

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Williams William Wade with Senator

Represented Howard County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 12 Oct 1853 Green Lake County, Wisconsin

2. Marriage (s) date place

Margaret E. Roberts 7 Oct 1891

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Director and president of First National Bank of Lewis Springs, Iowa

B. Civic responsibilities

C. Profession Owner and operator of a mill at Foreston, Iowa (later called Forest City, Iowa); farmer; banker

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 24<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies 1892, 1894

6. Public Offices

A. Local Howard County, surveyor 1881-1883; member of Lewis Springs school board and the president for 8 years.

B. State

C. National

7. Death 25 May 1922 Minneapolis, Minnesota. buried Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Lewis Springs, Iowa

8. Children Dwight; Jennie; Mary; Wendell; Homer

9. Names of parents Rev. John Daniel and Mary (Hugos) Williams

Williams, William Wadsworth

10. Education Educated in the common schools of Wisconsin

11. Degrees Graduate of Minnesota State University, B.A. in 1880

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He with his father to Howard County Iowa first settling at Bristol, Iowa  
Minnesota in 1866 and moving to Jorston, Iowa in 1873. (Jorston  
is now Jorist City, Iowa).
- His father owned and operated the Jorston mill about of his son.
- After college he engaged in farming and in operating a flour and grist mill  
at Jorston, Iowa.
- In 1902 the family moved to Linn Springs, Iowa and in 1915 they moved  
to Minneapolis, both moves were so the children would receive educational  
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### Obituary.

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Mr. Williams died in his home in  
Minneapolis on Thursday, May 25,  
1922, and leaves surviving him his  
widow, three sons and two daughters,  
Dight, Jennie, Wendell, Mary and  
Gower Williams, one brother, Mr.  
Daniel Williams and one sister, Mrs.  
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Accounts regarding the exact date of the beginning of the Foreston Roller Mills are somewhat contradictory. Records indicate that construction was begun in 1856, slightly before the building of the saw mill at Lime Spring. The land on which the Foreston Mill was erected was preempted from the government by James G. Upton, then was purchased by A. W. Rice Construction Company, builders of the mill. One of the early settlers employed on this work was L. H. Van Niman.<sup>1</sup> Joel A. Daniels soon bought the property and he continued to operate the mill until 1871.

A post office was opened at Foreston on January 6, 1857, with C. S. Thurber as postmaster. Here on the river, the first real store in the township was established by Peter Velie in 1854. By 1861, Foreston is said to have contained at least fifty buildings: many dwellings, the necessary blacksmith shop, wagon repair shop, general store, and school house. S. L. Cary was another pioneer merchant who opened his first business at Foreston. In 1861 the first classes of the Academy were modestly begun in the Craig home.

A village of more than twenty blocks was platted in August, 1856, complete with public square, and with streets named Water, Main, Fremont, Dayton, Cedar, Spring, Bluff, Iowa, Howard, and Grove.<sup>2</sup>

In 1871, the Reverend John D. Williams (one of the early Welsh ministers) purchased the mill, and in due time it came to his son, the Honorable W. W. Williams. W. W. Williams was a son of the Rev. John D. Williams who first came to Bristol in 1866 and to Foreston in 1873. He received the usual education in the public schools, and being an earnest student, entered the Minnesota State University, graduating in 1880. In 1891 he was elected to the State Legislature, and was re-elected in 1893. Mr. Williams is remembered as a gentlement of fine ability, culture, and character. He was married to Miss Margaret Roberts, and there were five children, Dwight, Jennie, Mary, Wendell and Gomer.

<sup>1</sup>Levi H. Van Niman entered the township in 1856. In 1857 he erected a fine log house on his farm one mile east of Old Town (the R. H. Jones farm), and this log house was still in use in 1883. The Van Niman home was identified by all as the house with the huge rack of elk antlers mounted over the door.

<sup>2</sup>Foreston was platted as Forest City. One of the earliest settlers had come from Forreston, Illinois, and this may account for the name.



Foreston mill, dam, and bridge, as seen in 1909.



W. W. Williams, for many years associated with the Foreston mill, as owner and operator, as was his father, before him.

Outline of Personal History of

P. C. 4th

RESIDENCE

Williams, W. B.  
Lime Springs

Kindly furnish on this sheet the necessary data for a personal sketch and return at your early convenience. Every question is important.

EDGAR R. HARLAN, CURATOR

The Historical Department of Iowa

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(This form is for use in collecting data on deceased as well as living persons. Appropriate alterations may be made in matter below.)

1. Name in full (all names) *William Madeworth Williams*
2. Chief occupation or profession *Miller (retired)*
3. Former occupation or profession *Miller and farmer*
4. Date and place of beginning each *Foreston Iowa about 1874*
5. Present residence address *Lime Springs, Iowa*
6. Present business address *" "*
7. Date of birth *Oct. 12 1853*
8. Place of birth *Green Lake Co. Wis.*
9. If born abroad, where
10. Emigrated to America, when
11. First migrated to what state and county, whether born abroad or in America *from Wis to Fullmore Co Minn. in 1866*
12. Emigrated the second time to what state or county *to Howard Co Ia in 1873*
13. Further emigration, if any
14. Education. Give name and location of rural, high, business or technical school, college or university. *State University, Minneapolis, Minn.*
15. Date of graduation and degree if any *1880, Bachelor of Arts.*



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Des Moines,

Oct. 19, 1914.

My dear Mr. Williams:

As yet I have not received your biographical outline, almost imperative for me to have before November 1st in order to supply indispensable data to the office of Secretary of State.

If for any reason you do not wish us to permanently preserve full biographical information, I trust you will at once give me at least the information called for below.

Sincerely,



Hon. W. W. Williams,  
Lime Springs, Iowa.

What is your age?

61

How long have you lived in Iowa?

41 years

What is your occupation?

Retired farmer and builder

For what are you a candidate?

Congress

On what ticket are you nominated?

Prohibition

What is the number of your district?

4th

What is your post office?

Lime Springs

16. Place of death.....
17. Date of death.....
18. Place of burial.....
19. Name of father in full (all names)..... John Daniel Williams
20. Occupation of father..... Minister and farmer
21. Full Maiden name of mother (all names)..... Mary Roberts
22. Residence when married..... ~~Carmanon Spine North West U.S.~~  
Howard Co. Iowa
23. ~~Military service, if any (exact dates)~~.....
24. Political offices, (from the smallest to the largest, with dates)..... County Surveyor elected  
in 1881. Held office two years.  
Member of Legislature two terms (House)  
Election of 1891 and 1893.
25. Director or trustee of financial, religious and educational institutions..... Director, and  
President of Board, First National  
Bank, Mine Springs, Iowa
26. Politics..... Prohibitionist
27. Religious denomination if any..... Calvinistic Methodist
28. Religious preference if non-affiliated with a denomination.....
29. Member of what societies or associations of learning.....
30. Member of what secret organizations, with honors or offices held, with dates.....
31. Member of what clubs if any.....
32. Belonged to what firms (give names in full and dates if possible).....
33. Officer or director in any corporation.....
34. Enclose business card if possible.....
35. Enclose photograph and autograph.....

36. Author of books or pamphlets, with titles and publishers in full and dates of publication.....

37. Miscellaneous.....



## FAMILY HISTORY

1. To whom married..... *Margaret E. Roberts*
2. Date of marriage..... *Oct. 7 1891.*
3. Place of marriage..... *Columbus, Wis.*
4. Date of his or her birth..... *May 5 1866*
5. Place of his or her birth..... *Columbus Wis*
6. Religious denomination..... *Catholic Methodist*
7. Date of his or her death.....
8. Place of his or her death.....
9. Place of his or her burial.....
10. Father's full name..... *William R. Roberts*
11. Born where and when..... *Wales, 1819*
12. Occupation of his or her father..... *Farmer*
13. His or her mother's full name..... *Jane Doyle*
14. Born when and where..... *Wales, 1823*
15. Parents' residence at time of their marriage..... *Columbus, Wis*
16. Miscellaneous remarks on their family.....







Margret Williams	34
Dwight Williams	7
Jennie Williams	6
Wendell Williams	5
Mary Williams	3
Gomer Williams	8/12

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## William W Williams

Birth: **Oct 1853**  
Wisconsin, USA

Death:

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### Timeline

**1853** Birth  
Oct  
Wisconsin, USA

**1880** Residence  
Forest City, Howard, Iowa, United States  
Age: 27

**1885** Residence  
Forest City  
Age: 32

**1892** Marriage to Margaret E Maggie Roberts  
Age: 39

**1900** Residence  
Lime Springs Town, Howard, Iowa  
Age: 47

**1910** Residence  
Forest City, Howard, Iowa  
Age: 57

**1915** Residence  
Lime Springs  
Age: 62

**1920** Residence  
Minneapolis Ward 2, Hennepin, Minnesota  
Age: 67

### Photos

No photos have been added.

### Stories

No stories have been added.

### Audio

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### Video

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### Family Members

#### Parents

**John D Williams**  
1815 -

**Mary**  
1820 -

Show Siblings

#### Spouse & Children

**Margaret E M Roberts**  
1866 - 1929

**Dwight C Williams**  
1892 -

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**Gomer Williams**  
1899 -

[Family Group Sheet](#)

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