L. Masqueray, capitol extension architect, is expected to confer with the state executive council in a few days. The work on the extension is progressing rapidly. The foundation for the big concrete bridge is in. The grading west of the state house is practically completed.

Per Capita Wealth Increased.
The per capita wealth in Iowa is \$2,761, according to Ora Williams, auditor of the state census. Iowa has 682,476 hogs, 1,464,993 horses and 4,183,953 cattle.

Different Report For Accidents.
The reports of accidents in which automobiles hit trains, which are sent to the state railroad commission are entirely different from the story usually told by the driver of the auto. Recently an auto was wrecked at a railroad crossing near Des Moines.

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as a court lawyer, and as such has but few equals in the state.

Mr. Joy has always been a staunch republican. He was a member of the lower house in the Eleventh and Twelfth General Assemblies and spent most of his time in Des Moines during the session of the Thirteenth General Assembly, in 1868, looking after legislation for the purpose of securing railways for northwestern Iowa. In this capacity he probably did as much work for his constituents as any member of the legislature, for the legislation he secured has been of inestimable benefit to that part of the state. Having accomplished this work, Mr. Joy has since refused the solicitations of friends to become a candidate for any office, though he served two years as a member of the board of capitol commissioners during the inception of the great enterprise of building the state house. Friends urged him to be a candidate for district or circuit judge, a position he was peculiarly well qualified to fill, but he never encouraged such movements. Mr. Joy has been a prominent lay member of the Baptist church for more than forty-two years. He was married October 18, 1859, to Frances A. Stone, of Westmoreland, N. H. They have two children, the elder, C. L., the lawyer, and Helen F., wife of Giles W. Brown, general manager of the Sioux Milling company, of which Mr. Joy is president. Mr. Joy has always been deeply interested in school matters, and for more than twenty years he gave his valuable time and business experience to the school board of Sioux City, as member and president. To the wise management given the district's affairs by these directors, who included some of the most prominent citizens of the city, is due the excellent condition of the public schools and most of the valuable property owned by the district. Mr. Joy was president of the Sioux National bank, the heaviest in Sioux City, from its organization until January, 1896. He has been a stockholder and otherwise connected with various financial institutions in Sioux City, that have felt the impress of his ability. He is a strong man, physically, mentally and morally, takes an active interest in all public enterprises for the improvement of the city, and it has been fortunate in having such a man among its early settlers.

His has been the work of helping to lay a solid foundation for a great and growing city.

WILKEN, FRANK HENRY, of Fort Madison, is one of the well-known business men and prominent politicians of southeastern Iowa. He is of German parentage, his father, William Wilken, a contractor and builder, having been born in Soegel, Kreis Meppen, Hanover, in 1822, while his mother, Agnes Shuette, was born in Hoerst, Bezirk, Minden, August 7, 1824. He comes of excellent ancestors, many of them having belonged to the learned professions. The mayorship of the city of Grossen Stavern was held by the Wilken family for eight years.

F. H. Wilken was born September 9, 1857, at Fort Madison, Lee county, Iowa.



His education was obtained in the public schools of that city, and in private parochial schools. He began business for himself in February, 1878, several months before he became of age. He at first conducted a small grocery store, and to this he has continued to add year by year, until his business has increased to large proportions, and he now owns a fine stock of general merchandise, and enjoys a splendid patronage.

Politically, Mr. Wilken has always been a democrat. He was a member of the school board from 1886 to 1889, and during his term of office was an earnest worker for the promotion of the best interests of

the public schools, securing numerous improvements in the way of better buildings and progressive methods of training. He was elected a member of the city council of Fort Madison in 1888, and re-elected without opposition in 1890, serving as president of the council during all but one year that he held the office. In 1892 he was elected to the Twenty-fourth General Assembly, as a member of the house, and served again during the Twenty-fifth. While in the legislature he took an active part in helping to repeal the prohibitory liquor law, believing that a license system should be allowed where the former law could not be enforced. Mr. Wilken belongs to the Catholic church, and is a member of the German Roman Catholic Benevolent society, serving as president during the years 1895, 1896, 1897, and 1898, having served as state vice-president of the Central Verein in 1895. He also belongs to the Iowa Mutual Protective association, and to the Fort Madison or St. Joseph Benevolent society. He has served for ten years as director of the Fort Madison Building and Loan association, being president thereof in 1898 and 1899.

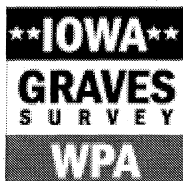
He was married May 21, 1878, to Anna M. Luebbers, and they have four children: Margaret M., born February 24, 1879; William F., born November 1, 1881; Clara M., born October 24, 1887, and Helen A., born June 27, 1890.

MARSTON, CHARLES SAMUEL, of Mason City, is one of the most promising young physicians of that section of the state. Like so many other successful professional men, he is the son of a farmer, and was brought up in the country. His father, G. W. Marston, still lives on the homestead in Illinois, where his family of seven children grew up. He was a veteran of the civil war, having enlisted in the Fifteenth Illinois infantry on the first call. He fought in several battles, and at the battle of Shiloh received three wounds, and was soon afterwards discharged on account of his disabilities. The Marstons are descendants of an old New England family, the doctor's great-grandfather having been wounded at the battle of Bunker Hill. The family originally lived in Vermont and New York, but migrated to Illinois early in the 40's. The doctor's mother, Sarah Scott, came from Pennsylvania to Illinois when she was a child, and previous to her marriage was a prominent

teacher. She is the daughter of Amos Scott, a retired physician, and on her mother's side is a direct descendant of the McCarty's, who are known in history for the important part they took in the early Indian wars in Pennsylvania. Dr. Charles Marston was born February 6, 1870, near Seward, Winnebago county, Ill., and was the third of seven children, the oldest being Anson, who is now professor of civil engineering at the Iowa State college at Ames. He obtained his general education in the country schools and in the high school at Rockford, Ill., and in the meantime worked on the farm during vacations.



In 1888, at the age of 18, he secured a position as clerk in a drug store at Rockford, where he remained two years, at the same time studying medicine under Dr. R. Sager. He entered Rush Medical college at Chicago in 1890, graduating March 29, 1893. Immediately after his graduation he came to Mason City and began the practice of medicine, in which he was most successful. Dr. Marston is a member of the Baptist church. In politics he is a republican. He was married July 15, 1890, to Miss Evelyn Scott, daughter of Frank B. Scott, deceased (a member of the Second Illinois cavalry in the civil war), and a great-great-granddaughter of General



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WILKEN	Bernard J.	1860	1910	Sacred Heart	Ft. Madison	Lee	~
WILKEN	Frank	1857	1916	Sacred Heart	Ft. Madison	Lee	~
WILKEN	Geo. M.	11/05/1836	09/12/1927	Sacred Heart	Ft. Madison	Lee	Born Ft. Mac
WILKEN	Harry J.	1889	1929	Sacred Heart	Ft. Madison	Lee	~
WILKEN	John B.	1885	1921	Sacred Heart	Ft. Madison	Lee	~

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