

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Cherry, William Rankin Senator _____

Represented Van Buren County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place ca 1856 Pennsylvania

2. Marriage (s) date place _____

Ida Eno

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He was important in originating the water and electric light plants in Kosciusko

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Lawyer

4. Church membership _____

5. Sessions served 20th General Assembly 1884

6. Public Offices

A. Local He served 2 terms as Van Buren County attorney; Kosciusko Town Councilman

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 20 Dec 1916 Los Angeles, California

8. Children Janette

9. Names of parents _____

Wherry, William Rankin

10. Education

11. Degrees

Graduate of Princeton University at age 20, grad 1876.

12. Other applicable information

Democrat

- His wife Ada, born 23 Aug 1865

- Two years after graduation from Princeton University he moved to Van Buren County, Mo. There he read law and became a member of law firm of Lea and Barron and later the firm of Wherry and Walker. He maintained this firm until he moved to Los Angeles, California around 1906.

Wherry, William Rankin

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Applicability

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war closed. Soon after
ent to Omaha, where he
for twenty years, being
in the car shops of the
R. R. Co. In 1885 he
to Van Buren county and
a farm near Lebanon,
lived nearly 30 years. In
the present year, 1915, he
Leosauqua to live with his
and sister. He was then
down in mind and body.
After being confined to his
few days, he died sudden-
ly, Dec. 23, 1915, at the
age of 71 years and 17 days.

He has a good record as a soldier
and served successively as
first, second, fourth, and
fifth, fourth, and
first; a good part of the
time as a member of the regi-
ment guard. In civil life he
was neat, pleasant, industrious
and belonged to the Harper
R. Co., and his funeral ser-
vice was conducted by the officers
of the Congregational
Church, Dec. 26.

Reward \$100

Readers of this paper will be
able to learn that there is at
least one dreaded disease that sci-
entists are unable to cure in all its
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Mrs. Miller passed away a number of
years ago and Craig and Mrs. Maude
Manning are the only children living.
Two sisters survive him, however,
Mrs. James Gillespie and Miss Hat-
tie Miller of Memphis, Mo., the lat-
ter being at her brother's bedside
when the end came.

Mr. Miller was almost the last of
the early settlers here. Having a
retentive memory, he was an au-
thority, and consulted as such, on
public matters during the most in-
teresting and important period of
our county's history.

The funeral will be held from the
late residence at 2 o'clock this after-
noon.

Death of W. Wherry.

Died in Los Angeles, Cal., Dec.
20, Hon. W. R. Wherry, who for
many years was one of the most
prominent and influential citizens of
Van Buren county. Mr. Wherry
was aged 62 years. He was born in
Pennsylvania, and at the age of 20
graduated from Princeton Univers-
ity and two years later located at
Leosauqua, where he read law and be-
came a member of the noted law firm
of Lea & Beaman and later of the
firm of Wherry & Walker, which
connection was maintained until his
removal to Los Angeles some 10
years ago.

Mr. Wherry was not only a fine
scholar, but possessed fine native
ability, although he was of a modest
and retiring disposition. Person-
ally he was one of the most agreeable
and likeable men with whom we ever
became acquainted. And Mr. Wil-
ker, who was so intimately associat-
ed with him many years, expressed
himself to the writer in almost the
same terms, that "Mr. Wherry was
the nicest man he ever knew."

left to mourn her loss an aged hus-
band, one daughter and husband,
H. S. Brown of Pembine, Wis., and
their three children, a foster daugh-
ter, Mrs. Mae Craig, a daughter-in-
law Mrs. Carrie Bell, three sisters
Mrs. Sue A. Fion and Mrs. Addie
Gill, Kansas City; Mrs. M. K. Am-
brose; St. Louis. One brother, J. H.
Mathews, Chillicothe, Mo., and oth-
er relatives and friends.

Card of Thanks

To the Calendar Club of the
Christian church.

We thank you so much for the
beautiful flowers expressing your
sympathy in our sore bereavement.
May the blessing of God rest upon
you all.

We wish to thank our friends and
neighbors for their kindness and
assistance during sickness and be-
reavement.

Eli Bell and Relatives.

Mr. Wherry served in the Iowa
general assembly from this county
in 1884-86, being the youngest mem-
ber of that body, but his worth was
recognized by his being made a mem-
ber of the most important commit-
tees. He served two terms as coun-
ty attorney. He rendered our town
much service as a member of the
council, the town largely owing its
water and electric light plants to
him.

Mr. Wherry is survived by his
widow, Mrs. Ida Eno-Wherry, and a
daughter and grandchild.

Another British liner, the Persia,
was torpedoed and sunk in the Med-
iterranean last week with a loss of
about 250 lives. Such warfare is in
contravention of international law as
well as inhuman. This govern-
ment will call the nation guilty of
this latest atrocity to account.

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Rutledge Lea, born in Greenfield, Ohio, November 4, 1843, came with his parents to Keosauqua in 1856. He was an apt scholar and had a good English education. He commenced the study of law with Knapp, Caldwell & Wright, finished with Noble & Strong of Keokuk, and was admitted to the bar in 1864, but was engaged thereafter until 1872 in other pursuits, when he began the practice. He was associated most of the time from 1872 to 1874, inclusive, with W. A. Work, under the firm name of Work & Lea, when he retired therefrom to become a member of the firm of Lea & Beaman, who succeeded to the practice of J. C. Knapp upon the latter's accession to the bench, and so continued until January, 1879, when he retired from that firm and organized the firm of Lea & Wherry, of which W. M. Walker became a member in January, 1884; and the firm of Lea, Wherry & Walker remained in the practice until Lea's death, July 5, 1885, and was succeeded by Wherry & Walker.

Since my connection with this bar no young man of greater promise, ability and brilliancy has belonged to it. As a student he had acquired an excellent legal education, and when he entered the practice his genius and ability were quickly recognized by his associates and the public, and brought him quickly to the front with a good practice. Had he lived and retained good health, he would undoubtedly have been recognized as among the great lawyers of the Iowa bar. As it was, however, his associates recognized his worth and ability as first-class. He was strongly combative by nature, and inclined to be dictatorial and very positive in his convictions, and ready to maintain them. These characteristics were manifest in the discussion of legal questions as well as in discussing evidence to the jury, and rendered him much more forcible as an advocate than persuasive. He was, however, a very ready and fluent speaker, but never sacrificed sense for sound. While he could be eloquent, he rarely indulged

in eloquence unless it arose naturally from the case. It was rare to take him by surprise and find him unable to answer the arguments used against him. Often, however, he disappointed their efforts in that direction by a complete and perfect answer. He grasped very fully and comprehensively the issues in a case and its details and bearings upon the main questions. He was not only a good jury lawyer, but equally at home in the chancery cases. He had many warm friends and would make great sacrifices for them, but he also had some very pronounced enemies, resulting from the vigor and earnestness with which he prosecuted both legal and political contests. During his earlier career he was allied with the republicans, but was inclined to be independent, sometimes acting with the democrats.

He was perfectly fearless in the discharge of what he deemed a public duty, and utterly indifferent whether popular or otherwise. While somewhat gruff in manner and apparently unsocial, it was only apparent. He was as tender-hearted as a woman, and his sympathies were quickly enlisted by distress. Wherever there was sickness and trouble, especially among the needy, he was found doing all he could in their behalf, more so than almost any other man of my knowledge, whose calling in life did not make it a part of his work. He was devotedly attached to his family, and his grief over the death of his two little boys was so great that his health was permanently impaired thereby; so much so that he never was the same man thereafter and it ultimately resulted in his death.

William Rankin Wherry. After his death, Wherry & Walker succeeded to the business, and continued until quite recently, when the firm was dissolved by the removal of William Rankin Wherry to Los Angeles, California, where he expects to remain permanently. Wherry was a graduate of Princeton, and a man of fine literary

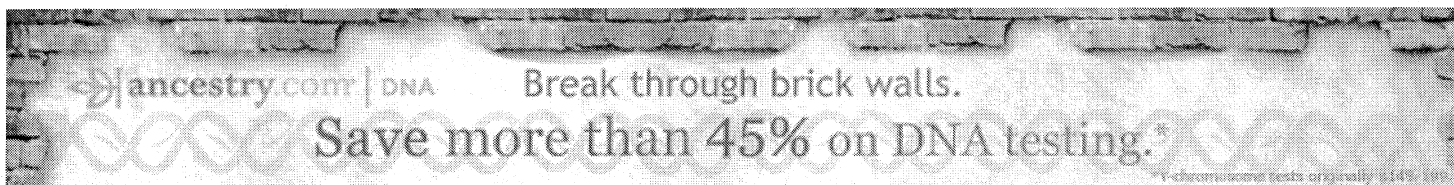
attainments, a ready writer and fair speaker. He read law with Lea & Beaman and became an excellent jurist, and a good counsellor, but disliked trial work, and would not engage therein unless in cases of necessity. He was a member of the house from this county of the Twentieth general assembly, and county attorney of this county for two terms, commencing January 1, 18.., and discharged the duties of these offices faithfully and efficiently. He was quiet and unassuming, somewhat moody and rather inclined to be taciturn and absorbed in his own thoughts, which rendered him apparently unsocial. He was, however, the very reverse, and a very genial, entertaining and pleasant companion, and often full of fun. The public had implicit faith in his integrity, and he was elected as a democrat when that party was in the minority. His health for the past two years kept him away from work and caused his removal to California.

Charles Baldwin engaged in the practice with his brother-in-law, Judge Wright, in January, 1860. The judge had declined a second term on the supreme bench, and in January, 1860, re-entered the practice, but on the death of Stockton, during that summer, he was tendered and accepted the appointment to fill the vacancy. When he did so, H. H. Trimble of Bloomfield became Baldwin's partner under the firm name of Trimble & Baldwin, and so continued until some time in 1880, when Judge Trimble removed to Keokuk, except the four years, beginning with January 1, 1863, that Trimble was on the district bench. Baldwin must have been at least forty years of age when he began the practice of law and, while he had a good intellect and large business experience, it did not make up for the lack of early legal training, and hence he did not, in the trial of cases, do justice to his otherwise excellent mental qualities. He was, however, a wise counsellor and the firm had a good practice. But he won one notable victory in the case of Wilson v.



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- Given Name: William Rankin
- Surname: Wherry
- Sex: M
- UID: 7CEB1B2389993B4CB10E52B764166A342E02
- Change Date: 23 Jan 2003
- Death: Y

Marriage 1 [Ida Eno](#) b: 23 AUG 1865

Children

1. [Janette Wherry](#) b: 9 DEC 1891



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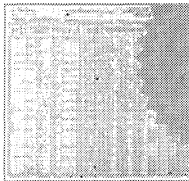


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Mother's Name:	Elizabeth									
Mother's Birth Place:	Scotland									
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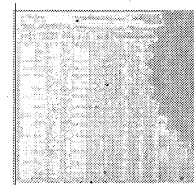
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