

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Wilbur Ethelbert Hillis Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Represented Floyd County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 16 Apr. 1845 Woodstock, Illinois in  
McHenry County, Illinois

2. Marriage (s) date place

Sarah Selina Hoy Jan 1872 Woodstock, McHenry County,  
Illinois

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He was an original incorporator of the Mesa City Bank, Mesa, Arizona;  
owner of the Bulldog mine in Goldfield, Arizona

B. Civic responsibilities Woodman of the Shell;

C. Profession Physician

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> General Assemblies 1884, 1886, 1888

6. Public Offices

A. Local \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

7. Death 5 Mar 1917 Mesa, Arizona; buried Mesa Cemetery, Mesa, Arizona

8. Children Ethel May (Mrs. H. S. Brown); George H. Walter H.; Everett;

Jennie (predeceased her father in death); Isaac M. (predeceased her father in

9. Names of parents Oseman Gardner "Ose" and Elizabeth "Ethel" Isaacson Hillis

10. Education

11. Degrees

He graduated from the University of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
- Medical School in 1870

12. Other applicable information

Republican

- He moved to Mesa, Arizona around 1892 with his family. A daughter, Grace, had delicate health. They believed the Arizona climate would improve her health. She died in Arizona.
- In Arizona, he purchased land, made improvements and took on an active part in political and civic enterprises.
- He was an original incorporator of the Mesa City Bank.
- At one time he was one of the owners of a gold mine.
- He and his wife had come to Rockford, Iowa after their marriage. He became a well known physician of Lloyd County.



Portrait  
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WILBUR, ESTHERSON W.



*Boyd*

*Truly Yours*  
WALNUT STREET  
409 AND 411.

*E. W. Wilbur*  
*Rockford*  
Des Moines, Iowa.  
*2nd*

# NGTON'S BIG CIRCUS NUMBER AND MEDY ACROBAT Each Night. and 15c worth it, too

## Orchard and Poultry Demonstration.

Commencing at 2:30 p. m., Mar. 26, 1917, there will be held on R. A. Holman's section 20, Dougherty township a dual orchard and poultry demonstration. The orchard pruning and spraying work will be carried on by R. S. Herrick and the poultry work will be demonstrated by H. A. Stenbender. Both of these men are from the agricultural extension department of Ames. The school children, especially the high school children are invited to attend this meeting.

## Individuality in Hats.

will always be acceptable style. You do not have to wear an outlandish hat just because a particular shape happens to be popular. Simply wear what is becoming to you.

Of course certain styles are right and certain styles are not, but style these days is so varied that becoming hats are possible. If in doubt as to what you should wear, our experience and ideas are at your service.

In our showing there surely is a hat you should wear. At this time we have a really exceptional line of hats from \$3 to \$6. Exclusive agents in Rockford for Landsco hats.—Maier Sisters.—(adv.)

The Register can supply you with the latest and most correct things in the line of engraved calling cards.

ty gown of white and looked womanly and winsome. Following the ceremony a wedding dinner was served. The bride made her home with Mr. and Mrs. Thieman for several years and is well known in Rockford where she is highly respected and has many friends, who will wish for her and her husband a long and happy life together. Mr. and Mrs. Ikenberry left on the evening train for Greene, near which place they will establish their home. The Register joins with other friends in extending hearty congratulations and all good wishes.

## OBITUARY.

### Dr. E. W. Wilbur.

Rockford friends of Dr. E. W. Wilbur of Mesa, Ariz., were pained the past week to learn of his death, which occurred Monday, March 5. The Doctor was a former prominent citizen of Rockford, and was held in highest esteem. His family has the sincere sympathy of all Rockford friends in their bereavement. The following obituary notice is taken from the Mesa Daily Tribune of Mar. 6:

Dr. E. W. Wilbur passed away last night about the hour of midnight at his home east of town. The funeral will be held from the Methodist church on Thursday at 10:30 o'clock a. m., Rev. R. W. Raaf preaching the sermon. The members of Mesa camp No. 7, Woodmen of the World, of which Dr. Wilbur was a charter member, will attend the services in a body.

The doctor's death came after quite a long illness, due to complications of advanced age. At time of death he was nearing the age of 72, his anniversary occurring in April. Death was not unexpected, as his condition was pronounced critical several months ago, and his son, Walter, who was residing in the east, came here and had been here considerable of the time since leaving for his home only a short time ago.

The relatives are: Mrs. E. W. Wilbur, the wife; Mrs. W. S. Dorman, a daughter; and George, Walter and Everett, the three sons, all residing in the Mesa section except Walter. A sister, Mrs. G. L. Hutchison, also resides in Mesa.

Besides the children living, there were two daughters, one of whom, Jennie, died in Iowa, and the other, Grace, whose delicate health was the cause of the family moving to Ari-

Mrs. Roxie Mitchell was born in Clarksville, Iowa, March 31, 1879, and died at the Park hospital in Mason City, Iowa, Friday, March 16, 1917, at the age of 37 years, 11 months, and sixteen days. She leaves to mourn her loss a husband and two daughters, also her mother, three sisters and four brothers. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Harris and is the first of eight children to be taken.

The funeral services were held from the Methodist Episcopal church Wednesday afternoon, Rev. Edwin F. Lee officiating. Burial was in Riverside cemetery.

Those present from out-of-town were: Mrs. J. G. Sterling and B. H. Harris of Karval, Colo.; N. M. Harris of Clarksville, and Mrs. Ann Hanchett and daughter Ruth of Mason City.

## CHURCH NOTES.

### German Lutheran.

Passion service Sunday at 7:30 p.

H. Pirner, Pastor.

### Congregational.

Sunday, March 25:

Divine worship and sermon at 10:30 a. m. Sermon subject, "The Child's Citizenship in Christ's Kingdom." Church school at 11:45 a. m. In the evening there will be a union preparatory Easter service at the Methodist church.

Tuesday:

The young people's weekly "a home" evening at the Manse.

Thursday:

The church family will gather for counsel and prayer in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Baltzer at 7:1 p. m.

Friday:

The missionary society will meet with Mrs. Irving Benson in the afternoon.

M. O. Lambly, Minister.

### Methodist.

Sunday, March 25th

10:00 a. m. Sunday school.

11:00 a. m. Service of worship.

3:00 p. m. Junior League.

7:30 p. m. Introductory Easter service. Illustrated with 60 slides Union meeting.

Thursday, March 22d:

east 25 pounds from the one potato.

### Oat Smut Meetings Postponed.

Due to bad roads and adverse weather conditions the week of the oat smut meetings, which was to have been held by the farm improvement association of Cerro Gordo Co. this week, have been postponed until the week of April 2 to 7. These meetings should interest a big percent of the farmers of this community, as anything which will increase the yield or improve the quality of the oat crop in this county is important.

The treatment of oats for smut is a simple matter as they can be treated in the wagon box very quickly, as will be demonstrated at these meetings. The meetings which will interest the people in this community will be those at the following places.

P. Kelley, sec. 22, Dougherty twp., 10:30 a. m., April 2; John Jenkin's, sec. 9, Owen twp., 3:30 p. m., Thursday, April 5. Bring your friends with you.

Roy F. O'Donnell,  
Co. Agent Cerro Gordo Co.

### Union Easter Services.

The annual union Easter services have been planned by the Methodist and Congregational churches in the respective churches for the following evenings:

- Monday, Mar. 25. Methodist church. Preparatory Easter service, illustrated, 60 slides.
  - Tuesday, Mar. 29. Congregational Church. Prayer meeting. Meditation, Mr. Lee.
  - Wednesday, April 1. Congregational Church. Sermon, Mr. Lambly.
  - Thursday, April 3. Congregational Church. Sermon, Mr. Lee.
  - Friday, April 4. Congregational Church. Sermon, Mr. Lee.
  - Saturday, April 5. Methodist Church. Sermon, Mr. Lambly.
  - Sunday, April 6. Methodist Church. Sermon, Mr. Lambly.
  - Monday, April 8. Methodist Church. Sermon, Mr. Lee.
  - Tuesday, April 12. Methodist Church. Prayer meeting. Meditation, Mr. Lambly.
  - Wednesday, April 15. Congregational Church. Sermon, Mr. Lee.
- All services at 7:30 p. m. Morning services as usual.

### MARRIAGE.

Schmidt-Ikenberry.

Monday at one o'clock at the home of the bride's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. August Thleman, was solemnized the marriage of Miss Alina Schmidt and Mr. F. E. Ikenberry, both of Marble Rock. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Pirner in the presence of only the immediate fam-

order on some reliable firm will be accepted. All goods sold are guaranteed and sold at regular prices.

P. S. We reserve the right to withdraw this offer at any time.

# W. J. LORENZ

zona, and who died here. Dr. Wilbur was born in Woodstock, Illinois. He came to Mesa with his family twenty-five years ago, and has since resided here. Being a man of great energy and more than usual ability, he became very soon identified with the public interests of the community. He purchased lands, made improvements, and took an active part in politics and civic enterprises. He was one of the original incorporators of the Mesa City bank. At one time he was one of the owners of the Bull Dog mine at Goldfield. Very few people in Maricopa county had a more extended acquaintance with the men of affairs than Dr. Wilbur, and he was almost as well known in Phoenix and other parts of the county as in Mesa.

Before coming to Mesa, Dr. Wilbur and family resided at Rockford, Iowa, to which place he and Mrs. Wilbur moved soon after their marriage. The doctor was then considered one of the best physicians in that part of the country. He also took a prominent part in the politics of the Hawkeye state, and for eight years served in the house of representatives.

S. W. J. Bowen, now a resident of Mesa, was born in Iowa, Dr. Wilbur being the attending physician. Mr. Bowen has been selected as one of the pallbearers. The others, named at request of Mrs. Wilbur are: P. B. Hughes, W. W. Dobson, R. S. Longmoor, J. H. Diefenderfer and C. W. Davison, old time citizens and personal friends.

The body will be placed in a concrete receptacle in the Mesa cemetery, in a large lot purchased by the doctor about a year ago. At that time he had the body of his daughter, Grace, who was buried in the cemetery, removed to the new location and laid in a concrete enclosure. A stone wall underground surrounds the entire lot.

The members of the family who are left to mourn the loss of their relative have the sympathy of the entire community in their bereavement.

stretches. It is sad to say, is already infected with the vices of the city. Like many a countryman who has come to town, it has fallen to dissipation. It shows the marks of the bottle. Farther up, its course is clearer. You cross it in the mud. Was it not Christian who fell into the bog because of the burden on his back? Then you climb a villainously long hill and pop out upon an open platform above the city.

The height commands a prospect to the west. Below is the smoke of a thousand suppers. Up from the city there comes the hum of life, now somewhat fallen with the traffic of the day—as though nature already practiced the tune for sending later her creatures off to sleep. You light a fire. The baskets disgorge their secrets. Ants and other leviathans think eventually that a circus has come or that bears are in the town. The chops and bacon achieve their appointed destiny. You throw the last bone across your shoulder. It slips and rattles to the river. The sun sets. Night like an ancient dame puts on her jewels.

## "FORMAL" HUNT POOR SPORT

Where the Cheetah Is Given a Chance, However, It Is Something of a Different Matter.

The "formal" cheetah hunt, which is sure to constitute a part of the entertainment provided by any one of a couple of dozen of the most prominent native chiefs of northern India for his distinguished guests, is, if anything, tamer and more tiresome than a state tiger hunt, with the latter's elaborate provisions for rounding up the torpid quarry and still more elaborate precautions against anyone but the beaters being mauled. An informal cheetah hunt, however, where things are taken as they come, is rarely a very entertaining experience. On such occasions, as no maharajah's reputation for hospitality is held to hang upon the number of slaughtered buck laid at the feet of the guest of honor in the official photographs, it is possible to give the quarry something like a sporting chance, the consequence being that the cheetah is seen far nearer the limit of its really phenomenal stalking and sprinting powers than when the game, frightened and confused by a line of beaters, is driven under the supercilious nose of the "hunter."—Wide World Magazine.

### Providing a Target

With the spread of overland auto touring the millepost and guldepost are coming back into a prominence that is



# CATTLEMEN URGE SALE OF FOREST LANDS

the cattlemen's association an-  
meeting held in Globe, the fol-  
ing resolution was adopted, in  
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ht B. Heard and some of the oth-  
legates present:

hereas, the administration of the  
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hereas, there is a great need at  
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# *Past Harvests*



*A  
History  
of Floyd  
County to 1996*

**Cameron W. Hanson and Heather M. Hull, editors**  
**Floyd County Historical Society**



## The Rockford Public Library

In 1917 the president of Rockford's Civic League, Mrs. H.J. Fullerton, appointed a presidential committee to establish a library. In May of 1917, the Civic League asked for the public support of the library project in the form of contributing books. Nearly 400 books were collected.

The Civic League was granted permission to use the front room of the Town Hall, for the time being. The Manual Training department of the high school made and installed shelves. The State Library Extension sent a representative to assist in organizing the work and help instruct the committee in forming a library.

The formal opening of the library was held on June 15, 1918. It was open every Friday from 3 to 5 p.m. and in the evening from 7 to 9 p.m.

At a meeting of the Civic League in 1920, a motion passed to release the library committee from the League. A Library Association was formed.

Many benefits were held for the purchase of books.

The library moved into the back part of the Town Hall in 1923. It was agreed that the back portion of the hall would be vacated on election days and whenever the council or trustees needed it.

A contract was made with the Charles City Library to send books every two months for a stated amount.

Miss Simmons, from the Charles City Library spent a day in Rockford directing the classification of the books.

Around the year 1920, the library committee decided that the library should be a permanent institution. A Memorial Fund was set up to solicit \$100 subscriptions.

A full-time librarian was hired and the library was open every day of the week and two evenings during the week.

In 1966 a fund drive for a new building was started. With a Kinney-Lindstrom gift of \$10,000 and a government grant of \$20,000, the town raised the rest so a library costing \$52,924 was opened in 1968.

Services of the library have expanded over the years. Besides the expansion of books and magazines, such services as microfilmed printed materials and a supply of videos have been added. The library also has a fax machine.

The library has access to State and Interstate Library loans through the North Central Regional Library System.

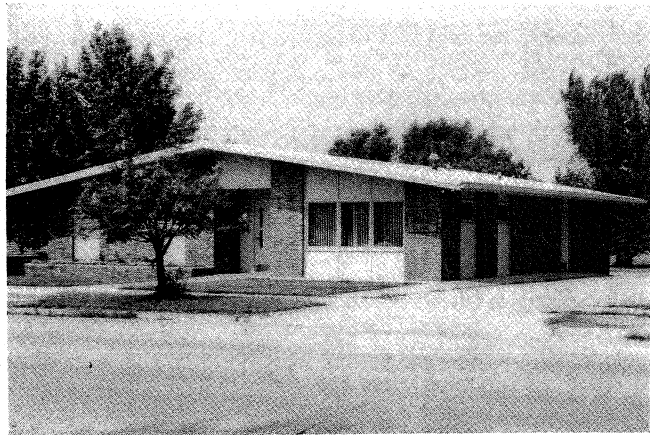
The library is located on Main Street, on the corner lot formerly occupied by the Masonic Hall and the Burnett Hardware.

## Rockford Medical Clinic

An extensive survey was conducted by the Rockford Women's Club and the Lion's Club in Rockford made the proposed Medical Clinic their special project. A committee was appointed and everyone in the community helped raise \$55,000 for a clinic building. Dr. R.G. Barrett, set up a practice in 1968.

At first, Dr. Hague was with Dr. Barrett, but he soon moved elsewhere. Dr. Barrett practiced in Rockford for 22 years before retiring and moving to California with his wife, Lupe, and their sons. During their time in Rockford a number of medical students interned under Dr. Barrett.

After Dr. Barrett left, the clinic closed for awhile. St. Joseph Mercy Hospital of Mason City acquired the clinic. Dr. Michael Lindstrom and Dr. Lis Kapler teamed up to provide medical service for the area.



*The Rockford Medical Clinic as it appeared in August of 1995.*

## Doctors

James Cortright, Rockford's first physician, came to Rockford from St. Charles in 1857. He left in 1860 to practice in Decorah. In the 1880s, Dr. E.W. Wilbur, who came to Rockford during the 1860s, opened a pharmacy in connection with his practice. Dr. Wilbur also served five years (1883-1888) as the representative from Floyd

County in the state legislature.

Several physicians served the Rockford area. Dr. S.K. Rice, Dr. L.W. Zeran, and Dr. H.H. Ervin set up dentist offices in the town. Dr. J.P. Oldsen practiced veterinary medicine in the town.

## **Biographical Index—Early Iowa Physicians**

This is a photocopy of the biographical index file from the State Medical Library of Iowa regarding early Iowa physicians. The index cards include references to biographies, Iowa medical histories, and Iowa medical journals that contain obituaries and biographical information on Iowa physicians. The information was collected over a number of years and information may be limited or more detailed depending on the prominence of the physician.

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Iowa - Doctors

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Wilbur, E.W.

Rockford, Ia.  
Floyd Co.

Grad. Univ. Philadelphia 1870

Iowa - Doctors

Wilcox, Delano (1873-1963 )  
Oct, (31) 7

Malcom, Ia

Son of Vinton Stark Wilcox, M.D.

See: Clippings: Hobbies. ( miniature coach  
ship models, flowers.)

See: J.Iowa M. Soc., 53:xlili Dec.1963

See: J.A.M.A., Feb.1, 1964 p. 388.

Iowa - Doctors

Wilcox, Edgar B. (1877-

Oskaloosa,  
Mahaska Co.

Iowa Press Ass. Who's Who in Iowa (LE) '40, 801

See: One Hundred Years of Iowa<sup>m</sup> medicine  
(1 Fh) 1950, I.S.M.S. 187



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- ID: I118964
- Name: **Ethelbert Willis Wilbur**
- Given Name: Ethelbert Willis
- Surname: Wilbur <sup>1</sup>
- Sex: M
- Death: Y

Ancestry Hints for **Ethelbert Willis Wilbur**

5 possible matches found on [Ancestry.com](#)



Father: Orsemus G. Wilbur b: 13 Mar 1808 in Leyden MA  
 Mother: Elizabeth L. Willis b: 18 Sep 1811

Sources:

1. Media: Book  
 Title: Genealogical Memoir of the Newcomb Family  
 Author: John Barse Newcomb  
 Publication: Elgin Illinois, 1874

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