

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative John Kellum Penn Senator Hell
William Penn - Represented Cedar County Iowa

1. Birthday and place Nov. 1833 Harrison, Glades County, Ohio

2. Marriage (s) date place
 (1) Alice Macey 31 August 1859 Cedar County, Iowa
 (2) Mother S. Redfield 1884

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business None admitted to the bar in 1859

B. Civic responsibilities G.A.R.; Loyal Legion

C. Profession Educator; former newspaper editor; Lawyer

4. Church membership Methodists

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

6. Public Offices 10th, 19th, 20th General Assemblies 1864, 1882, 1884 - Iowa & Representatives

A. Local _____

B. State In 1884 Reorganizer of the Iowa Republican State Committee; Speaker of the Iowa House in 1884 from Cedar County in the 20th General Assembly

C. National General Assistant Collector of Revenue under Abraham Lincoln; served in the 41st United States Congress 6 Dec 1870 - 3 Mar 1871

7. Death 19 Sept 1896 Iipton, Iowa buried Masonic Cemetery, Iipton, Iowa

8. Children By 1st wife: Mary (Mrs. Snyder); Lucy (Mrs. Brown); Clara (Mrs. Hall); Louise; William; Edith; by 2nd wife Louise Redfield; Walter Paul

9. Names of parents Jacob and Anna Catherine (Smith) Hell

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10. Education He attended ~~Albion~~ ~~University~~ and high school at Marlboro Ohio.

11. Degrees

12. Other applicable information Abolitionist, later Republican

- While a small boy he moved with his parents to a farm Marlboro Ohio
Stark County, Ohio
- He taught school in Stark County Ohio and was a principal in Postage County Ohio.
- Later he studied law in the office of Pierce and Pease in Canton Ohio
- At age 23 he came with his parents to Cedar County Iowa, settling in Grove Township there to
engage in farming, teaching school and reading law with Rud Clark in Ansonia Iowa.
- When he married Alice Gray in 1859, they moved to Jipton, Iowa. There he practiced law.
- He was asked to teach at the Jipton Union School as well as being Cedar County Superintendent
but declined to practice law. In May 1864 he formed a partnership with J. S. Rothrock.
- Military service - Civil War - raised Company I, 46th Iowa Volunteer Infantry, badly
wounded in battle. He was the Captain.
- After the war he returned to practice law with Joly Rothrock
- He was editor of the Jipton Advertiser newspaper in 1866
- Later he formed a law partnership with S. V. Leonard. When Mr. Leonard
moved to California he formed a partnership with T. B. Harley
- His first wife, Alice, born 16 July 1839 Marlborough Ohio, died, 27 May, 1881,
buried Honey Grove Cemetery, Cedar County Iowa
- His second wife, Martha, born 5 July 1858, died 4 Dec 1925, buried in Mechanics
Cemetery, Jipton, Iowa.

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

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ITEMS.

WM. P. WOLF DEAD.

A Sketch of His Life—His Characteristics—A Very Large Funeral Tuesday.

At last the tired body is at rest. For years racked with pain and invaded with disease, the splendid constitution spurred on by the determined will, at last succumbed, and the inevitable surrender came. Since Mr. Wolf's return from the north two weeks ago, he gradually failed until death came Saturday evening at 9 o'clock. He died gently and without a struggle, and his placid features in repose reflected the pure and great soul that had flown.

Wm. Penn Wolf was born December 31st, 1833, in the village of Harrisburg, about ten miles northeast of Canton, Stark county, Ohio. While yet a small boy he removed with his parents to a farm in the vicinity of Marlboro, in the same county. Here he attended seminary and high school and afterward taught here in the Union School and at Limaville, and was principal of the Edinburg High School in Portage county. During part of this time he was under the instruction and influence of Prof. Holbrook, who so soon achieved great prominence as an educator in his normal at Lebanon, Ohio. Here Mr. Wolf laid well the foundation of a good education, and developed a comprehensive mind limited in its research only by the bounds of the fields of knowledge. He was of Quaker parentage, and this, together with the fact that he was educat-

the bench, Mr. Wolf formed a law partnership with S. V. Landt, which continued many years. Upon the latter going to California, Mr. Wolf formed a partnership with T. B. Hanley, which continued up to the time of his going on the bench of the 18th Judicial district the fall of 1894. The position of Judge he held at the time of his death.

As a lawyer Mr. Wolf was one of the best in the state. Concerning this, his old partner, Judge Rothrock, now Chief Justice of Iowa, says in an interview in the C. R. Republican:

He was an able lawyer. I never knew a man at the Iowa bar who could try a case so well with so little time for preparation. He was not an orator in the popular sense. He was more than that. He was endowed by nature with the very strongest reasoning power and in a plain, unostentatious manner he presented every feature of his case with all the force of strong, logical and convincing argument.

As a Judge he was very popular with attorneys and with the people. He was of that calm and judicial turn of mind which, together with his learning, made him a model judge. He could listen to the finest and most intricate law point and discern an error in reasoning that had escaped the attention of counsel.

It was, however, the splendid virtues of the man that gave him his most honored distinction. Judge Wolf believed in the equality of the rights of men. He once talked to the writer of Hugo's story of the galley slave and the wealthy prince who were shipwrecked, and found themselves alone in a little boat, surrounded as far as they could see only by the ocean. Reduced to starvation here they were brought to a common level. Neither was better than the other, and neither had a better right to live than the other. Mr. Wolf's daily life showed he regarded the poor as highly as the rich. If the poorest man in the town came in his office for advice it mattered not how busy he was with a case involving the heaviest financial interests and big fees, he stopped all, patiently heard the poor man's story and gave



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tered the office of Bierce & Pease, of
Canton, Ohio. At the age of twenty-
three, in 1856, he came with his parents
to Cedar county and settled in what is
now Gower township. Here he engaged
in farming, teaching school and reading
law with Rush Clark, of Iowa City. It
was during these years that John Brown
spent some time at Springdale. Mr.
Wolf was an abolitionist by conviction,
and knew Brown and his men well. He
aided them in helping negroes to the
north and on one occasion in particu-
lar, showed his courage by taking a haz-
ardous midnight ride to Iowa City to
baffle their enemies and to aid their en-
terprises.

In 1859 he was married to Alice
Macey. They moved to Tipton and Mr.
Wolf commenced the practice of law.
Here he was induced to teach the gram-
mar department of the Tipton Union
School, under Mr. Nestlerode. He also
served as County School Superintendent,
but declined further work and promo-
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Concerning his character, Judge Roth-
rock recently said to the writer that he
believed he never knew a more pure
minded man. He also said in the C. R.
Republican:

From the time of my first acquaintance with
him, all through the years since, our relations
have been of the most friendly character. I
think no man knew him better than I did. He
was my nearest neighbor for many years and
it can be truthfully said of him that there never
was a man of a more kindly nature and gen-
erous impulses. His daily life was a rare exam-
ple of the upright man without guile or malice
in his heart. I believe that if had been re-
duced to poverty he would have divided his
last crust of bread with his bitterest enemy.
But he had no enemies in the common accepta-
tion of the term. He had rivalry in his public
life. As a member of the senate of this state,
as the speaker of the house of representatives,
as a member of congress, and judge of the dis-
trict court he had opposition common to polit-
ical contests, but no man had cause to question
his honor or the purity of his character.

W. R. Boyd, editor of the Cedar Rapids
Republican, wrote editorially of him
Tuesday as follows:

The death of Judge William P. Wolf to those
who knew him as a man and as a friend, is a
personal loss for he was one of the most lovable
characters who ever blessed this world. When
death comes we usually throw the mantle of
charity over all foibles, and remember only
the tender things in connection with the dead
man's life. In the case of William P. Wolf
the mantle needs not to be large. He had few
faults to hide. Of vices he had none. Of
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army broken in health, which continued
until Mr. Rothrock went on the bench.

In May, 1864, Mr. Wolf aided in rais-
ing Co. I., 46th I. V. I., and was elected
Captain. They went to Davenport, and
as soon as the regiment was completed,
they were hurried off to Cairo and into
Tennessee. Here they were aiding in
guarding a piece of railroad at Collier-
ville, near Memphis, in July. Here they
were ambushed and attacked by the reb-
els, and several of the company wound-
ed. Mr. Wolf fell at the first fire, a ball
passing through his right arm, entering
his right side and passing through his
body, and lodging in his left hip. After
the skirmish was over he was carried
from the field almost dead. For a long
time it was uncertain whether he would
recover. Through all his after life this
wound troubled and pained him, partly
paralyzing his leg, and hurrying him to
his death.

Returning, he resumed the practice of
law with Judge Rothrock. He was Asst.
Collector of Revenue under Lincoln for
awhile. He was editor of the ADVERTIS-
ER for about six months in 1866, when
Andrew Johnson was president, and
claimed in later life that this paper un-
der his management was one of the very
first papers in the country that showed
the president to be a traitor to his party.
He was elected to the state senate in
1867, serving until 1870, when he was
elected to congress to fill an unexpired
term. In 1882 he was a member of the
legislature. In 1884 he was re-elected,
and during that session he was speaker
of the house. He was an able parliamen-
tarian, being one of the best who ever
occupied that position in Iowa. During
1884 he was chairman of the republican
state central committee, and about that
year was very favorably mentioned for
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little of his personal attire and little of his
bank account, but he thought everything of his
honor and his integrity; every thing of his
family, and he loved with intense devotion his
fellow men. If the beautiful dream of Leigh
Hunt be true and in the Book of Life it be
written that "those who love their fellow men
lead all whom love of God hath blest." then
the name of William P. Wolf adorns the top-
most page.

We have known him since childhood and we
know that all who have been similarly hon-
ored with his acquaintance will say yea and
amen to what we have said here touching his
character. He was a simple minded man, liv-
ing near to nature's heart; fond of flowers
and fields and the whole realm of nature's
world. He was a student, too, of men and of
books. His learning in the law was not more
profound than his knowledge of general litera-
ture. He seemed to have traversed the
whole field of history, of philosophy and of
poetry. He possessed wit that might have
been sharp and incisive as a two-edged sword,
had it not been for his kindness.

As a rule we expect to find men in possession
of the characteristics of mind that William P.
Wolf possessed, something of a lack of cour-
age and that quality which we somewhat vul-
garly call nerve. But William P. Wolf, was the
bravest of the brave. He fought for his coun-
try and almost gave his life for it. He really
did not know what fear was, and had we
needed evidence additional that his courage
was sublime, it has been furnished us during
the long weeks and months that he has faced
death. He has looked into his open grave for
many days without a shudder, without a mur-
mur. It was characteristic of him that on one
of his last days of consciousness, when speech
had almost failed him, he called his wife, after
a barber had finished shaving him and whis-
pered to her, "Give this young man a basket
of grapes and some other fruit to take home to
the children." His generosity never knew any
bounds. It overflowed his capacity for being
generous and actually made him unjust to
himself.

Others have or will speak of his great quali-
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In recognizing his character, Judge Rothrock once said to the writer that he never knew a more pure man. He also said in the C. R. Journal:

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exemplifies again that old truth that "neither riches or power, nor high honor count for much after all, when we take the measure of stalwart men," and proves again that "alone the actions of the just smell sweet and blossom in the dust."

Mr. Wolf was one of eight children. Two brothers died before the family left Ohio. The other six are living, and are Mrs. Elizabeth Morgan, Searsboro, Iowa; Mrs. Catharine Binegar, Kirkwood, S. D.; Mrs. Malinda J. Ellyson, West Liberty; Blair Wolf, Tipton, and Mrs. Michel M. Gruwell, West Branch. His wife died in 1881, leaving six children. They are Mrs. Mary Snyder, of California; Mrs. Lucy Bowers, of Keokuk; Mrs. Clara Ward, of California; Louis, of St. Joe, Mo; William and Miss Edith, who are at home. Mr. Wolf married again in 1885, to Miss Martha H. Redfield. They have two children, Louise and Walter. Mr. Wolf belonged to the G. A. R. and to the Loyal Legion.

The funeral was Tuesday at the residence at 2:30 p. m. It was very largely attended by people of all classes. It was in charge of the Cedar County Bar. The G. A. R. and W. R. C. attended in a body. Many members of the bar from other counties of the district were in attendance. There were present from a distance Attorneys F. O. Ellyson, J. S. Stacey, J. L. Sheehan, W. D. Sheehan, Davis McCann, H. M. Remley, T. R. Ercanbrack and C. J. Cash, of Anamosa; J. W. Dorse and M. H. Herrick, of Monticello; J. C. Davis and J. D. Giffen, of Marion; W. C. Blake, J. J. Powell, Milo P. Smith, Frank Smith, J. H. Preston, J. E. Crosby, H. D. Gale, J. M. Redman, John Reed, Charles Weare, J. H. Rothrock, C. E. Wheeler, U. H. Burr and H. G. Burr, of Cedar Rapids; S. K. Tracy, of Burlington, and Judge Husted, of Dubuque. The honorary pall bearers were Judges Rothrock and Husted, ex-Judges Giffen, Stacey and Preston and Hon. Charles Weare. The active pall bearers were T. B. Hanley, Captain Wm. Dean, Senator F. O. Ellyson, J. W. Dorse, H. H. Burr, and W. N. Treichler.

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The Lion county bar remembered their friend with a beautiful floral emblem, "Gates Ajar," and the Cedar county bar with another, "The Scales of Justice." Other societies and friends sent many flowers. The ceremonies were beautiful. The choir sang "Jesus, Lover of My Soul." Rev. McKee, of the M. E. church, offered a prayer, and Rev. Johnson, of the Presbyterian church, read scripture and a sketch of the Judge's life. Rev. McKee then spoke eloquently of the character of the deceased, and Rev. Johnson followed. The body was laid in final rest in the Masonic Cemetery.

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Rufus and U. S. Farrington have had charge of and carried on the farm for seventeen years. There are also three sisters in the family: Rosalia, who acts as housekeeper for her brother U. S.; Eliza, the wife of George Martin of South Dakota; and Lucinda, the wife of Ralph Simmons living in Battle Creek, Nebraska.

The brothers, Rufus and U. S. Farrington purchased the home farm from their father about 1893. In the meantime U. S. Farrington spent two years in the Philippines. He was for one year connected with the United States army and stationed at San Francisco in the coast artillery. Subsequently he spent two years with the Fourth United States Infantry and participated in the Philippine war. He was thus on active duty with the regular army for three years and was then honorably discharged, at the end of which time he returned home and he and his brother began farming together. In connection with the cultivation of the fields they raise and feed stock and have about ninety head of high grade, pure blooded shorthorn cattle. They fatten a carload or more of cattle and two carloads of hogs each year.

Rufus Farrington was married in Black Hawk county, Iowa, to Miss Ella Maricle, who was born, reared and educated in Waterloo, Iowa, the wedding being celebrated September 23, 1903. In their political views the brothers are republicans and U. S. Farrington served as assessor for two years and also as a member of the school board for four years. His sister is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Walnut Grove. The Farrington brothers are both well known and are numbered with the leading farmers and stock-breeders of the county, gaining more than local reputation as dealers in shorthorn cattle. They display excellent business ability in the management of their affairs and are not only progressive in business but also in matters of citizenship.

JUDGE WILLIAM P. WOLF.

When the history of Iowa's prominent men shall be written the record will contain the name of no one more worthy the honor of his fellow citizens than was Judge William P. Wolf. He was Cedar county's foremost resident. There have been other men in Iowa who have attained to higher political honors, to greater military distinction and to greater success in the field of business and yet in all those lines his was a creditable record. That which won him a regard above many of his fellows was his unflinching loyalty to duty and his unqualified support of what he believed to be right. Even those who opposed him politically



JUDGE W. P. WOLF

never doubted the integrity of his belief or the sincerity of his purpose and thus when the end came he passed on, leaving a name untarnished and a memory that will be cherished while any who knew him yet remain as active factors in the world's work.

Judge Wolf was born in Stark county, Ohio, in the village of Harrisburg, December 31, 1833, and when a small boy accompanied his parents on their removal to a farm in the vicinity of Marlboro, Ohio. He manifested a special aptitude in his studies and supplemented his district-school course by attendance at a seminary and high school. He afterward engaged in teaching in the union school at Limaville, Ohio. Subsequently he became principal of the Edinburg high school in Portage county, Ohio. During a part of that time he was under the instruction of Professor Holbrook, one of the distinguished educators of that state, afterward connected with the normal at Lebanon, Ohio. All through his life Judge Wolf remained a student, carrying his investigations far and wide into the realms of knowledge, so that in his later years he could draw from a rich fund of wisdom to illustrate his ideas or point his remarks. Determining upon the practice of law as his life work, he prepared for the profession in the office of Beirce & Pease, of Canton, Ohio, who directed his reading until 1856, when the family removed to Cedar county, Iowa, settling in what is now Gower township. Judge Wolf was at that time a young man of twenty-three years. Thereafter for a period he devoted his attention to farming, teaching school and reading law with Rush Clark of Iowa City as his preceptor. It was during those years that John Brown, the famous opponent of slavery, spent some time at Springdale, Iowa. Mr. Wolf, who had become convinced of the righteousness of the cause of abolition, became well acquainted with Mr. Brown and his men, even assisting them in helping negroes to the north. On one such occasion he took a hazardous midnight ride to Iowa City to baffle their enemies and to aid their enterprises. In this he manifested the same loyalty and fidelity to duty which were characteristic of him throughout his entire life.

In 1859 Judge Wolf was united in marriage to Miss Alice Macey and soon afterward established his home in Tipton, where he entered upon the practice of law. The successful work which he had done along educational lines led his fellow townsmen to solicit him to become a teacher in the grammar department of the Tipton union school. This he consented to do, dividing his time between his school work and his professional activities. Later he was chosen county superintendent of schools but on retiring from the office declined to take up any further educational work, desiring to devote his entire attention to the practice of law.

In the meantime Judge Wolf had become recognized as a prominent member of the republican party and in 1863 was elected to represent his district in the state legislature. In January of the following year he formed a law partnership with J. H. Rothrock who had returned from the army with impaired health. The relationship between them was maintained until Mr. Rothrock went upon the bench three years later.

Judge Wolf, however, put aside the duties of his profession in May, 1864, to render active service to the Union cause and succeeded in raising Company I of

the Forty-sixth Iowa Volunteer Infantry and was elected captain. The troops proceeded to Davenport and as soon as the regiment was organized they were sent to Cairo and thence into Tennessee, where they aided in guarding a railroad at Colliersville near Memphis in July. Here they were ambushed and attacked by Confederates and several of the company were wounded. Captain Wolf fell at the first fire, a ball passing through his right arm, entering the right side, passing through the body and lodging in the left hip. He was carried from the field almost dead and for some time his life hung in the balance. He never recovered from his injury, carrying the rebel lead to the last, and the wound ultimately caused his death.

After his return to Tipton, Captain Wolf resumed the practice of law in connection with Judge Rothrock and continued throughout the remainder of his life a prominent and honored representative of the bar of Tipton and of Iowa. At times he was called to public office and therefore divided his time between the duties that thus devolved upon him and the interests of his clients. He served as assistant collector of internal revenue under President Lincoln. In 1866 he devoted about six months to editing *The Advertiser*. The following year he was elected to the state senate, in 1867, and thus served until 1870, when he was chosen to congress to fill out an unexpired term. In 1882 he was returned to the legislature as a member of the lower house and in 1884 was reelected, after which he was chosen speaker of the house. A splendid parliamentarian, he made one of the best presiding officers that has ever occupied that post in the general assembly. During 1884 he was chairman of the republican state central committee and about that year was favorably mentioned for governor in many parts of the state.

When he retired from the speakership, the State Register of Des Moines said of him: "His skill and his success are alike the marvel and the admiration of all parties and even the opposition who were defeated in all their masterly tactics by his cool and remarkable leadership, joined in saying that it was honorably and fairly done. * * * * This is the best proof of leadership and manliness and Mr. Wolf by his splendid record this winter has so far increased his previous standing in Iowa that today no public man in the state stands in stature above him. * * * * The statesman from Cedar was the very man that the momentous situation in Iowa this winter demanded. It was the greatest good fortune of the state that the leader so necessary was so happily found."

When Judge Wolf was first spoken of in connection with the candidacy for governor, many of the newspapers of the state rallied to his support. The *Maple Valley Era* said: "There is no man in the state who is better versed in the public affairs of Iowa than he. During the entire period that he presided as speaker of the house not a single charge was brought against him by the opposition, claiming that his rulings were unfair or that he took any advantage whatever of the power placed in his hands. He has also served in congress where his ability and experience brought him to a position of influence." The *Tipton Advertiser* in speaking of Judge Wolf's candidacy for governor said: "His canvass has been all that the most scrupulously honorable could ask; it has antagonized no element whose good wishes are worth looking after; it meets the requirements

of the people that their governor shall be beyond small things—shall have the manhood to stand always and everywhere for principle and for those things that go to elevate the state, to broaden its fame and to stimulate its industries, and defend its institutions and enforce its laws. He fills every Jeffersonian requisite of personal honor, capability, patriotism and possesses those other qualifications of personal fairness and astuteness in debate, great vigor and energy in his conduct of a campaign and strength before the people that always go with strong men.”

While Judge Wolf did not receive the nomination, the expressions of the press concerning him show in what regard he was held in the portions of the state where he was best known. While he was not without that laudable ambition which is the stimulus of honorable service in public office, he yet regarded the practice of law as his real life work and after Judge Rothrock was called to the bench, entered into partnership with S. V. Landt, a relationship that was maintained for many years. Following the removal of Mr. Landt to California, Judge Wolf formed a partnership with T. B. Hanley, which continued until he was elected to the bench of the eighteenth judicial district in the fall of 1894. He presided over that court up to the time of his death. His former law partner, Judge Rothrock, after his demise said “He was an able lawyer. I never knew a man at the Iowa bar who could try a case so well with so little time for preparation. He was not an orator in the popular sense, he was more than that. He was endowed by nature with the very strongest reasoning power and in a plain, unostentatious manner he presented every feature of his case with all the force of strong, logical and convincing argument.” Upon the bench Judge Wolf made an equally creditable record, passing his opinions upon the law and the equity in the case, his course characterized by a masterful grasp of every question presented for solution. It was characteristic of him that upon his death-bed he requested that pen and paper should be given him that he might write his resignation as judge of the district court. This was in keeping with his whole course of life for he did not want to be paid for services he could not perform.

Unto the first marriage of Judge Wolf there were born six children: Mary, now the wife of James Snyder of Pasadena, California; Lucy, the wife of William Bowers of Rock Rapids, Iowa; Clara, the wife of Paul Ward of Banning, California; Louis, living in St. Joseph, Missouri; William, of Mount Vernon, Iowa; and Edith, the wife of Harry Stewart of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The death of Mrs. Wolf occurred in 1881.

In 1885 Judge Wolf married Miss Martha H. Redfield, a daughter of Colonel James Redfield. Her father was the twelfth and youngest son of Luther and Mary (Dryer) Redfield and was born in Clyde, Wayne county, New York, March 27, 1822, and came of early New England ancestry. His great-grandfather, Captain Peleg Redfield, was a soldier in the French and Indian war under General Wolff and four of his great-uncles were in the Revolutionary war, holding commissions under Washington, while two were killed in battle. The parents of Colonel Redfield were natives of Richmond, Berkshire county, Massachusetts. They were married May 19, 1803, and two years later started for western New York and on reaching Seneca county Mr. Redfield purchased land and cleared a large farm. In 1822 he removed to Clyde, Wayne county, New York

During the war of 1812 he was captain of militia of his home town and on the landing of the British at Sodus Point, Lake Ontario, in June, 1813, he and his company were attached to Colonel Swift's regiment which was summoned to the defense of that place. Marching all Sunday afternoon and night, they reached Sodus Point at sunrise in time to see the burning village and the retreating vessels of the enemy. Captain Redfield died in 1868 and his wife in May, 1853.

James Redfield attended the high school of Clyde and afterward entered Yale College as a freshman at the age of seventeen years. Following his graduation he returned to Clyde, where he entered upon the practice of law and the following year was elected county superintendent of schools of Wayne county, New York, filling the office for two years. In 1848, at the invitation of the Hon. Christopher Morgan, secretary of state of New York, he went to Albany and accepted a position in his office, becoming virtually supervisor of county schools for the state. Subsequently he engaged in merchandising in Albany until May, 1855, when he removed to Davenport, Iowa. There he made the acquaintance of Thomas Moore, subsequently his father-in-law, and with him spent some time in prospecting for a location. In connection with Mr. Stevens they at length purchased a large tract of land in the valley of the middle branch of the Raccoon river in Dallas county. There they founded the village of Wiscotta and since the death of Colonel Redfield the name of the town has been changed, being called Redfield in his honor.

Colonel Redfield was married in Beaver, Pennsylvania, May 2, 1856, to Miss Achsah Moore, a daughter of Thomas and Achsah (Harvey) Moore of that place. They became the parents of three children: Thomas Moore, Mrs. Martha Heard and Mrs. Mary Lewis. In October, 1861, Mr. Redfield was elected to the state senate of Iowa on the republican ticket and served on the ways and means committee and the committees on schools and public lands. He was afterward appointed by Governor Kirkwood, lieutenant colonel of the Thirty-ninth Regiment of Iowa Volunteers and was killed at the battle of Altoona Pass, Georgia, October 5, 1864. He resigned his position in the senate to enter the army and gave his life in defence of the Union. His widow long survived him, passing away in 1907.

A daughter, Martha Redfield, born in the town of Redfield, Iowa, became postmistress of the new state capitol and while there became acquainted with Judge Wolf, who was the first speaker of the house of the twentieth general assembly which was the first to occupy the new state capitol. Judge and Mrs. Wolf became the parents of two children, Louise Redfield and Walter Paul, both of whom are at home with their mother.

Judge Wolf was a prominent member of the Grand Army of the Republic and of the Loyal Legion. He died at his home in Tipton after a long and painful illness, on the 19th of September, 1896. The funeral services were in charge of the Cedar county bar and the Grand Army Post and Women's Relief Corps attended in a body, while many distinguished men from other parts of the state were present. Judge Rothbrock said of him: "He was my nearest neighbor for many years and it can be truthfully said that there was never a man of a more kindly nature and generous impulses. His daily life was a rare example of an

upright man without guile or malice in his heart. I believe that if he had been reduced to poverty he would have divided his last crust of bread with his bitterest enemy. But he had no enemies in the common acceptation of the term. He had rivalry in his public life. As a member of the senate, as speaker of the house, as a member of congress and judge of the district court he had the opposition common to political contests, but no man had cause to question his honor or the purity of his character. He was not learned in the classics but he was a scholar in the sciences, in philosophy, history and biography. Few men were possessed of more general information than he had."

W. R. Boyd, editor of the Cedar Rapids Republican, wrote editorially of him as follows: "The death of Judge William P. Wolf to those who knew him as a man and as a friend, is a personal loss for he was one of the most lovable characters who ever blessed this world. When death comes we usually throw the mantle of charity over all foibles and remember only the tender things in connection with the dead man's life. In the case of William P. Wolf the mantle needs not to be large. He had few faults to hide. Of vices he had none. Of weaknesses, perhaps a few, as the world judges. He was careless only of himself. He thought little of his personal attire and little of his bank account, but he thought everything of his honor and of his integrity; everything of his family, and he loved with intense devotion his fellowmen. If the beautiful dream of Leigh Hunt be true and in the Book of Life it be written that 'those who love their fellowmen lead all whom love of God hath blest,' then the name of William P. Wolf adorns the topmost page.

"We have known him since childhood and we know that all who have been similarly honored with his acquaintance will say yea and amen to what we have said here touching his character. He was a simple-minded man living near to nature's heart; fond of flowers and fields and the whole realm of nature's world. He was a student, too, of men and of books. His learning in the law was not more profound than his knowledge of general literature. He seemed to have traversed the whole field of history, of philosophy and of poetry. He possessed wit that might have been sharp and incisive as a two-edged sword had it not been for his kindliness.

"As a rule we expect to find men in possession of the characteristics of mind that William P. Wolf possessed, something of a lack of courage and that quality which we somewhat vulgarly call nerve. But William P. Wolf was the bravest of the brave. He fought for his country and almost gave his life for it. He really did not know what fear was, and had we needed evidence additional that his courage was sublime, it has been furnished us during the long weeks and months that he has faced death. He has looked into his open grave for many days without a shudder, without a murmur. It was characteristic of him that on one of his last days of consciousness, when speech had almost failed him, he called his wife, after a barber had finished shaving him and whispered to her, 'Give this young man a basket of grapes and some other fruit to take home to the children.' His generosity never knew any bounds. It overflowed his capacity for being generous and actually made him unjust to himself.

"Others have or will speak of his great qualifications as a lawyer and as a judge. We speak of him only as a man, tender, just, true and brave. A man

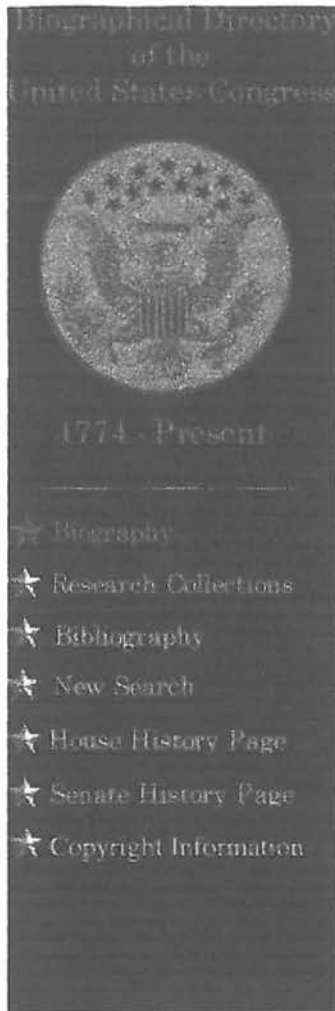
whom it was an inspiration to have known, and who, as he lies there dead, exemplifies again that old truth that 'neither riches nor power, nor high honor count for much after all, when we take the measure of stalwart men,' and proves again that, 'alone the actions of the just smell sweet and blossom in the dust.' "

SPENCER G. FRINK.

Spencer G. Frink, cashier of the Cedar County State Bank and thus well known in the financial circles of Tipton, was called to his present position in 1885 and the fact that he has continued therein to the present time is indicative of his thorough understanding and capability in the discharge of his duties as well as of the confidence reposed in him by the other officers of the institution and his popularity with the general public.

One of Cedar county's native sons, he was born in Dayton township on the 6th of January, 1861, his parents being Homer C. and Helen M. (Jobes) Frink. The Frink family is of English descent and was founded in Massachusetts, whence representatives of the name went to Connecticut and later to New York. The parents of our subject are both in good health, although the father is now eighty-six years of age. He was born in Albany, New York, March 5, 1824, and in 1848, when a young man of twenty-four years, became a resident of Little Rock, Kendall county, Illinois, while in 1854 he came to Cedar county, Iowa. The mother was born in Erie county, New York, March 25, 1837, and went with her parents to Kendall county, Illinois, in 1839. In 1859 Mr. Frink returned to Illinois and was married, and the same year came again to Cedar county, settling on section 1, Dayton township, where he entered two hundred acres of wild and unimproved government land. Year after year he carefully cultivated and developed the farm until he sold it March 1, 1908. Among those who entered land from the government he was the last in Dayton township to dispose of his homestead. In 1900 he removed to Clarence, where he and his wife now reside, and in 1909 they celebrated their golden wedding. Both are active and faithful members of the Wesleyan Methodist church. Mr. Frink is a prominent republican and was a delegate to the first convention of his party in Cedar county. He held various township offices, the duties of which he always discharged with promptness and fidelity. In his family were five children, of whom Spencer G. is the eldest. The others are: Sarah, the wife of Fred Decker of Dayton township; Homer and Howard, twins, who since 1907 have been residents of Alberta, Canada; and Alice, at home.

Spencer G. Frink has been a life-long resident of Cedar county and remained upon the home farm with his parents until he attained his majority. He pursued his education in the public schools and at Carthage College, Carthage, Illinois, which he attended for one year. He engaged in teaching school for three winter seasons, while the summer months were devoted to farm work. On the expiration of that period he came to Tipton and served as county auditor under



WOLF, William Penn, 1833-1896

WOLF, William Penn, a Representative from Iowa; born in Harrisburg, Stark County, Ohio, December 1, 1833; attended the public schools and Holbrook Seminary; moved to Cedar County, Iowa, in 1856; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1859 and commenced practice in Tipton, Cedar County, Iowa; superintendent of public schools; member of the State house of representatives in 1863 and 1864; served in the Union Army as captain of Company I, Forty-sixth Regiment, Iowa Volunteer Infantry; appointed assistant assessor of internal revenue in 1865; member of the State senate 1867-1869; elected as a Republican to the Forty-first Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of William Smyth and served from December 6, 1870, to March 3, 1871; resumed the practice of law in Tipton, Iowa; again a member of the State house of representatives 1881-1885, and was chosen speaker in 1884; elected judge of the eighteenth judicial district in the fall of 1894 and continued in this capacity until his death in Tipton, Iowa, on September 19, 1896; interment in the Masonic Cemetery.

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Moines in 1865. Judge and Mrs. Wright were the parents of seven children: Thomas S., who became general solicitor of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway Company and died in 1895; Craig L., the leading lawyer in Sioux City; Carroll and George G., both residents of Des Moines; Mary D., widow of F. H. Peavey of Minneapolis, Lucia H., wife of E. H. Stone of Sioux City, and Willie, who died at the age of eleven years.

Carroll Wright attended the common schools in Keosauqua until the family moved to Des Moines. He entered the State University at Iowa City in 1870 and was graduated from the collegiate department in 1875. Upon his return from college he was appointed consular clerk to the consul general at Rome, but he declined this position and commenced work on the Iowa State Register as a reporter. In the fall of 1876 he left the Register and went into the law office of Wright, Gatch & Wright, as a student. He attended the Simpson Centenary College of Law in Des Moines during this time and graduated there in 1878 as the valedictorian of his class. A partnership was then formed, consisting of his father, Judge George G. Wright, and the oldest brother, Thomas S., under the firm name of Wright & Wright. This continued until 1881, when A. B. Cummins was admitted to the firm.

Several changes subsequently occurred in the firm by the withdrawal of Judge Wright from active practice and by Thomas S. Wright becoming division solicitor of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway and subsequently its general attorney and removing to Chicago. When he became division solicitor the firm was changed to Cummins & Wright, consisting of A. B. Cummins and Carroll Wright. They continued in practice together until August 1, 1896, when Mr. Wright was appointed attorney for Iowa for the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway Company, having charge of all its legal business in Iowa. He therefore retired from the firm and from general practice, but again resumed connection with the firm in 1902, when Mr. Cummins became governor of Iowa, being associated with James Hewitt and Craig T. Wright, son of Thos. S. Wright. Carroll Wright is a remarkably successful lawyer, not only because of the native ability

which he possesses, but because of the industry with which he prepares his cases for trial. He has a rule of always putting himself in the position of the attorney of the other side when he is getting ready for trial, seeking to find all the weak points in his own case so that he may prepare in advance against any attack which may be made. He gives advice conservatively and never without thoroughly understanding all the facts and the law in the case. Having an unusual capacity for details, nothing is ever neglected and he is never caught napping.

Mr. Wright has always been an active republican. He participates in the conventions and in the councils of his party and is a most valued worker. He is not in politics for his own advantage and has not been a candidate for any office, yet he is a recognized power in Iowa politics. The only official position he ever held was that of regent of the State University, to which position he has been twice elected, the last time in 1900 for a term of six years. He is connected with various republican organizations and clubs in the state and has often served his party as a campaign speaker. Mr. Wright is secretary of the Des Moines & Ft. Dodge Railroad, a director in the Hawkeye Investment Company and is interested in various enterprises of the city of Des Moines, where he has been during all of his active life prominently connected with public affairs. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias order. On the 18th of June, 1879, Mr. Wright was married to Miss Nellie Elliott, daughter of the late John A. and Mattie Henderson Elliott. Mr. Elliott was for six years auditor of state and later president of the State Insurance Company. He died in 1887. Mr. and Mrs. Wright have one child living, Carroll Wright, Jr., born January 25, 1895. They live in a beautiful home on West Grand avenue.

WOLF, JUDGE WILLIAM PENN, late of Tipton, Cedar county, judge of the Eighteenth judicial district, has had much to do with the making of Iowa, and for several years was one of the leaders of the republican party in the state. He was speaker of

the house in the Twentieth General Assembly, chairman of the republican state central committee in the great presidential campaign of 1884, and has held many other positions of honor and trust. Judge James H. Rothrock, of Cedar Rapids, for many years judge of the supreme court, was Judge Wolf's law partner and nearest neighbor in Tipton for many years before Judge Rothrock went on the bench. At the time of Judge Wolf's death, in September, 1896, Judge Rothrock said of him: "There never was a man of more kindly nature and generous impulses. His daily life was a rare example of the upright man without guile or malice in his heart. I believe if he had been reduced to poverty he would have divided his last crust of bread with his bitterest enemy. But he had no enemies in the common acceptation of the term. He had rivalry in his public life. As a member of the senate of this state; as the speaker of its house of representatives; as a member of congress and as judge of the district court he had opposition common to political contests, but no man had cause to question his honor or the purity of his character. He was an able lawyer. I never knew a man at the Iowa bar who could try a case so well with so little time for preparation. He was not an orator in the popular sense; he was more than that. He was endowed by nature with the very strongest reasoning power, and in a plain, unostentatious manner he presented every feature of his case with all the force of strong, logical and convincing argument. Few men possessed more general information than he had." Higher tribute than this very few men live to earn, as Judge Wolf did.

He was born in Harrisburgh, Stark county, Ohio, December 1, 1833. His father was Jacob Wolf, a school teacher and merchant in moderate circumstances. His mother's maiden name was Ann Catherine Smith. They lived on a farm in that county, in which is the city of Canton, for some years, and William attended common school, seminary and high school in Marlboro, and afterward taught there and elsewhere in the state. He studied law in the office of Bierce & Pease, in Canton, and at the age of twenty-three, in 1856, came with his parents to Cedar county, where they settled on a farm. Here

William assisted on the farm, taught school, and continued his law studies with Rush Clark of Iowa City. John Brown, the famous "Old John Brown of Osawattomie," with some of his sons and followers, spent some time in and about Springdale, in Cedar county, about this time, and young Mr. Wolf came to know them well and took an active and enthusiastic part in their operations, running off negroes, riding in the night at much peril to himself, to baffle the plans of those who were trying to defeat Brown's purposes.



Mr. Wolf began the practice of law in Tipton in 1859, and was married that year to Alice Macey. He was asked to teach the grammar school there and did so, also being elected to the office of county superintendent, but declined further work in this line, desiring to give all his time to his law practice. He was elected to the legislature first in 1863. In the summer of 1864 he responded to the call for Iowa soldiers, raised a company, Co. I, 46th Iowa Volunteer Infantry, was elected its captain and went immediately into the enemy's country, near Memphis, Tennessee. While guarding a railway his command was ambuscaded, he was shot and left for dead on the field. Some Union

women found him after some hours, and, aided by negroes, took him in an ox cart to the Union forces, where he was cared for. He carried that rebel bullet all his life. It was supposed to have lodged in his liver; it partially paralyzed one leg and was the cause of a slight peculiarity of gait, for he never ceased to suffer from it, and it shortened his life. Returning from the war, he entered into the law partnership with James H. Rothrock in Tipton. He was deputy internal revenue collector under Lincoln, was editor of the Tipton Advertiser during about six months, in 1866, which was one of the first newspapers in the country to show up Andrew Johnson for treachery to his party. He was elected state senator in 1867, representing Cedar county. In 1870 he was elected to fill the unexpired term of William Smythe as congressman from the Fifth district. In 1882 he was elected to the lower house of the legislature and in 1884 was re-elected and was speaker of the house the first session in the new state house. He made a record as speaker in keeping with the reputation he had made for conscientious and able public service, and it was one of the things he was most proud of. In that house were such men as W. I. Babb, Charles Doerr, B. F. Clayton, W. O. Schmidt, C. S. Ranck, N. B. Holbrook, Thomas McCall, S. M. Weaver, C. C. Carpenter, and it was one of the most important legislatures in the state's history. That same year Speaker Wolf managed the state campaign for the republican party. After Judge Rothrock went on the bench, Mr. Wolf had S. V. Landt for a law partner, and when the latter went to California, his place was taken by T. B. Hanley, and that relation continued until Mr. Wolf became district judge in 1894. He was an able, as well as a popular judge, and this was his dearest ambition. Judge Wolf always had a leaning toward the poor and unfortunate, and would give their affairs his best attention without pay, at the expense of his own business, so he never became wealthy. But when he died, September 19, 1896, after a long illness of Bright's disease and complications, the bar, the courts and the press, as well as his friends and the people who knew him best, covered his grave with eulogy.

They paid the deserved tribute to a life well lived.

Judge Wolf was married to Miss Alice Macey in 1859. Six children were born to them, as follows: Mrs. Mary Snyder, California; Mrs. Lucy Bowers, Keokuk; Mrs. Clara Ward, California; Louis of St. Joseph, Mo.; William and Miss Edith, who live at home in Tipton. Mrs. Wolf died in 1881, and Mr. Wolf was married to Miss Bertha Redfield, daughter of the late Colonel Redfield, the founder of the town of Redfield, Iowa, October 21, 1885. Two children were born to them: Louise Redfield, born March 6, 1891, and Walter Paul, born February 17, 1893. Judge Wolf was a member of the G. A. R. and of the Loyal Legion.

Since this sketch was written an incident occurred showing the tender relations that existed in the family of Judge Wolf. His little son, six years old, was heard to say, "When I die I wish I would die with a book in my hand." When asked why, he replied, "So papa could hear me read."

WATERBURY, CHARLES DANN, is a successful banker in Dayton, Iowa, where he located in September, 1881, and started the Bank of Dayton. His early education was mostly in the public schools of Polo, Ogle county, Illinois, where he was born. He graduated from the high school in that town in 1876, having been very active as a debater in the literary society. The week after he graduated he started for California, where he spent three years, teaching most of the time. In 1879 he returned to Polo to study law, but came to Iowa before completing the course and was admitted to the bar at Fort Dodge at the December term of court in 1881, but did not at any time intend to enter the practice actively. His bank was a private bank until the fall of 1886, when he became associated with a number of Fort Dodge gentlemen and formed the State Bank of Dayton, of which he has since been cashier. In 1900 the bank was converted into the First National Bank of Dayton. He is also interested in a drug store in Dayton. Mr. Waterbury has been a republican ever since

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Veteran's name Wolf, William P.
Residence
Occupation Attorney at Law
Date birth 1 D 1833 Place Stark Co Ohio
Date death 2d Term '96 Place
Cause Place burial
War record Capt. I 36 Iowa Inf.
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m. Aug 31, 1859
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Children
Mary
Lucy
Charles
Clara
William and a baby in 1878
Sources Roster Iowa Soldiers: (Wm. P.)
Cedar County History 1878, p. 617
U. S. Pension List 1883: G. S. W rt arm &
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Grand Army of the Republic

Veteran's name Wolf, William P

Record Membership and Dues Paid

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Cedar Co. Hist. p. 617: Wm F. Wolf, born in Stark co., Ohio, received education, taught school and commenced study law there; came to Iowa & completed study law admitted to bar; Elected Rep to State Leg in 1863. After war service resumes practice of law, was appointed Asst Assessor of Internal Revenue by Pres. Lincoln; elected to State Senate in 1867; in 1870 elected Representative to Congress to fill an unexpired term. Much interested in educational matters; engaged in teaching here and has held office Supt of Schools of the county.

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Husband's Name

[William Penn WOLF](#) (AFN:1VN5-9QN)

[Pedigree](#)

Born: 1 Dec 1833 **Place:** Harrisburg, Stark Co, Oh
Died: 19 Sep 1896 **Place:** Tipton, Cedar, Ia
Buried: **Place:** Masonic Cemetery, Tipton, Cedar, Ia
Married: 31 Aug 1859 **Place:** Honey Grove, , Ia

Father: [Jacob WOLF](#) (AFN:1VN5-B09)

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Mother: [Anna Catharine SMITH](#) (AFN:1VN5-B1H)

Wife's Name

[Alice MACY](#) (AFN:1THJ-0NM)

[Pedigree](#)

Born: 15 Jul 1839 **Place:** Marlborough, Stark, Oh
Died: 12 May 1881 **Place:** Tipton, Cedar, Ia
Buried: **Place:** Honey Grove Cem., Cedar County, Iowa
Married: 31 Aug 1859 **Place:** Honey Grove, , Ia

Father: [Samuel MACY](#) (AFN:1THJ-0JS)

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Mother: [Mary GRUWELL](#) (AFN:182T-GNR)

Children

1. Sex Name

F [Edith WOLF](#) (AFN:1VN5-9Z4)

[Pedigree](#)

Born: 16 Jan 1878 **Place:** Tipton, Cedar, Ia

2. Sex Name

F [Lucy WOLF](#) (AFN:202X-HSN)

[Pedigree](#)

Born: 22 Jan 1856 **Place:** Honey Grove, Cedar, Iowa

3. Sex Name

F [Lucy WOLF](#) (AFN:1VN5-9T9)

[Pedigree](#)

Born: 22 Jan 1866 **Place:** Tipton, Cedar, Ia
Died: 6 Jul 1945 **Place:** Storm Lake, Buena Vista, Ia

4. Sex Name

F [Clara WOLF](#) (AFN:1VN5-84R)

[Pedigree](#)

Born: 15 Mar 1868 **Place:** Tipton, , Ia
Died: 13 Sep 1929 **Place:** Hemet, Riverside, Ca

5. Sex Name

F [Mary WOLF](#) (AFN:1VN5-9RV)

[Pedigree](#)

Born: 27 Mar 1861 **Place:** Tipton, Cedar, Ia
Died: 17 Sep 1944 **Place:** Pasadena, Los Angeles, Ca

6. Sex Name

M [Thomas Thorly WOLF](#) (AFN:1VN5-9S3)

[Pedigree](#)

Born: 9 Apr 1863 **Place:** Tipton, Cedar, Ia
Died: 22 Sep 1864 **Place:** Tipton, Cedar, Ia



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Name: **William Penn Wolf**¹

Sex: M

Birth: 1 DEC 1833 in Harrisburg, Stark, Ohio¹

Death: 19 SEP 1896 in Tipton, Cedar, Iowa²

Burial: SEP 1896 Masonic Cemetery, Center Twp, Cedar, Iowa²

Military Service: 7 MAY 1864 Civil War; Captain; Union Army ; Company I, 46th Regiment, Iowa;¹

Occupation: 1859 Attorney; Law Office of Wolf & Landt; Tipton, Cedar, Iowa

Occupation: BET 1863 AND 1864 Member of the State house of representatives

Occupation: 1865 Appointed assistant assessor of internal revenue

Occupation: BET 1867 AND 1869 Senator

Occupation: BET 6 DEC 1870 AND 3 MAR 1871 Congressman

Occupation: BET 1881 AND 1885 State house of representatives

Occupation: 1884 Speaker of the Iowa House

Occupation: BET 1894 AND 1896 District Judge

Event: Political Affiliation Republican

Event: Census 1880 Center, Cedar, Iowa

Event: Census 1860 Tipton, Cedar, Iowa

Event: Census 1870 Tipton, Cedar, Iowa

Event: Census 1850 Marlboro, Stark, Ohio

Event: Cause of Death: Bright's disease

Note:

[Excerpt from Biographies and Portraits of the Progressive Men of Iowa] Wolf, Jude William Penn, late of Tipton, Cedar county, judge of the Eighteenth judicial district, has had much to do with the making of Iowa, and for several years was one of the leaders of the republican party in the state. He was speaker of the house in the Twentieth general Assembly, chairman of the republican state central committee in the great presidential campaign of 1884, and has held many other positions of honor and trust. Judge James H. Rothrock, of Cedar Rapids, for many years judge of the supreme court, was Judge Wolf's law partner and nearest neighbor in Tipton for many years before Judge Rothrock went on the bench. At the time of Judge Wolf's death, in September, 1896, Judge Rothrock said of him: "There never was a man of more kindly nature and generous impulses. His daily life was a rare example of the upright man without guile of malice in his heart. I believe if he had been reduced to poverty he would have divided his last crust of bread with his bitterest enemy. But he had no enemies in the common appreciation of the term. He had rivalry in his public life. As a member of the senate of this state; as the speaker of its house of representatives; as a member of congress and as judge of the district court he had opposition common to political contests, but no man had cause to question his honor or the purity of his character. He was an able lawyer. I never knew a man at the Iowa bar who could try a case so well with so little time for preparation. He was not an orator in the popular sense; he was more than that. He was endowed by nature with the very strongest reasoning power, and in a plain, unostentatious manner he presented every feature of his case with all the force of strong, logical and convincing argument. Few men possessed more general information that he had." Higher tribute than this very few men live to ear, as Judge Wolf did.

He was born in Harrisburgh, Stark county, Ohio, December 1, 1833. His father was Jacob Wolf, a school teacher and merchant in moderate circumstances. His mother's maiden name was Ann Catherine Smith. They lived on a farm in that county, in which is the city of Canton, for some years, and William attended common school, seminary and high school in Marlboro, and afterward taught there and elsewhere in the state. He studied law in the office of Bierce & Pease, in Canton, and at the age of twenty-three, in 1856, came with his parents to Cedar county, where they settled on a farm. Here William assisted on the farm, taught school, and continued his law studies with Rush Clark of Iowa City, John Brown, the famous "Old John Brown of Osawatomie," with some of his sons and followers, spent some time in and about Springdale, in Cedar county, about this time, and your Mr. Wolf came to know them well and took an active and enthusiastic part in their operations, running off negroes, riding in the night at much peril to himself, to battle the plans of those who were trying to defeat Brown's purposes.

Mr. Wolf began the practice of law in Tipton, in 1859, and was married that year to Alice Macey. He was asked to teach the grammar school there and did so, also being elected to the office of county superintendent, but declined further work in this line, desiring to give all his time to his law practice. He was elected to the legislature first in 1863. In the summer of 1864 he responded to the call for Iowa soldiers, raised a company, Co. I, 46th Iowa Volunteer Infantry, was elected its captain and went immediately into the enemy's country, near Memphis, Shelby, Tennessee. While guarding a railway his command was ambuscaded, he was shot and left for dead on the field. Some Union women found him after some hours, and, aided by negroes, took him in an ox cart to the Union forces, where he was cared for. He carried that rebel bullet all his life. It was supposed to have lodged in his liver; it partially paralyzed one leg and was the cause of a slight peculiarity of gait, for he never ceased to suffer from it, and it shortened his life. Returning from the war, he entered into the law partnership with James H. Rothrock in Tipton. He was deputy internal revenue collector under Lincoln, was editor of the Tipton Advertiser during about six months, in 1866, which was one of the first newspapers in the country to show up Andrew Johnson for treachery to his party. He was elected state senator in 1867, representing Cedar county. In 1870 he was elected to fill the unexpired term of William Smythe as congressman from the Fifth district. In 1882 he was elected to the lower house of the legislature and in 1884 was re-elected and was speaker of the house the first session in the new state house. He made a record as speaker in keeping with the reputation he had made for conscientious and able public service, and it was one of the things he was most proud of. In that house were such men as W. I. Babb, Charles Doerr, B. F. Clayton, W. O. Schmidt, C. S. Ranck, N. B. Holbrook, Thomas McCall, S. M. Weaver, C. C. Carpenter, and it was one of the most important legislatures in the state's history. That same year Speaker Wolf managed the state campaign for the republican party. After Judge Rothrock went on the bench, Mr. Wolf had S. V. Landt for a law partner, and when the latter went to California, his place was taken by T. B. Hanley, and

that relation continued until Mr. Wolf became district judge in 1894. He was an able, as well as a popular judge, and this was his dearest ambition. Judge Wolf always had a leaning toward the poor and unfortunate, and would give their affairs his best attention without pay, at the expense of his own business, so he never became wealthy. But when he died, September 19, 1896, after a long illness of Bright's disease and complications, the bar, the courts and the press, as well as his friends and the people who knew him best, covered his grave with eulogy. They paid the deserved tribute to a life well lived.

Judge Wolf was married to Miss Alice Macey in 1859. Six children were born to them as follows: Mrs. Mary Snyder, California; Mrs. Lucy Bowers, Keokuk; Mrs. Clara Ward, California; Louis of St. Joseph, Mo.; William and Miss Edith, who live at home in Tipton. Mrs. Wolf died in 1881, and Mr. Wolf was married to Miss Bertha Redfield, daughter of the late Colonel Redfield, the founder of the town of Redfield, Iowa, October 21, 1885. Two children were born to them: Louise Redfield, born March 6, 1891, and Walter Paul, born February 17, 1893. Judge Wolf was a member of the G. A. R. and of the Loyal Legion.

Since this sketch was written an incident occurred showing the tender relations that existed in the family of Judge Wolf. His little son, six years old, was heard to say, "When I die I wish I would die with a book in my hand." When asked why, he replied, "So papa could hear me read."

[End of excerpt]

[Excerpt from Biographical Directory of the American Congress, 1774-1949]

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Wolf, William Penn, a Representative from Iowa; born in Harrisburg, Stark County, Ohio, December 1, 1833; attended the public schools and Holbrook Seminary; moved to Cedar County, Iowa, in 1856; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1859 and commenced practice in Tipton, Cedar County, Iowa; superintendent of public schools; member of the State house of representatives in 1863 and 1864; during the Civil War served in the Union Army as captain of Company I, Forty-sixth Regiment, Iowa Volunteer Infantry; wounded in action July 24, 1864; appointed assistant assessor of internal revenue in 1865; member of the State senate 1867-1869; elected as a Republican to the Forty-first Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of William Smyth and served from December 6, 1870, to March 3, 1871; resumed the practice of law in Tipton, Iowa; again a member of the State house of representatives 1881-1885, and was chosen speaker in 1884; elected judge of the eighteenth judicial district in the fall of 1894 and continued in this capacity until his death in Tipton, Iowa, on September 19, 1896; interment in the Masonic Cemetery.

[end of excerpt]

■ Ancestry Hints for William Penn Wolf

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Father: [Jacob Wolf](#) b: 14 JUN 1803 in Greencastle, Franklin, Pennsylvania

Mother: [Anna Catherine Smith](#) b: 29 FEB 1808 in Alexandria, Virginia

Marriage 1 [Alice Macey](#) b: 15 JUL 1839 in Stark, Ohio

Married: 31 AUG 1859 in Cedar, Iowa

Children

[Mary Wolf](#) b: 27 MAR 1861 in Tipton, Cedar, Iowa

[Lucy Wolf](#) b: 22 JAN 1866 in Tipton, Cedar, Iowa

[Clara Wolf](#) b: 15 MAR 1868 in Tipton, Cedar, Iowa

[John Wolf](#) b: 1869 in Tipton, Cedar, Iowa

[Charles Louis Wolf](#) b: 18 MAY 1870 in Tipton, Cedar, Iowa

[William W. Wolf](#) b: 1872 in Tipton, Cedar, Iowa

[Edith L. Wolf](#) b: 16 JAN 1878 in Tipton, Cedar, Iowa

Marriage 2 [Bertha Redfield](#) b: JUL 1858 in Iowa

Married: 21 OCT 1885¹

Children

[Louise Redfield Wolf](#) b: 6 MAR 1891 in Cedar, Iowa

[Walter Paul Wolf](#) b: 17 FEB 1893 in Cedar, Iowa

Sources:

Title: *Biographies and Portraits of the Progressive Men of Iowa*

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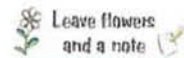
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WOLF, Alice

Born: 16 JUL 1839
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County: CEDAR CO. - IOWA
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County: CEDAR CO. - IOWA
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