

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative \_\_\_\_\_ Senator H. L. H. H.

Patrick Bernard - Represented Clinton County Iowa

1. Birthday and place 7 Oct 1848 Chicago, Illinois

2. Marriage (s) date place

Margaret Connors 1 May 1878 De Witt, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business \_\_\_\_\_

B. Civic responsibilities \_\_\_\_\_

C. Profession Attorney, Judge for the 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial District; farmer and raised livestock.

4. Church membership Catholic

5. Sessions served 11<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> General Assemblies 1886, 1888, 1890

6. Public Offices

A. Local De Witt town attorney 4 years; school board member 15 years

B. State \_\_\_\_\_

C. National \_\_\_\_\_

7. Death 11 Jan 1922 Clinton Iowa; brain Sinit pneumonia Clinton Iowa

8. Children John Loyda, Mary Zeta; one child died in infancy

9. Names of parents John Richard and Sonora (Backley) H. H.

Helf, Patrick Bernard

10. Education He was educated in the common schools of Liberty Township, Clinton County; he also attended the Christian Brothers Academy at LaSalle, Illinois for one year

11. Degrees He attended the State University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa for 2 years; he then studied law at the same University graduating with a Bachelor of Laws degree in 1870

12. Other applicable information Democrat

- The parents came to Illinois in 1848 from Ireland. They moved to Iowa in 1854 where they settled on a farm near Lost Nation, Iowa in Clinton County
- In 1871 he began practicing law at De Witt, Iowa and created an extensive practice. In 1877 he formed a partnership with W.A. Cotton until 1888
- He moved his law office from De Witt to Clinton in May 1891 and he moved to Clinton in 1893
- Hisson John L. Helf, was also a legislator in the 32<sup>nd</sup> and 33<sup>rd</sup> General Assemblies, also serving Clinton County in 1907, 1909
- His wife, Margaret, born 17 July 1851 at Temple Hill, Iowa, died 28 July 1943, De Witt, Iowa, buried St. Francis Cemetery, Clinton, Iowa



# ATTORNEY P. B. WOLFE DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS; MEMBER OF COUNTY BAR SINCE 1871

Attorney Patrick Bernard Wolfe, aged 74 years, a member of the Clinton county bar since 1871 and known as Judge Wolfe since 1891 when he became a judge in the Seventh Iowa judicial district, passed away at his home, 437 Seventh avenue, at 1:55 o'clock yesterday afternoon, succumbing to a protracted illness.

Funeral services are to be held at 9:30 o'clock Wednesday morning at St. Mary's church, of which church Judge Wolfe was a devoted and active member, with interment to follow in Calvary cemetery in Lyons.

At a meeting of the Clinton County Bar Association, held this afternoon in the office of Attorney F. W. Ellis, arrangements were made whereby the members of the bar will attend the funeral in a body.

Owing to the long illness suffered by Judge Wolfe his death was not unexpected but nevertheless brought many expressions of regard today for the venerable jurist, who was regarded as one of the leading attorneys of the county and of the state.

He was prominent in democratic political circles also and had served in various capacities, including membership in the Iowa state senate, city attorney in DeWitt, member of the board of directors of the DeWitt public schools, district court judgeship and at one time was nominated for justice of the Iowa supreme court, losing the election by a narrow margin.

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frequently. She leaves two sons, Arthur of Maquoketa and Will of Waterloo.

## Funerals

### WILLIAM GIBSON.

The body of William Gibson will be buried in Springdale cemetery tomorrow. Relatives have not claimed the body.

### GEORGE HILL

George Hill was buried at Albany Sunday afternoon following funeral services there. The funeral party left Clinton at 2 o'clock following prayer by the Rev. H. E. Harned, Congregationalist, at the home of Mrs. Susan Lake, Mr. Hill's sister, in Third avenue. Mr. Harned also accompanied the party to Albany.

Cars were sent from the down-river city to carry the members of Gen. N. B. Baker post, 88, of the Grand Army of the Republic, 20 of whom attended the service and conducted their ritualistic service at the grave.

Sons and sons-in-law served as pallbearers.

## FIRE LICKS UP TEN BUILDINGS ON ONE FARM

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## Today's Market WHEAT PRICES TAKE 7

Chicago, June 12—Wheat prices today were expected to become lower, in the winter wheat with a bumper yield and material downturn in the prices. Bears were prominent in the movement to market the thrasher. The facilities here were still grain, tended further at a disadvantage, which ranged from 1 lower, with July 1.14 and September 1.13 3/4 was followed by a drop.

Subsequently favoring and slackening of export to active liquidation of holders and wheat price a decided setback, December the lowest quotation season. The close was 3 1-8c to 5c lower.

## CLOSE MOVING AS PRECAUTION

### (CALAMUS NEWS)

The last moving picture given Sunday evening, community having decided to as many gatherings as a few weeks. Only one diphtheria having developed it can be started these precautions.

### Returns for Visitation

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Here the young lad, destined to become a factor in Clinton county democracy and legal circles, attended the common schools of Liberty township. Then he attended the Christian Brothers Academy at LaSalle, Ill., for one year, was a student for two full years at the State University of Iowa and then took the law course at the university, graduating with the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1870.

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### Children's Day

Children's Day was observed at the Methodist church Sunday. Five little folks were baptized and the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Morehead was taken into the Cradle Roll. A very pleasing program, under the direction of Misses Hazel Kendall and Agnes Sidle, was enjoyed by all present.

### Other News

Mrs. Agnes Stimpson has purchased the Charles D. Crane property, located at 110 South Niagara street. Mrs. Stimpson and daughter, Miss Ruth, have recently returned from an extended trip west and have decided to remain in Maquoketa. Mr. Crane will purchase a small place and still make Maquoketa his home.

Mrs. Claude Goldin received word to come to Davenport that her husband was critically ill. At present he is a little better.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Heasty are spending the week-end in Wheatland, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Daudel.

Mrs. Riley Taylor, daughter June and son J. N., left Saturday for Minneapolis, where they will spend the summer with Mr. Taylor and daughters, Misses Helen and Lydia.

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Her father, who passed death, died during the in the fall of 1918, laid to rest in the Cemetery with a short service conducted by the Rev. of Grand Mound.

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Charles Blake has after a three-day business Chicago.

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In addition to his widow, children, brothers and sisters, Judge Wolfe also leaves three grandsons, all children of John L. Wolfe, John Pat, Mat and Robert Wolfe.

Among those expected to attend the funeral in addition to the surviving relatives mentioned are Mrs. Katherine Staack of Carroll, Mrs. Mary O'Donnell of Council Bluffs, the Misses Julia and Frances Kane of Des Moines, sisters of Mrs. John L. Wolfe, and H. B. Walling of Anthon.

## Deaths

MRS. JOHN V. BOYLE

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The Rev. and Mrs. I. N. Hansen, who have been visiting at the O. H. Whitney home, left Saturday for Kalamazoo, Mich.

Mrs. Charles Smola and daughter Neoma of Sioux City, are visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. U. F. Smola.

Miss Dorothy Phillips delightfully entertained a company of young ladies at her home Friday evening at a miscellaneous shower, complimentary to Miss Helen Wright, a June bride.

Mrs. Mayme Hall of Chicago, is visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Hill.

Will Reeves and son Leo, accompanied by Mr. Reeves' brother Frank, left early this morning by auto for Chicago, where they will visit the former's daughter, Mrs. Gladys Newguard at Milwaukee, and his son Will Jr. at Lena, Wis.

Mrs. W. B. Swigart and daughter, Miss Gerster, have returned from an extended stay with the son and brother, W. C. Swigart and family at Birmingham, Ala. Mrs. Swigart expects her daughter, Mrs. H. A. Campbell, and three children of Minneapolis here soon to spend the next months.

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## JUDGE PATRICK B. WOLFE.

The present review is concerned with the life of a man whose character and ability are, by reason of his long and honorable connection with the practice of law, well known to the people of Clinton county and of the state of Iowa, and whose extensive familiarity with his own county made him especially fitted to serve as editor-in-chief of the history of Clinton county.

Patrick B. Wolfe was born in Chicago, Illinois, on October 7, 1848, the son of John R. and Honora (Buckley) Wolfe. John R. Wolfe was born in county Kerry, Ireland, in 1824, the son of Richard Wolfe, who was the agent having charge of the property of the Knight of Kerry. He received an excellent education. During his young manhood he helped to organize the "Young Ireland" party. He left Ireland in 1848, coming to America, first locating at Ottawa, Illinois. Here he remained on a farm until 1854, when he moved to Clinton county, Iowa, to land near Lost Nation, which he had entered the winter before, and lived there until his death in 1885, becoming one of the largest landholders and most successful farmers of his township. Mr. Wolfe did not take any great interest in politics. He was opposed to slavery. In religion he and his entire family were staunch Catholics, and active workers in the church.

John R. Wolfe was married in Ireland to Honora Buckley. She was a member of a family prominent in the church and at the bar. Michael Buckley, her brother, having been the leader of the Belfast bar for many years. The Wolfe family were also prominent in the church and in law, so that it was natural for the American descendants to turn to the bar in choice of a profession. Mrs. Wolfe died in 1888.

Mr. and Mrs. Wolfe were the parents of ten children, two of whom died in infancy, and those who grew to maturity are the following: James, a farmer near Lost Nation; Patrick B.; Johanna, who is now Sister Scholastica of the Order of Sisters of Mercy at Sioux City, Iowa; John, a farmer at Melrose, Monroe county, Iowa; Maurice, a farmer near Lost Nation; Margaret, now the wife of Dr. D. Langan, of Clinton; Katherine, the widow of Judge T. D. Fitzgerald, of Montana, at one time president of the Montana Senate, now living in Clinton; and Richard B., an attorney at De Witt, Clinton county, Iowa.

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institution, graduating with the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1870. In January, 1871, he began the practice of law at De Witt, Clinton county, Iowa, and for a few years suffered the proverbial hardships of the young lawyer, but soon came into an extensive practice. In 1877 he formed a partnership with W. A. Cotton, under the name of Cotton & Wolfe, which continued until 1888. For four years he served as attorney for the town of De Witt, and was a member of the De Witt school board for fifteen years. In 1885 he was elected to the Iowa Senate, and served three sessions, resigning from his position in October, 1891, when he was appointed judge of the district court for the seventh judicial district, holding his first term of court in November of 1891. He served on the bench until September 1, 1904, when he resigned to form a partnership in the practice of law with his son. It is a unique fact that Judge Wolfe has resigned from every public office which he has held. In 1899 he was nominated for judge of the supreme court of the state of Iowa, and was defeated by a close margin. He is again a candidate in 1910. His law office was moved from De Witt to Clinton in May, 1891, and his residence was transferred in 1893. Mr. Wolfe was a member of the public library board of the city of Clinton.

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#### FRANK SLAPNICKA.

Although Frank Slapnicka, a farmer of the vicinity of Low Moor, Eden township, Clinton county, was born in Bohemia, he is not a "bohemian" as the

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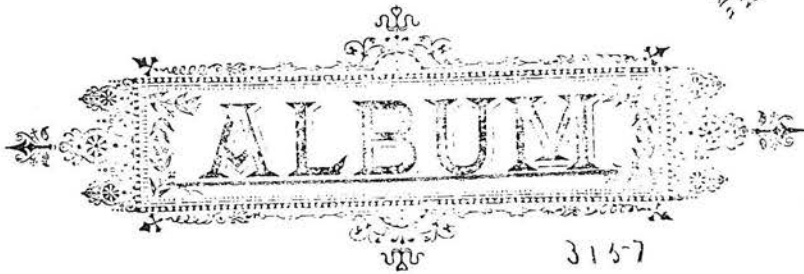


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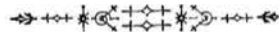
**S**IMON SHOECRAFT, dealer in coal, wood, etc., in Clinton, is a native of New York, born in Boylston, Oswego County, Sept. 22, 1836, and is a son of Joseph and Lany (Calkins) Shoecraft, both of that State and claiming an ancestral line beginning with the early settlers of that section of country. The Shoecrafts, who came from Herkimer Co., N. Y., were of German ancestry. The Calkins family were from the same county. Simon spent his boyhood on his father's farm, and at the age of sixteen went to Madison County, where he attended school, part of the time at Cazenovia Seminary. At the age of twenty-two, in 1858, he came West and at first taught school, beginning at De Witt, Clinton Co., Iowa. Continuing his labors, he finally was enabled to graduate from Cornell College, Mount Vernon, by his own perseverance and untiring energy. In 1862 he obtained the position of Principal of the City Schools of Clinton, which he filled satisfactorily for two years, and by this means he had sufficient money to pay his brother for his expenses at Cazenovia.

Our subject had purchased some property consisting of a farm of 320 acres in De Witt Township, and in 1865, went upon it and cleared and improved it, and finally sold out, and in 1866 he went to Lyons, where he had charge of the public schools during the winter. In the spring of 1867 he returned to Clinton and engaged in the coal and wood business, in which he still continues. This he began on a small scale, being compelled to economize very closely and to advance cautiously. Subsequently, however, he enlarged upon it, and in 1875 added salt, cement and building material to his already flourishing business. In 1881 he added flour to his business, coal and flour being the two staple articles, and they aggregated large sales, amounting to about \$215,000. In October, 1883, he established a large business at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, which exceeded the above figures in sales.

Messrs. Kurtz were his partners. He is also the owner of a fine dwelling block on Fifth avenue, recently built.

Mr. Shoecraft has been a member of what is known as the Citizens' Association or Board of Trade, and held the position of President in that worthy civic institution. He will not allow himself to be elected to public office, but is a man of large usefulness, and is extremely helpful to the interests of his town.

He was married in Vernon, N. Y., to Julie C., daughter of Dr. L. W. McIntosh, of Hartford, Conn. Dr. McIntosh died here in October, 1884. Mrs. Shoecraft is also a graduate of Cazenovia Seminary, and a lady of excellent accomplishments. Their union has been blest by the birth of one son and one daughter. They are named Louie, a student at the High School, and Lettie. Mr. and Mrs. S. are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and are earnest, devoted Christians. The husband and father has been a member of that organization and has given the work of his life to the Lord, enlisting in His service in boyhood. It was the church of his father. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity and has been for several years. He also belongs to the K. of P., and has filled all the offices in it, and also is a member of the Royal Arcanum.



**H**ON. P. B. WOLFE, a prominent resident of De Witt, was born in Chicago, Oct. 7, 1848. He is the son of John R. and Honora Wolfe, both natives of County Kerry, Ireland. They came to America in 1847, and the family came to Clinton County and settled in Liberty Township about the year 1854. There the elder Wolfe followed farming and stock-raising until his death, which occurred Aug. 20, 1883. Young Wolfe received his education, primarily, in the common schools of the neighborhood where his parents resided, and in 1867 entered the State University of Iowa, and spent three years in attendance at that institution, graduating from the Law Department in 1870. Upon coming to De Witt he commenced the practice of his profession, forming

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Judge Wolfe had been ailing several months. He was taken ill in San Antonio, Texas, last winter, but later partially recovered. Fourteen weeks ago he became more seriously ill, and had since been confined to his home. He was acutely ill the past week. An attack of heart trouble ended his life Sunday afternoon.

Surviving the deceased are his wife, a daughter, Mary Zita, a son, Attorney John L. Wolfe, three grandchildren, and six sisters and brothers: Mrs. D. Langan and Mrs. T. F. Fitzgerald of Clinton, Sister

Mary Scholz of a of Sioux City, R. B. Dolfe of DeWitt, and Maurice B. and John B. Wolfs of Lost Nation.

He was a member of the Sheridan club and of the Iowa State and American Bar associations. He had served as a member of Clinton's first public library board.

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### Law Was His Life Study

The law was his life study, and to this study he applied all the resources of a vigorous mind and high intelligence. He read constantly, and while attending conscientiously to the large legal practice he had built up, he found time to keep in touch with the progress of court decisions, and even to commit to memory such a wide range of these that frequently when perplexing questions came up in the district court, he astonished the attorneys by quoting off-hand the text, number and page of decisions applicable to the case in hand.

As a citizen he was held in universal respect and esteem. He had a wide acquaintance and long ranked among the leading attorneys of the west. His decisions were usually unrevocable and his administration of the office of judge was characterized by a constant fairness, based upon his high sense of justice and his thorough knowledge of every phase of the law.

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a partnership, in May, 1877, with Hon. W. A. Colton, which still continues.

May 1, 1878, our subject was married to Miss Margaret G. Conrole, daughter of Thomas and Hannah Conrole, who are natives of Ireland. They are at the present time living a retired life at De Witt. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Wolfe, namely, John and Mary.

Politically Mr. Wolfe is an adherent of the Democratic party, and from 1871 to 1882 was Chairman of the County Central Committee. He was elected in 1885, to represent the County of Clinton in the State Senate; before that he was for four years City Attorney for De Witt. During the session of 1886 he served as a member of the Committees on Judiciary, Private Corporations, Woman Suffrage, and County and Township Organizations. He introduced and had passed the law punishing as embezzlers attorneys who collect the money of their clients and do not pay it over.

The family of Mr. Wolfe are Catholics in religious belief. As a lawyer, our subject takes an active part at the bar of Clinton County. He is noted as a painstaking, industrious lawyer, one who fully masters the law bearing on the case in question, and exhausts all honorable means to obtain a just verdict for his clients. The firm of Colton & Wolfe enjoys a lucrative and increasing patronage.

**JOHN H. SAXTON**, living at De Witt, was born Dec. 11, 1811, in Ross County, Ohio. His parents, James P. and Lucinthia (Moore) Saxton, were natives of the same State. His father, James P., was a shoemaker by trade, and came West in 1854, and followed farming in Clinton County, Iowa. He subsequently retired from active labor and is at the present writing a resident of De Witt.

John H. Saxton was reared a farmer's boy, and was educated in the district schools. He remained with his parents until 1862, when he enlisted for three years in Co. A, 18th Iowa Vol. Inf., and remained in active service until the close of the war. The 18th Iowa was a part of the 7th Army Corps

and belonged for the greater part of the time to the Trans-Mississippi Department. On the Red River expedition a part of the 18th Iowa were taken prisoners, our subject being among the number. He was held as a prisoner of war for nine months at Camp Ford, Taylor, Tex. He was afterward paroled, and joined his regiment in May, 1865, at Van Buren, Ark. In the battle of Springfield he was seriously wounded, and laid in the hospital for six months.

After Mr. Saxton returned home from the battlefield he engaged in clerking, in which occupation he continued for a number of years. He was appointed Postmaster of De Witt April 7, 1886, by President Cleveland, is the present incumbent of that office, and treating the people to an efficiency in postal matters that has earned for him their hearty commendations, irrespective of party.

Oct. 11, 1866, Mr. S. was united in marriage with Miss Frances E. Lee, daughter of E. B. and Mary (Hatfield) Lee. One child, Elsie E., has been the issue of this union.

Politically our subject is an ardent and active Democrat. Socially he is a member of M. D. Howard Post, No. 92, G. A. R., and is also a member of the I. O. O. F., of De Witt.

**WILLIAM PHILLIPS**. The subject of this biography is a resident of Brookfield Township and is one of the most extensive and successful farmers of Clinton County. He was originally from the South, being born in Augusta County, Va., June 4, 1819, and fought bravely in the Confederate army. His father, William Phillips, also a native of Virginia, was a wealthy landowner and slave-holder in the South, and died in 1826. The maiden name of our subject's mother was Elizabeth Hog-head, who was also a native of Virginia. They were the parents of six children. His father had been previously married to Agnes Devier, and had three children by that union, all daughters, consequently at his death Mrs. Phillips was left with the care of nine children. She was, however, brave and energetic, and continued to occupy the homestead until they grew to maturity.



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Mr. Young died June 8, 1896, having passed the sixty-ninth anniversary of his birth. Since his death the W. J. Young Company has been continued by his heirs, although they are not now engaged in the sawmilling business. Few are the men who after becoming successful entertain such deep and kindly sympathy toward their fellow beings as did Mr. Young, who by his usefulness and example contributed toward bettering the conditions of humanity.

In 1858 Mr. Young married Miss Esther Elderkin, of Richmond, Indiana, who survives him. To this union six children were born, as follows: William J., Jr., Mrs. G. E. Burgesser, Mrs. Mary Y. Hancock, Courtland H., Edward A., and Jane, the last named deceased.

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#### JUDGE PATRICK B. WOLFE.

Judge Patrick B. Wolfe, whose character and ability are, by reason of his long and honorable connection with the practice of law, well known to the people of Clinton county and of the state as well, and whose extensive familiarity with his own county made him especially fitted to serve as editor-in-chief of the History of Clinton County, was born in Chicago, Illinois, October 7, 1818, a son of John R. and Honora (Buckley) Wolfe. His father was born in County Kerry, Ireland, in 1824 and was a son of Richard Wolfe, the agent having in charge the property of the Knight of Kerry. He acquired an excellent education and during his young manhood assisted in organizing the "Young Ireland" party. He left the Emerald isle in 1848 and on coming to America established his home near Ottawa, Illinois, upon a farm, where he remained until 1854. He then removed to Clinton county, Iowa, taking up his abode on land near Lost Nation, which he had entered the previous winter and upon which he continued until his death in 1885, becoming one of the largest landowners and most successful farmers in his township. He was opposed to slavery but took no active part in politics. In religion he and his entire family were staunch Catholics and active workers in the church.

John R. Wolfe was married in Ireland to Honora Buckley, a member of a family prominent in the church and at the bar. Her brother, Michael Buckley, was the recognized leader of the Belfast bar for many years. The Wolfe family was also prominent in the church and in law, so that it was but natural for the American descendants to turn to the bar in the choice of a profession. Mrs. Wolfe died in 1888 and was survived by eight of her ten children, the other two having passed away in infancy. The members of the family who reached mature years are: James, a farmer residing near Lost Nation; Patrick B., of this review; Johanna, who is now Sister Scholastica of the Order of the Sisters of Mercy at Sioux City, Iowa; John, an agriculturist residing at Melrose, Monroe county, Iowa; Maurice, a farmer who makes his home near Lost Nation; Margaret, the wife of Dr. D. Langan, of Clinton; Katherine, residing in Clinton, who is the widow of Judge T. D. Fitzgerald of Montana, at one time president of the Montana senate; and Richard B., an attorney of Dewitt, Clinton county, Iowa.

Judge Patrick B. Wolfe attended the common schools of Liberty township, Clinton county, and afterward spent a year in the Christian Brothers Academy at La Salle, Illinois. He was a student in the academic department of the Iowa State



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- ID: I35
- Name: Patrick Bernard WOLFE
- Given Name: Patrick Bernard
- Surname: Wolfe
- Sex: M <sup>1 2</sup>
- Birth: 7 OCT 1848 in Chicago, Cook Co, IL
- Death: 13 JUN 1922 in Clinton, Clinton Co, Ia <sup>3 4 5</sup>
- Christening: Catholic Church
- Burial: St Irenaeus cem, Clinton, Clinton Co, Ia <sup>6</sup>
- Occupation: Lawyer Clinton Co, Ia
- Note: PB began practicing law in Dewitt in 1871. He served in the lowasenate from 1885-1891, and was the Clinton District Court Judge for 13years 1891-1904. He resigned from the bench in 1904 to go into lawwith his son John L in Clinton. He is the author of "The History ofClinton Co"
- Education: Bachelor of Law 1870 University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA
- Census: 1850 Deerpark, IL
- Note: 1850 age 3 <sup>7</sup>
- Census: 1870 Clinton, Clinton Co, Ia <sup>8</sup>

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**Mother:** [Honora BUCKLEY](#) b: ABT 10 JAN 1823 in Ireland c: in Catholic Church

**Marriage 1** [Margaret J CONNOLE](#) b: BET 19 JUL 1849 AND 1851 in Temple Hill, Washington Twn, Jones Co, Ia c: in Catholic Church

- Married: 1 MAY 1878 <sup>9</sup>

Children

1. [baby WOLFE](#) b: 1869 in Clinton, Clinton Co, Ia

2. [John Loyola WOLFE](#) b: 31 JUL 1879 in Clinton Co, Ia c: in Catholic Church
3. [Mary Zeta Molly WOLFE](#) b: 27 JUN 1881 in Clinton, Clinton Co, Ia

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# Family Group Record

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## Husband's Name

[Patrick Bernard WOLFE](#) (AFN:JJX8-5H)

[Pedigree](#)

**Born:** 7 Oct 1848      **Place:** Chicago, , , Ill  
**Christened:**            **Place:** Catholic  
**Died:** 13 Jun 1922    **Place:** Clinton, Town, Clinton, Ia  
**Married:** 1 May 1878    **Place:**

**Father:** [John Richard WOLFE](#) (AFN:JJX8-JD)

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**Mother:** [Honora BUCKLEY](#) (AFN:JJX8-35)

## Wife's Name

[Margaret CONNOLE](#) (AFN:JJX8-MW)

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**Born:** 19 Jul 1851      **Place:** Temple Hill, , , Ia  
**Christened:**            **Place:** Catholic  
**Died:** 28 Jul 1943    **Place:** Dewitt, , Clinton, Ia  
**Buried:**                **Place:** St Irenaeus, Cemetary, Clinton, Ia  
**Married:** 1 May 1878    **Place:**

**Father:** [Thomas CONNOLE](#) (AFN:JJX8-SR)

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**Mother:** [Hannah MALONE](#) (AFN:JJX8-LQ)

## Children

### 1. Sex Name

M [Baby WOLFE](#) (AFN:JJX7-ZH)

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**Born:** 1869      **Place:** Clinton, , , Ia  
**Died:** 1869      **Place:** Clinton, , , Ia

### 2. Sex Name

F [Mary Zeta Molly WOLFE](#) (AFN:JJX8-1S)

[Pedigree](#)

**Born:** 27 Jun 1881    **Place:** Clinton, , , Ia

### 3. Sex Name

M [John Loyola WOLFE](#) (AFN:JJX8-0M)

[Pedigree](#)

**Born:** 31 Jul 1879      **Place:** , , Clinton, Ia  
**Christened:**            **Place:** Catholic  
**Died:** 17 Jul 1962    **Place:** Clinton, Town, Clinton, Ia

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Patrick B Wolfe

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Spouse

Margaret J Connole

**Born:** abt 1849 in Washington Twn, Jones, Iowa, USA

**Died:** 28 Jul 1943 in Dewitt, Clinton, Iowa, USA

**Marriage:** 1 May 1878 in Dewitt, Clinton, Iowa, USA

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Children

**Sex**

**Birth**

Baby Wolfe

M

1869 in Clinton, Clinton, Iowa, USA

John L Wolfe

M

31 Jul 1879 in [city], Clinton, Iowa, USA

Mary Zeta Wolfe

F

27 Jun 1881 in Clinton, Clinton, Iowa, USA

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