

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Senator *Donnan*
William G. -- Represented Buchanan, Delaware and Bremer Counties
Iowa

1. Birthday and place *30 June 1834 West Carlton, Saratoga*
County, New York

2. Marriage (s) date place
Mary E. Williamson Oct 1857

3. Significant events for example:
A. Business *President of The First National Bank; admitted to the*
 Iowa bar in April 1857
B. Civic responsibilities *Mason*

C. Profession *Banker*

4. Church membership *Presbyterian*

5. Sessions served *12th, 13th General Assemblies 1868, 1870*

6. Public Offices *20th, 21st General Assemblies 1884, 1886*

A. Local *Treasurer of Buchanan County; recorder of Buchanan County*

B. State

C. National *Delegate to the Republican National Convention in Cincinnati*
OH in 1876; Delegate at largest the convention in Chicago in 1884

7. Death *2 Dec 1901 Independence, Iowa; buried Oakwood Cemetery, Independence,*
Iowa

8. Children *William H.; Donald D.*

9. Names of parents *Alex and Elizabeth Mc (Kinley) Donnan*

Donnan, William G.

10. Education Attended Cambridge Academy, New York

11. Degrees Union College, Schenectady, New York graduating
in 1856

12. Other applicable information

- He came to Independence, Iowa in the fall of 1856 where he
studied law
- Military service - Civil War - Co. H 27 IA Vol Inf.

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
-			<u>Obituary - The Independent Conservative ; Independence,</u> <u>Iowa , Feb. Dec. 9, 1901, p.1, col. 1, 2, 3</u>
-			<u>Biographical Dictionary 1878 Iowa Volume 1 p. 378-379</u>
-			<u>Political Scrapyard from Internet</u>

DEATH OF HON. W. G. DONNAN.

End of a Career Full of Good Works and Honors.

AN ABLE AND A GOOD MAN.

A Brief Resume of the Principal Events of a Long and Useful Life.

After a confinement of less than one week to his room, Hon. W. G. Donnán died at his home on the West Side, at noon, Friday, Dec. 2. Mr. Donnán had been in failing health for some time, but had been able to be at his post as president of the First National bank one week before his demise.

William G. Donnán was born in West Carlton, Saratoga county, N.

with Oliver Hazard Perry when he won the victory of Lake Erie. With this fighting blood in his veins, it is not strange that W. G. Donnán enlisted as a private in the civil war in 1862, becoming a member of Co. H, Twenty-Seventh Iowa. He was a brave and intrepid soldier, and for gallant conduct and efficient services in the field was brevetted Captain and Major. After this he served until the close of the war as adjutant to Gen. J. I. Gilbert. He was in many western and southern battles, and was mustered out Aug. 8, 1865. Upon his return from the war, Mr. Donnán resumed the practice of law, and in company with his brother James established an abstract business which is still conducted by the brother. He soon entered the field of politics, and was at different times a member of the Iowa senate for an aggregate of eight years. To him belongs the chief credit for securing the location of the Iowa hospital here. From 1870 to 1874 he was the member of the national house of representatives from this district. In 1876 he was a delegate to the Republican national convention at Cincinnati which nominated Hayes for president, and in 1884 was a delegate-at-large to the Chicago convention which nominated James G. Blaine. Mr. Donnán was opposed to

lodge work was assured of most satisfying treatment when W. G. Donnán had it in hand. He was a good Mason, living faithfully up to the tenets of the order. Mr. Donnán was at his death the senior member of the First Presbyterian church, joining in 1856, and was for many years an elder, faithful in the business of the church and regular in his attendance at her services.

A great sorrow came into the lives of Mr. and Mrs. Donnán, seven or eight years ago, in the invalidism of their eldest son, William W. Donnán, cashier of the First National bank. This stricken son became the object of his most unremitting care and attention, and all that medical knowledge could suggest was done for him. It was in the hope that his son might recover and take the place of president of the bank that Mr. Donnán accepted the office. The son died in November, 1906. Those who have observed the devotion of W. G. Donnán to this afflicted son and to his wife, who has not been strong for years, can but respect and honor him. He gave of himself for others, and fulfilled the requirement of the humane code that demands love and service. While the public services of W. G. Donnán were important, and should be fittingly recognized, he reached his true greatness as husband and father in the closing years of his long and useful life. The only other child, Donald D., survives, and lives at the home here.

The funeral services occurred at the First Presbyterian church at three o'clock Sunday afternoon. The Masonic orders attended in a body, and conducted the services according to their ritual, after the delivery of an appropriate sermon and eulogy by the pastor, the Rev. Theo. Morning. The pall bearers were R. B. Raines, W. G. Stevenon, C. E. Ransier, M. W. Harmon, O. M. Gillett, and R. F. Clarke. Honorary bearers: R. M. Campbell, E. Cobb, Z. Stout, P. G. Freeman, T. Scarcliff, Col. Lake. Relatives from abroad were Mrs. Frank E. Williamson, of Hokpinton; Miss Nellie Donnán, of Peabody, Kansas; Dr. and Mrs. Emery Lotts of Chicago.

DEATH OF MRS. WM. IRELAND.

The death of Mrs. William Ireland occurred at 11:45 Monday night, Nov. 30, o'clock at Aberdeen, S. D. She had been in failing health for several years, and since July had been with her daughter, Mrs. Ruth Bantz, who so tenderly and lovingly cared for her during the declining months of her life. Leontine Brunner was born March 23, 1839, in Switzerland, and came to America with her parents, when but 11 years of age. The family located at Dubuque, and here she received her education and grew to womanhood. In 1859 she was united in marriage to William Ireland, who survives her. They resided in Dubuque a number of years, and for the past thirty-two years they have made their home in this city. Mrs. Ireland was the mother of ten children, two of whom died in infancy, the son Joseph died in 1896, aged 26 years. The children who survive are: George, William and Mrs. Martha Lemon, of Chicago; Mrs. Lizzie Schaffer, of Valley Falls, Kan.; Mrs. Ruth Bantz, of Aberdeen, S. D.; and Frank B. and Benjamin J. of this city. Mrs. Ireland was an unobtrusive, home-loving, Christian woman. All her ability and devotion were given to her family and her

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All of Mr. Donnan's grandparents were Scotch, and all came to America in the eighteenth century. Their names were Donnan, McKerlie, McKindley and Anderson. Alexander Donnan married Jennet McKerlie; McKindley married Anderson. One was fighting on the Chesapeake when Lawrence fell mortally wounded and cried "Don't give up the ship." He was also

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DISTRICT COURT.

The case of the Winthrop Land company vs. Utley, which was on trial when we went to press last week, was decided in favor of the defendant. This was an action for \$145 commission for the sale of defendant's farm. The plaintiff based its action upon a written contract, signed by the defendant, giving to the company the sole agency of the sale of the farm and one dollar an acre commission for making a sale, or if it was sold to any one whom plaintiff might put him in communication with. The farm was sold to one Blanchard, a neighbor of defendant, who purchased it through a real estate agency at Manchester. The only question submitted by the court to the jury, was, whether or not plaintiff put the defendant in communication with the purchaser previous to the termination of the life of the contract. The jury found that it did not.

In the case of Plunkett vs Craig, plaintiff withdrew her petition and defendant proved up on his counterclaim, obtaining a judgement for \$225 which plaintiff tried to have set aside on the ground that she was taken unawares at the time of the trial and had a defense to the counter claim. The court held that he had no authority to set it aside, as plaintiff was represented in court by her attorney and was fully advised in the matter.

The case of Hand vs. Schultz was an action to settle a dispute in regard to the amount due plaintiff on certain things which defendant claimed that measurements made by plaintiff were not correct. The case occupied two days in court. Many witnesses on each side were introduced which will make a large

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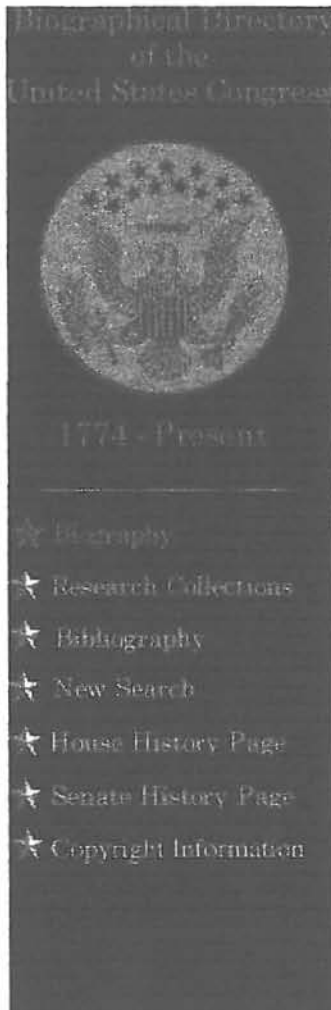
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DONNAN, William G., 1834-1908

DONNAN, William G., a Representative from Iowa; born in West Charlton, N.Y., June 30, 1834; attended the district schools and Cambridge Academy; was graduated from Union College, New York, in 1856; moved to Independence, Iowa, in 1856; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1856 and commenced practice at Independence in 1857; treasurer and recorder of Buchanan County 1857-1862; entered the Union Army as a private in Company H, Twenty-seventh Iowa Infantry, in 1862; promoted to the grade of first lieutenant and brevetted captain and major; was adjutant on the staff of Gen. James J. Gilbert; member of the State senate in 1868 and 1870; elected as a Republican to the Forty-second and Forty-third Congresses (March 4, 1871-March 3, 1875); declined to be a candidate for reelection in 1874 to the Forty-fourth Congress; resumed the practice of law at Independence; delegate at large to the Republican National Convention in 1884; chairman of the Republican State central committee 1884-1886; again a member of the State senate 1884-1886; died in Independence, Buchanan County, Iowa, December 4, 1908; interment in Oakwood Cemetery.

Dickens, Clay County, is said to be named for a member of a Chicago, St. Paul & Milwaukee Railroad construction company. A second source says it was settled about 1880 and was named after a family of early settlers named Dickenson. (85, 190)

Dike, Grundy County, was incorporated in 1900 and named for himself by C. T. Dike, who had large land interests there. In 1909, Dike was superintendent of the Pierre, Rapid City, & North Western Railroad, a proprietary company of the Chicago & North Western system. (205, 229)

Dinsdale, Tama County, was named after the Dinsdale family. L. P. Dinsdale settled there in 1864. James Dinsdale, his son, platted the village in 1891. (128)

Dixon, Scott County, was platted by Jonathan Parker of Davenport for an R. S. Dickenson, according to one source. A second source states the name was Rudolphus L. Dickinson. The name is believed to be a contraction of one of those names. (126, 261)

Dolliver, Emmet County, was named for Jonathan Prentiss Dolliver (1858-1910) of Fort Dodge, a prominent lawyer and politician of northern Iowa who served as U.S. representative from 1899 to 1900. The town was platted by the Western Town Lot Company in 1899. (93, 196, 205)

Donahue, Scott County, was named after Michael Donahue, mayor of Davenport and president of the Davenport Water Works. (125, 261)

Donley, Marion County, was a little station on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad. On the railroad timetable it appeared as Donnelley. The place was named for Olin Donley, who had extensive land holdings there. This place no longer appears on recent maps. (228)

Donnan, Fayette County, was named for William G. Donnan (1834-1908), who was elected from this area to serve in the House of Representatives from 1871 to 1875. (182)

Donnellson, Lee County, was named for William A. Donnell,