

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative \_\_\_\_\_ Senator Tirrill

Rodney H. — Represented Delaware County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 7.2 Dec 1835 Stewartstown, New Hampshire

2. Marriage (s) date place

Elija Jane Hakes 30 Dec 1860 Delaware County, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

- A. Business Admitted to the Delaware Bar in 1894; vice-president of the County Bank; member of board of directors of the Manchester and Griffin Railways
- B. Civic responsibilities GAR; American Legion, Masons, I.O.O.F.

C. Profession Real estate agent; farmer; school superintendent; insurance agent; loan business; secured persons for soldiers and their heirs; lawyer

4. Church membership Universalist and later Congregational

5. Sessions served 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies

6. Public Offices

A. Local Elect a superintendent of schools in 1864 serving 4 years; school board for 21 years at Manchester, Iowa

B. State He was the Department Commander of the Iowa Grand Army of the Republic, elected in 1898

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

7. Death 2 Oct 1926 Anamosa, Iowa; buried Oakland Cemetery, Manchester, Iowa

8. Children L. Claire (died at age 11); John R. H. (died at age 7), sadly both of these children died in 1878

9. Names of parents Timothy and Mary (Grew) Tirrill

10. Education

Educated in the public schools of  
Colebrook, New Hampshire

11. Degrees

University of Wisconsin; University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa  
studied law and graduated in 1894

12. Other applicable information

Republican

- In 1850 the family moved to Lodi, Wisconsin where he grew to manhood on the family farm.
- Military service - Civil War - Co. F 12<sup>th</sup> Iowa Volunteer Infantry
- He moved to Manchester, Iowa in 1856
- He established a war claim business in Manchester Iowa which he conducted for over 20 years.
- He was admitted to the bar of Delaware County, Iowa in 1894 This is when he took interest in public affairs.
- He and his wife were extensive travelers of the world in the 65 years of their marriage until his death.
- He was recognized as a man of considerable wealth, attained largely by his real estate operations.
- He was held in high place in public confidence, a citizen of great integrity of motives and character.
- He had plans to attend law school at Albany Law School, but his plans were interrupted by the Civil War.

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

| Source                 | Non Applicable | Applicable | Information obtained                                                                |
|------------------------|----------------|------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| - Obituary -           |                |            | The Manchester Democrat, Manchester, Iowa,<br>Thurs. Oct. 6, 1926, p. 1, col. 1-2   |
| - Progressive Monthly  |                |            | Nov. 1899, p. 226-227 and p. 641-642                                                |
| - Obituary -           |                |            | The Manchester Press, Manchester, Iowa<br>Thurs. Oct. 7, 1926, p. 6, col. 1, 2      |
| - Iowa Grave Records - |                |            | WPA - Delaware County                                                               |
| - Ancestry.com         |                |            | (accessed 4 Jan 2010)                                                               |
| - Obituary -           |                |            | The Cedar Rapids Republican, Cedar Rapids, Iowa<br>Sat., Oct. 3, 1926, p. 2, col. 1 |
| - Senate Journal       |                |            | 1927, p. 1664-1666                                                                  |

## DEATH CLOSES NOTED CAREER

**FORMER STATE SENATOR R. W.  
TIRRILL DIES AT ANAMOSA  
FOLLOWING OPERATION**

**LEAVES PARK TO MANCHESTER**

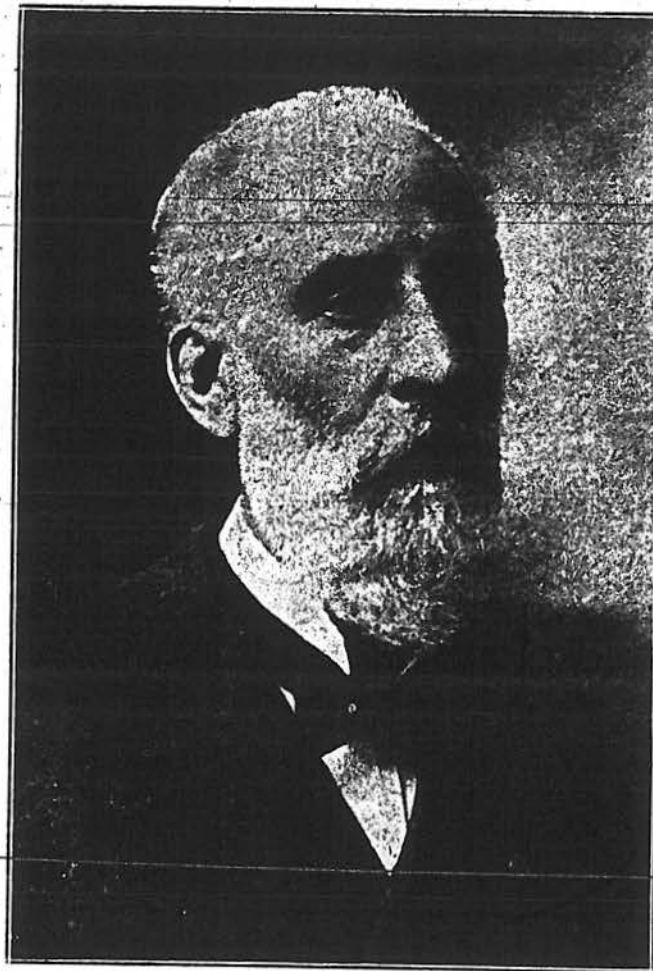
**Prominent in Masonic and Grand  
Army Circles, Lived to Age of  
91 Years.**

Former State Senator Rodney W. Tirrill, passed away at Mercy hospital in Anamosa, Saturday morning, Oct. 2, 1926, following an operation performed Monday, Sept. 20. Funeral services were held at the home on Franklin street Monday afternoon, with Rev. J. Frank Moore, pastor of the First Congregational church, having charge of the services. The services were attended by members of the Grand Army, the American Legion, Masonic bodies, the Delaware County Bar Association, and a large number of old time friends and relatives. The services at the grave in Oakland cemetery were in charge of the Masonic order and the American Legion. Among those present at the funeral from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. George Weeks of Aurora, Ill.; Mrs. Anna Weeks and son of Strawberry Point; Mr. and Mrs. Grubb and Mr. and Mrs. Berryman and son of Center Point, Ia.; Mr. Rodney Weeks, his wife and daughter of Bennett, Ia.; and A. G. Beatty of Independence, and National Senior Vice Commander and Past Department Commander of Iowa. Members of the board of directors of the Delaware County bank acted as pallbearers.

Mr. Tirrill is survived by the wife, who has traveled life's pathway with him for more than 65 years, and who today observes her 90th birthday anniversary. Mrs. Tirrill has been in feeble health and much of the time is confined to her bed. He also leaves one sister, Mrs. Mary Shumway of Lodi, Wis.; and two brothers, DeWitt Tirrill of Madison, Wis. and Frank Tirrill of Lodi. Another sister, Mrs. Sarah Ross, died on the same day of Mr. Tirrill's death, at her home in Albion, Neb., at the age of 88 years.

**Born in New England**

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THE LATE R. W. TIRRILL

ope and the orient, visiting many of the interesting places of the old world. Mr. Tirrill continued to manifest a keen interest in the business affairs of the town, and until the time of his death was vice president of the Delaware County bank, and a member of the board of directors of the Manchester & Oneida railway. For many years he was a member of the Universalist church of Manchester, and during more recent years he united with the First Congregational church, and gave generously of his means in support of the organization.

**Gives Park to City.**

Mr. Tirrill was a public spirited man. Many deeds of private charity performed by him will never reach the surface. Among the many acts of beneficence there is one which deserves special mention, that is the gift of a beautiful tract of land north of Union street for park purposes, and the setting aside of a fund of \$60,000 for the beautifying and care of this park.

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## CYCLONE DAMAGES FARM BUILDINGS

**MANY FARM BUILDINGS LEVELED  
IN VICINITY OF RYAN SUN-  
DAY AFTERNOON**

**ONE FARMER SERIOUSLY INJURED**

**Leo Witt, Farmer, Sustains Injuries  
To Back When Flying Timber  
Strikes Him**

Sunday afternoon at about 3 o'clock a cyclone visited a section of the county two miles east of Ryan, and leveled many farm buildings, and severely injured Leo Witt, a farmer. Mr. Witt sustained a serious and painful injury to his spine. It is believed that a piece of timber with a large nail struck him in the back inflicting an ugly wound. Mr. Witt was rushed to a Manchester physician's office where the wound was treated.

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## CHURCH ACTIVITY

**ST. PAUL'S**

Sunday school at 2:30 o'clock preaching service.

**LUTHERAN**

Services Sunday morning at 10 o'clock in English.

**BAPTIST**

Preaching at 10:30 by Rev. Stanley. Sunday school follows preaching service.

**PRESBYTERIAN**

Morning service at 11 o'clock day school at 10. Evening at 7:30.

**METHODIST**

Sunday school at 10 o'clock. Ing worship at 11. Epworth at 6:30 p. m. Evening service

**UNITED BRETHREN**

Services as usual Sunday. Ing at 10:30. Sunday school at Christian Endeavor at 6:45. Ing at 7:30. The official board meet Thursday evening to re- and to plan for the year's work member is urged to be present

**CONGREGATIONAL**

Promotion and Rally day at the Sabbath school hour, 9 o'clock. Interesting pageant entitled, "The Den of the King" will be presented this time. The church service be a continuation of the school program with an appropriate for the day.

**DON'T FORGET THE COTTON  
SON CONCERT**

Everyone is welcome to the entertainment to be given Thursday, Oct. 7, at the Congregational church, given by the Cotton Singers from the Piney Wood at Braxton, Miss. These young men sing their Negro spirituals and plantation songs in the typical manner that characterized their race. Admission will be charged but a donation will be taken for the benefit of the Piney Woods school.

**A MAN WITH A STORY TO  
TELL**

Dr. L. E. Smith of Spanish Africa. Dr. Smith is a man of thrilling tales of life in the of Africa and whose stories of experiences as a doctor living the people on the west coast huge continent, have packed him throughout the United States to speak here in the Presbyterian church, Tuesday, Oct. 12, at 8 o'clock.

Dr. Smith in his wide experience as a white physician in that section of the world has removed from men weighing as much as the men themselves. He will with him a weird assortment of natives illustrating the life of natives among whom he lived, as beautiful hand colored slides showing his strange experiences. One of the curios he carries with him is a large wooden box, the neck of an African woman

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#### Enlisted in Co. F.

His enlistment for service in the Civil war was in October, 1861, in Company F, Twelfth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, as a private, but was soon promoted to sergeant. At the battle of Shiloh, April 6, 1862, he was wounded and laid on the battlefield from Sunday evening until the following Tuesday. He partially recovered after a time and was discharged in January, 1863, after which he returned to this county.

In 1864 Mr. Tirrill was elected superintendent of schools of this county and served in that office for four years. He established a war claim business in Manchester and continued to conduct the same for more than twenty years in conjunction with his other business activities. His business acumen and integrity gained him the respect of those who came in contact with him, and as a citizen he stood high in the estimation of our people. In 1893 he and his wife entered the University of Iowa, he taking a law course and she English literature, French and German. In 1894 Mr. Tirrill was admitted to the Bar of Delaware county, and at all times took a keen interest in public affairs. In 1879 he was nominated by acclamation and without solicitation on his part, as candidate for the State Senate, a compliment never accorded to any man in the county before nor since. He served his county in the State Senate for four years. During his time in the senate he drafted the first oleomargarine bill passed by the Iowa legislature and the first passed in the United States, and supported many other progressive and important measures.

#### Married More Than 65 Years

On Dec. 30, 1860 Mr. Tirrill was united in marriage with Miss Eliza Jane Weeks, a native of Massachusetts. To Mr. and Mrs. Tirrill were born two children, L. Claire, who died at the age of 11 years, and John R. W., who died when he was 7.

For more than 65 years Mr. and Mrs. Tirrill were privileged to live in happy companionship, sharing life's joys and sorrow. Senator Tirrill was a republican and for twenty-one years he served on the school board of this city. Fraternally he was a thirty-second degree Mason, and had filled most of the chairs in the various branches of the orders to which he belonged. He was a member of W. A. Morse post, G. A. R., and in 1903 was department commander of the Grand Army of Iowa.

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#### JOHN COCKING

John Cocking passed away at his home in North Manchester last Saturday following an illness of several years. Mr. Cocking was confined to his bed only a short time. Funeral services were held at the family home Tuesday afternoon, Rev. E. D. Wells of the Methodist church having charge of the services. Burial was made in Oakland cemetery.

Mr. Cocking was born in Bassingham, Lincolnshire, England, on January 17, 1852. He resided in England until June, 1884, when he and his family came to the United States and located on a farm near Mt. Hope. Some years later the family moved to the farm near the Quaker mill, residing there for twenty years. In 1912 the family purchased their home in North Manchester, where they have since resided.

Mr. Cocking was united in marriage with Miss Anna Cottam on May 17,



THE LATE JOHN COCKING

1877, and to this union were born two daughters, Mrs. Joy Himebaugh of this city, and Mrs. William Garretson of Collins Grove township. He also leaves two grand children, Donald Dale, and Leland Dean Garretson, and two brothers, William Cocking of this city and Jesse E. Cocking of near Manchester; and three sisters, Mrs. Jennie Black of England, Mrs. Sarah Pinchback of Bellingham, Wash., and Mrs. Lizzie Dean of British Columbia. Mr. Cocking united with the Baptist church of Manchester on Jan. 16, 1890

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Heavy rains Saturday and Sunday morning and afternoon swelled the old Maquoketa river to such a point that a great deal of damage was done to the construction work at the Illinois Central railroad bridge in Manchester and the Fleming Power dam near Delhi.

#### FIRE AT BERT HOAG HOUSE

Fire believed to have had its origin from a defective fire place, came very nearly destroying the E. W. Hoag residence on Gay street Saturday evening at about 6 o'clock. Members of the family built a fire in the fire place in the living room and then left the place for a short time. When they returned home and opened the door, flames greeted them. The fire department was called to the scene, and considerable water and chemicals had to be used before the flames were extinguished, and much damage was done by the flames and water. It is believed that sparks found their way through the base of the fire place and set fire to the floor, and before it was discovered a large hole was burned through the floor in the living room. Mr. and Mrs. Hoag spent a great deal of money and labor remodeling the building and had barely completed the work when fire caused such heavy damage.

#### GALITZ-KEHRRI

Miss Pearl Galitz and Raymond Kehrli of Ryan surprised their relatives and friends when they were quietly married at the Lutheran parsonage at Ryan Sunday, Oct. 3, at 8 p. m. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Eugene Melchert in the presence of relatives. The bride wore a gown of brown all silk crepe. Miss Viola Galitz, sister of the bride, acted as bridesmaid. The groom's brother, Elmer Kehrli, acted as best man. Miss Susie Kehrli played the wedding march. Mr. and Mrs. Kehrli are well known in the Ryan community and have a wide circle of friends who wish them much joy and happiness in their wedded life. They left the following day for a wedding trip to Fedora, S. D. to visit relatives,

and during much of this time he served his church as trustee or deacon, and contributed most liberally of his means towards the support of the church.

Mr. Cocking was a fine type of Christian manhood, and had a host of friends who learn of his passing with profound sorrow. His wife and daughters have the earnest sympathy of these friends in the great sorrow that has come to them.

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He is the most sought for ary speaker in this country many fields. You are cordiall to attend.

#### YOUNG DENTIST TO LEAV CHESTER

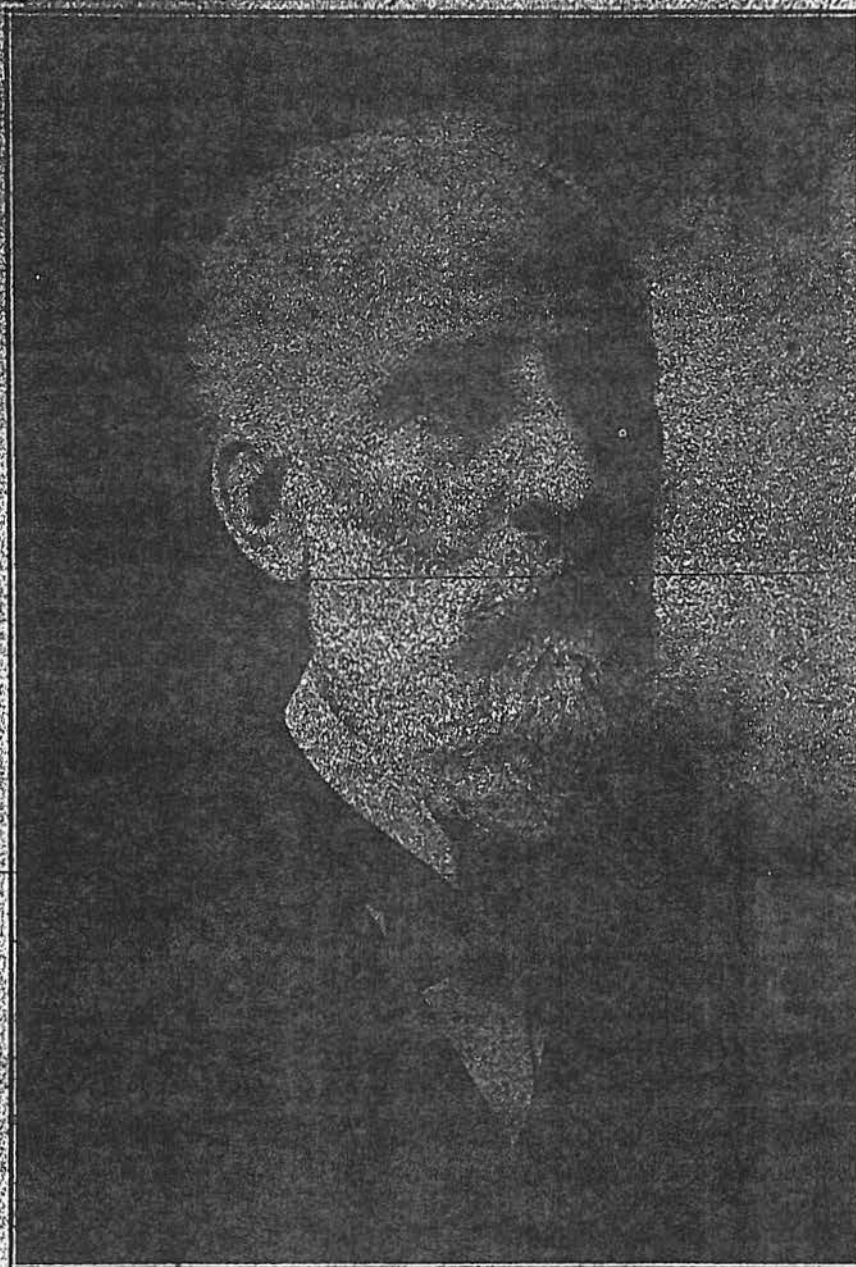
Dr. E. B. Hoag, who has be ticing dentistry in Manches number of years, is soon to city, to take up his work in ti States navy. Dr. Hoag has b mander of the American Leg of Manchester during the 1 and has been interested in of the Legion ever since he c Dr. Hoag has received a co of Lieutenant in the Unite navy, and by entering the n vice he rounds out an ar which is remarkable for or years. He joined the Canadi in the World war, while still boy and served with the art

later was transferred to the and won his wings as a pil British air service. Since th has held a commission in ti States Officers Reserve Corps enters the navy as a lieuten attractive conditions of liv practicing his profession. Hi ure will be sincerely regrette success in winning this co earns congratulation and be for his prosperity and happ

#### PLANS TO OPEN BAKERY CHESTER

- Basil Confare has returne old home town to open a l the building long occupied real estate and insurance by F. E. Richardson at 115 E street. He has been running at Monticello for some years be welcomed home again friends. The building will l alively remodeled and equip ovens and machinery for an minute plant.

-The Charles McNabb ho the scene of a pleasant gath Friday evening, Sept. 24, wh five members of the Golden R of the Baptist church assemb to celebrate the birthdays o their members, Mrs. McNabb thur Cocking. Games and nished the entertainment for ning, and at the close of v licious refreshments were ser



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It will be a matter to the many friends visor Thomas Lindsay death, which occurred Spokane, Wash. on 1926. Mr. Lindsay, hospital in June, sul eration about a mo time he rallied and covery was strongly death terminated a r neral services are to kane tomorrow, and made in a cemetery nephew, Paul Klaus on his way to attend We have but incom ing the life of Mr. L that he was a son Lindsay, pioneers and was born on the stead in September, manhood on the farm ried to Nannie, sister now of West Union. he served faithfully supervisors, and so removed to Washing home in that state. He is survived by his Dr. Samuel Lindsay by four sisters: Miss G. H. Klaus and M all of this city, and tice of Earlville. with the I. O. O. F. fraternity.

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Senator Tirrill had long been recognized as a man of considerable wealth, attained largely by real estate operations. For many years he conducted a loan and insurance office in Manchester, and was in all respects a man of substance and ripe judgment. None among us held higher place in public confidence as a citizen of utter integrity of motive and character. He retained to the last of a long life his interest in people and events, was invariably companionable and kindly, and thought and spoke generously and charitably of all. The spirit which sustained him as a soldier enabled him to triumph over bodily weakness and kept him a young man in heart at ninety years. His interest in Manchester prompted him to deed to the city a handsome tract of park land on the river, a gift which will memorialize his name locally. The relationship between Senator and Mrs. Tirrill was of the most affectionate and enduring nature, and his death severs a happy companionship lasting for nearly sixty-six years. His wife, who will soon be ninety and is herself in very frail health, is assured that her grief is shared by the many friends of her husband, who knew him for the true man, gallant soldier and exemplary citizen that he was.

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### Will Organize

Are you interested work? If Manchester board it is time election and business representatives of organization and all who service at heart are at the library on Sat. Oct. 9, at 2:30. Please place, date and hour. May Jones, secretary.

### NOTICE OF PROBATE

State of Iowa, Delaware county. To all whom it may You are hereby notified instrument of writing the last will and codicil

# FORMER SENATOR DIES AT ANAMOSA

## Death of Rodney Tirrill Follows Operation

MANCHESTER, Oct. 2.—(Special)—Ex-state Senator Rodney W. Tirrill, 91 year old died in an Anamosa hospital at 7 a. m. today following an operation several days ago.

Tirrill was a banker and moneyer of Delaware county, a veteran of the Civil war and author of the Iowa oleomargarine bill. Mrs. Tirrill his only survivor and now almost 90 year old is seen here.

The man is believed to have been Manchester's oldest resident having come to this city in 1855 when it had a population of only a few hundred. Except for traveling and two terms in the state legislature 1872 to 1882, he resided here since that time.

In 1892, at the age of 75 he attended the University of Iowa and continued a law course but it has been interrupted when he was in his youth. He was admitted to the bar a year later but never was active in practice.

Mr. Tirrill was born Dec. 31, 1822 in Stewartsville, Mo. He attended public schools at Coburn, Mo. and the University of Wisconsin. The plan was to enter the Albany law school.

He enlisted in Oct. 1861 as a member of Company F Twelfth Iowa Infantry. He was wounded at the battle of Spotsylvania and the effects of the wound have since affected his health for the rest of his life.

Plans for Mr. Tirrill's funeral were made by him during his last illness. He will be buried in the Anamosa cemetery and the funeral services will be conducted by Rev. J. H. Stewart of Anamosa. The services will be held at 2 p. m. in the Anamosa church. The Rev. J. H. Stewart will be the officiating minister. The services will be held at 2 p. m. in the Anamosa church.

## SUNSHINE MISSION TO GIVE PROGRAM BY RADIO TONIGHT

The "after-church" radio program from Sunshine mission will be given by the church at 8 p. m. tonight.



Stop the Train—  
330. Druggists—

See Fred Collins  
home to rent or

Thieves Get To  
for 214 E. avenue  
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To Chicago—  
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for change of his  
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First State Bank of Corwith in March, 1899, and re-elected a year later. He has helped to organize the Hawkeye State Oil Company, with headquarters in Los Angeles, California, and is vice president and a director of the company, which is incorporated for \$500,000, and has valuable holdings in the Kern River district, near Bakersfield, and in Ventura county, near St. Paula. He is also a director of the Corwith Mill and Power Company, manufacturers of high grade flour.

STONER, DR. CHARLES E., of Des Moines (see page 497, Vol. I), died at his home in that city October 25, 1901.

STOUT, HENRY LANE, of Dubuque (see page 438, Vol. I), died July 17, 1900.

STOUT, JAMES E., of Des Moines (see page 259, Vol. I), having served two terms as sheriff of Polk county, retired at the end of 1899 and was in the spring of 1900 appointed by Mayor Hartenbower to be a member of the Board of Public Works of the city of Des Moines.

TEDFORD, HOWARD, of Mt. Ayr (see page 464, Vol. I), was elected state binder by the legislature in the winter of 1900. He took charge of his office in January, 1901.

THOMPSON, F. M., of Rock Rapids (see page 359, Vol. I), has become extensively interested in mining in the Coeur D'Alene range in Idaho and Washington. He is vice president of two companies which have fine prospects. One of them is the Bishop Mining and Milling Company.

THOMPSON, COLONEL J. K. P., of Rock Rapids (see page 339, Vol. I), was appointed one of the commissioners at large and elected chairman of the commission created by the legislature to locate the position of the Iowa troops in the siege of Vicksburg. The commission visited the historic battlefield in November, 1900, and performed its task with but little difficulty. Colonel Thompson has been conspicuous in the movement to establish the national military park at Vicksburg. The Thompson family has a delightful home at Rock Rapids, "Il-lah-

hay-ay," colonial in architecture, ample in size, superb in finish, filled with bric-a-brac and other evidences of extended travel. Their library is a well chosen one of a thousand volumes or more, possessing some rarities. Colonel Thompson is half owner of the Lyon County Bank, Rock Rapids, Iowa; president of the State Bank of Slayton, Minnesota; vice president of the Doon Savings Bank of Doon, Iowa; and a director in the Pipestone County Bank of Pipestone, Minnesota, State Bank of Jasper, Minnesota, and Citizens' State Bank of Sioux Center, Iowa. Their daughter, Leta May, is a pupil of A. E. Schoen Rene of Minneapolis, and is making rapid progress toward becoming a clever vocalist. The members of the family are good travelers, having visited at one time or another every state and territory of the United States, and the sister republic of Mexico, and Canada. The great natural wonders of their own country have been of especial interest to them, such as the Yellowstone National Park, Yosemite Valley, the Grand Canons of the Colorado and Arkansas and the gorges of the Gunnison. Some years ago the Colonel performed the unusual feat of making the ascent of Popocateptl, a height of nearly 18,000 feet.

TIRRILL, R. W., of Manchester (see page 226, Vol. I), sailed from New York January 27, 1900, with his wife for a nine months' tour of Europe and the Orient. They went directly to Naples, visiting Pompeii, Herculaneum, Vesuvius and other historic places in and near Naples. Crossing the Mediterranean to Alexandria, they visited Cairo and traveled seven hundred miles up the Nile. They saw the pyramids, the temples and other old ruins of the ancient Pharaohs. In Palestine, Syria and Asia Minor they spent forty-four days, taking a horseback ride and camping tour of two hundred and fifty miles from Jerusalem to Damascus, over a path that no wheeled vehicle ever did or ever can go. Following the Mediterranean coast, Mr. and Mrs. Tirrill went to Smyrna, Rhodes, Ephesus, up the Dardanelles to the Sea of Marmora and Constantinople, thence to Athens and through Greece, Corfu and Brindisi, returning to Naples. After this they saw Rome, Florence, Genoa,

Turin, Milan, Venice, Vienna, Munich, Ober-Ammergau, traveled through southern France, spent some time in Paris, Germany, Austria, Holland, Switzerland, England, Ireland and Scotland. They kept a journal of their travels which they are now preparing to publish.

TOWNSEND, EDWARD, of Cedar Falls, (see page 501, Vol. I), died January 19, 1900.

WHITNEY, CASSIUS H., formerly of Harlan (see page 487, Vol. I), dissolved partnership with his brother November 1, 1899, and removed to Hartington, Nebraska, where he is engaged in the practice of law and is doing well. He says he went farther west with his family to grow up with the country.

WILL, DR. F. J., formerly of Eagle Grove (see page 340, Vol. I), has removed to Des Moines, where he is chief medical examiner for the Bankers' Life Association, a position of great responsibility and one of the best in the insurance business in Iowa.

WILLIAMS, GEORGE T., editor of the Ida County Pioneer (see page 315, Vol. I), was appointed by Governor Shaw as a delegate on behalf of the state of Iowa to investigate and report concerning foreign printing and publishing. He accordingly made visits to the Paris Exposition and the British Isles during the summer of 1900. Mr. Williams has recently become a lecturer and has lectured extensively in the southern states and elsewhere, his subject being "Hash—In Ours and other Countries." Died March, 1902.

WOOD, DR. I. C., of Logan (see page 263, Vol. I.), has been appointed surgeon of the Illinois Central Railway. He has bought a drug store and is conducting that in connection with his practice.

WOODWARD, J. C. & W. W., of Council Bluffs (see page 264, Vol. I), have successfully introduced the colonial style of architecture in western Iowa, two notable examples of their work being the residences of W. L. Douglas, at Council Bluffs, and L. E. Williams, at Glenwood. Colonial residences have become very popular. People see reproduced in them the homes of their boyhood days—the old fireplace, the large porch columns and the general air of hospitality.

AYRES, SAMUEL PARKER, of Marshalltown, formerly of Atlantic, whose biographical sketch appears on page 461 of this volume, sold the Atlantic Telegraph in August, 1899, and removed to Marshalltown, where, in connection with George L. Sieg, he established the Marshalltown Herald and a large job printing office. Mr. Ayres was already well known in that section, as he began newspaper work in Knoxville, October 1, 1885, when he purchased the Knoxville Journal, which he managed successfully until January 1, 1895, when he disposed of it and purchased an interest in the Daily and Weekly Telegraph, in company with L. E. Hollowell. Mr. Ayres had been in the practice of law for six years in Knoxville before he purchased the Journal. His third daughter, Mabel, is now Mrs. B. E. Langsworthy.

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scholarly woman, active in church, society, literary and charitable work, and a helpful and devoted wife and mother. Two children have been born to them. Carrie died in infancy. Arthur R. was born December 1, 1873; attended the public schools in Corning and several terms at the Corning academy, and finally graduated at Princeton college in the classical course with such standing as entitled him to deliver an oration at commencement exercises. He attended the law department of the State university, and was admitted to the bar upon examination before the supreme court, and in 1896 entered upon practice at Corning. He is rapidly rising to a high standing in his profession.

Mr. Wells acquired a taste for farming in early life, and after coming out onto the Iowa prairies had a strong desire to own a farm. After a time he was able to purchase 160 acres in Adams county, and has since enjoyed the pleasure of planning and carrying on its improvements from year to year. He is an exceptionally close reader and student, finding much of his gratification in literature.

**TIRRILL, HON. RODNEY W.**, department commander of Iowa, G. A. R., is a native of New Hampshire. His father, Timothy Tirrill, and his mother, whose maiden name was Mary Drew, were born in the same state, where they grew up and were married. In 1850 they removed to Wisconsin, locating first at Prairie Du Sac, and later at Lodi, where the mother died in 1866 and the father in 1880.

They were plain, substantial people, whose lives were passed in the peaceful avocation of agriculture. He was a man of considerable public note, however, and conspicuous for his acquaintance with the great men of his day, as well as his work for the abolition of slavery. As an illustration of the interest he took in the promulgation of anti-slavery doctrine the instance may be related where he drove forty miles to see Fred Douglass and prevail upon that gentleman to return with him and deliver a lecture in the community where Mr. Tirrill resided. This was shortly after Douglass was freed, and so strong was the sentiment or prejudice against the negro, that no church or public building could be obtained in which to hold the speaking. But Mr. Tirrill was not to be outdone. He threw open the doors of his own home and the lecture was delivered. To the subject of this sketch the distinguished freedman some years ago said, with considerable emotion: "Timothy Tirrill was one of my first benefactors and as good a friend to the colored race as has ever lived."

Hon. Rodney W. Tirrill is the third child of a family of nine. He was born December 22, 1835, in Colebrook, N. H., where he lived until 15 years of age, removing to Wisconsin with his parents at

that time. To a common school education was added a scientific and literary course in the Wisconsin State university, and then, under the direction of his father, he began the study of law. When he was on the point of being admitted to the bar the war broke out and, for the time, changed all his plans for the future. He enlisted in October, 1861, in Company F, Twelfth Iowa infantry, and going immediately to the front, saw his first active service at Ft. Donelson, which was followed by the more serious engagement at Shiloh. He was wounded in the last named battle while his brigade was being taken prisoners. This was about 6 o'clock in the afternoon of the first day, Sunday, and he was left on the battle field until the next Tuesday morning at 3 o'clock, before being removed to the hospital boat. He was then sent to the Mound City, Ill., hospital, where he remained for six weeks, and as the wound in his thigh proved stubborn,



because of neglect when first inflicted, he was given a furlough. The injury proved more serious than was first supposed, and he was accordingly discharged January 3, 1863.

In 1863 Mr. Tirrill was elected superintendent of schools of Delaware county, at which time he settled permanently in Manchester, and, in addition to his duties as superintendent, turned his attention to real estate, insurance, loans and the securing of pensions for soldiers and their heirs. The official position he held for four years, declining a re-election in 1867, and the other lines he still follows.

It has been one of the settled rules of Mr. Tirrill, not to sacrifice the fruits of his labors for the uncertainty of political honors, yet it could hardly happen that a man of his talents should not have been called on to fill some positions of public trust. He was a member of the school board of Manchester for twenty-one years, refusing further election, and has in no small measure contributed to the educational interests of the county. While county

superintendent, he introduced the first map drawings, and in many other ways rendered signal service.

In the fall of 1879, without solicitation on his part, Mr. Tirrill was nominated by acclamation for the state senate, was elected and served for four years. He declined a re-nomination. Representing a district where the dairying interests had reached considerable proportions, his mind was early drawn to the necessity for the passage of certain measures for the protection of that industry, and one of his first acts was the drafting of a bill requiring that all packages of oleomargarine in the state be branded as such; and he succeeded by his personal efforts and influence in having it enacted into a law, which from all information he has been able to obtain was the first law of the kind ever enacted in any state of the nation. He served on the committees on schools, congressional districts, insurance, suppression of intemperance, fish and game, the relocation of the girls' department of the state reform school, penitentiary and boys' reform school.

He was married December 30, 1860, to Miss Eliza J. Weeks, then of Delaware county, this state, but a native of Massachusetts. She is a lady of fine literary attainments, having matriculated for a two-years' course in the State university at the same time her husband entered upon a course of similar length in the law department of that institution. While he was securing the degree of B. L. she was earning honors in German, French and English literature. Two children were born to them, a son and daughter, L. Claire and John R. W., but both were taken by death in 1878.

Mr. Tirrill is a thirty-second degree Mason, an Odd Fellow and a member of the G. A. R. He was elected department commander for Iowa G. A. R. in 1898.

PIERCE, FRANKLIN GILMAN, mayor of the city of Marshalltown, is a young man of wide resources, both native and acquired. He comes of good Puritan ancestry, being a descendant of John Pearce, who settled in Rhode Island in 1632. Another ancestor, John Pierce, served in the revolutionary war. Mr. Pierce's father, William Pierce, a carpenter and builder, of moderate circumstances, was born in 1821, at North Kingston, R. I. He was married in 1865 to Martha Jane Moore, who was born in 1849, at Columbus, Ohio, and whose ancestors, the Moore and Wilson families, are among the oldest in Virginia.

F. G. Pierce is a native of Iowa, having been born at Earlville, in Delaware county, December 7, 1868. When he was three years old he removed with his parents to Marshalltown, where he has lived most of the time since. He began his education in the schools of that city, and graduated

from the high school in June, 1886. He entered the State university in 1888, graduating in June, 1892, with the degree of Ph. B. While attending the university he was a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, and took an active interest in athletics, serving as manager in 1890 and captain in 1891 of the university football eleven. He was also prominent in literary work, being elected editor-in-chief of the *Junior Annual*, published by his class. After his graduation he was engaged in the insurance business at Marshalltown for several years, but in 1895 abandoned this for the more congenial vocation of journal-



ism. He first published the *Marshall County Register*, but in 1896 consolidated with the *Daily Press*, in which he still owns an interest.

Politically, Mr. Pierce has always been a republican. In 1895 he was elected mayor of Marshalltown on a non-partisan ticket. Representing the wishes of the people who desired a reform looking toward greater economy in the city's expenses, he was supported largely by laboring men and elected with a good majority. During his first year in office he had an unfriendly council to contend with, but in 1896 new men were elected who were more in sympathy with him, and he was able to carry out the wishes of his supporters. So well did he accomplish this that he was re-

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## RODNEY W. TIRRILL

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee appointed to prepare resolutions commemorating the life, character and public service of Rodney W. Tirrill, late of Manchester, Iowa, begs leave to submit the following report:

Rodney W. Tirrill was born December 22, 1835, in Stewartstown, New Hampshire, the son of Timothy and Mary Drew Tirrill. In 1850 the family removed to Lodi, Wisconsin, and in November, 1856, the son came to Delaware county and located at Manchester, which at that time had a population of about five hundred. He has been a resident here ever since and is believed to have lived here longer than any other person now living.

He received his education in the public schools of Colesbrook, New Hampshire, and attended the State University of Wisconsin and was preparing to enter Albany Law School when the Civil war interrupted his plans.

He enlisted in October, 1861, in Company F, Twelfth Iowa Infantry, and saw service with this famous regiment. At the battle of Shiloh, April 6, 1862, he was shot in the thigh and lay on the field helpless from Sunday evening until Thursday morning before his wound was attended to. He limped slightly throughout the remainder of his life, as a result of this wound. He was discharged from the service in January, 1863, broken in health but not in spirit, and on his return to Delaware county was elected county superintendent of schools, in which office he served four years.

He then established himself in the real estate, loan and insurance business, in which he remained active almost to the time of his death. In later years, however, he turned the business over to younger men, personally looking after his own personal interests.

In 1879 he was nominated by acclamation and without solicitation on his part, as candidate for State Senator, a unique testimonial of the high regard in which he was ever held by his townspeople. He was elected by a large majority and served four years. During this time he drafted the first oleomargarine bill passed by the Iowa Legislature and the first ever passed in the United States. At that time Manchester was known as the "Dairy City" because of the creamery at Spring Branch, which made the butter which was awarded first prize at the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia in 1876, and the other creameries in this vicinity which were producing butter which commanded a premium over the highest market prices and were advertised in the finest New York restaurants by the exclusive use of their product.

Mr. Tirrill was always an active member of the Grand Army of the Republic and beside holding many lesser honors, was department commander of Iowa in 1908. His interest in his comrades never failed and he proved himself a friend also of the boys of the World War, whose guest he was on numerous occasions.

On December 30, 1860, he was married to Miss Eliza Jane Weeks, who was born in Massachusetts, October 6, 1836, of Revolutionary ancestry. For more than sixty-five years they were true partners in joy and sorrow,

in wealth, and at last in sickness, as Mrs. Tirrill has been in very feeble health for weeks. Their two children died in infancy. In 1893, when he was 58 and his wife 57, they both entered the State University of Iowa, where he completed his interrupted law course and she studied English literature, French and German. He was admitted to the bar in 1894 and belonged to the Delaware County Bar Association, but he was never active in the practice. In 1900 and again in 1904, Mr. and Mrs. Tirrill traveled extensively through Europe, Palestine, Africa and the Orient, and through all the years both have kept their minds fresh and active and interested.

When he was eighty years old he built a home, the finest in his home town, containing every modern device for comfort and many beautiful things brought back from their world travels. This fine residence is on the corner of Franklin and Union streets. From there to the Maquoketa river a park was laid out by an experienced landscape artist and part of his plans have been followed out in a beautiful garden around a fountain from which a wooded lawn stretches to the river. This park has been given to the city of Manchester, and it is understood that when they are through with it, the beautiful home will also be devoted to public use.

Although Senator Tirrill's health had never been rugged, by careful and temperate living he kept himself surprisingly fit for one of his years and until September 4th had driven his own car around town on business or pleasure and walked with little difficulty. Aggravation of a malady of long standing compelled him to go to bed September 5th and it was decided best to perform an operation for his relief. On September 20th he was taken to the hospital at Anamosa.

Mr. Tirrill was a thirty-second degree Mason and believed in the Universalist faith, but attended the Congregational church since there was no Universalist service here. A native of the "Granite State," granite was truly indicative of his character. Firmly fixed in what he believed right, difficulties only polished his character, which endured through his long life, steadfast and unyielding. He was companionable and friendly and anxious to promote the community welfare, but had no patience for shiftlessness, vice or idleness. Although he leaves no children, he will be sincerely mourned by the people of this community, in which his life has been such an important part.

*Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Forty-second General Assembly of Iowa, That in the death of Rodney W. Tirrill the state and community in which he lived have suffered the loss of an influential and honorable citizen; and*

*Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the journal of the Senate and that the secretary be directed to send an engrossed copy thereof to the family of the deceased.*

GEO. F. SLEMMONS,  
LARS J. SKROMME,  
OSCAR ULSTAD,

*Committee.*

Senator Slemmons spoke as follows:

It was my privilege to know Mr. Tirrill but a short time, but in that time I learned to know him as a man of wonderful intelligence and kindly

spirit. I knew him only in his old age and was always inspired by his keen interest in public affairs and his plain, fatherly advice. During his long life in Delaware county he has seen many changes and always was willing to take a hand in the development of his community. He was one of whom it may be said—to know him was to love him, and his many friends will miss his kindly greeting, his cheerful smile and hearty cooperation for all that was good.

The resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

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W. R. LEWIS

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee which was appointed to report resolutions commemorating the life, character and services of the late W. R. Lewis, beg leave to submit the following report and move its adoption:

W. R. Lewis was born October 12, 1835, in Muskingum county, Ohio, and died at his home in Montezuma, Iowa, January 23, 1927. His parents were John M. and Louisa A. (Ramey) Lewis. He was the oldest of ten children. He worked in a general merchandise store for his father until in 1856 when he came west as far as Peoria county, Illinois; the following year he moved to Montezuma, Iowa, where he resided for seventy years. In 1865 he was married to Mary E. Cutts and their married life continued happily until her death in 1893. He was admitted to practice law in this state in the year 1866, and followed his chosen profession (except when holding public office) until his death.

Early in his life at Montezuma, he united with the Presbyterian church and was a regular attendant at church services all his life, until the last few weeks when the frailties of age denied him that privilege. During his membership of that church, he held every office of the church open to laymen.

His public life began soon after his arrival in Montezuma, when he became the editor of the only paper in the town at that time, the Montezuma Republican, which he edited during the year 1857. Later he was elected superintendent of the schools at Montezuma and continued in such office until 1861 when he was elected county superintendent of schools of Poweshiek county, which office he resigned in 1862 to become clerk of the district court of Poweshiek county and that office he held for one term. During his early life at one time or another he was either appointed or elected to every office in Poweshiek county except that of sheriff. From 1866 to 1880 he was actively engaged in the practice of law. He erected the first electric light plant in Montezuma, and was interested in light plants at Centerville, Iowa, and other cities about the same time. He surveyed the railroad from Grinnell to Montezuma when it was established. In 1880 he was elected judge of the circuit court of his circuit and continued to serve as circuit and district judge when the circuit court was abolished, until 1890 when he resumed the practice of law. In 1897 he was elected Senator for the Twelfth Senatorial District consisting of Keokuk and Poweshiek counties and served his constituents faithfully during his term of office.

Judge Lewis was one of the pioneers of the county, one who was present

Department of Iowa  
Grand Army of the Republic

Veteran's name Tirrill, Rodney W

War

Residence

Battles, etc.

Occupation

Nearest relatives

Date birth Dec 22, 1835 Place Stewartstown, N.H.

Father Timothy

Nativity

Date death 2 Oct 1926 Place Anamosa, Iowa

Cause Oakland Cemetery Place burial Manchester, Ia

Mother Mary Drew

Nativity

War record

Sgt. F 12 Iowa Inf.  
Rank Company Regiment State Organization

Wife Eliza Jane Weeks

Age 26 Res. Clayton Co. b.N.H.

Children

Enlisted 15 Oct 1861 as 3d Srgt  
Date Place  
Wded 15 F 1862, Fort Donelson,  
Tenn. Wded 6 Ap 1862, Shiloh,  
Tenn. - Disch 5 Ja 1863

Sources:  
Roster Iowa Soldiers: (Rodney W)  
Graves Reg : Manchester Press Oct 7, 1926

Discharged

Date

Place

Department of Iowa  
Grand Army of the Republic

Veteran's name Tirrill, R W

Record Membership and Dues Paid

Offices of honor in G. A. R.

Post name Post No. Place Date Joined  
W.A. Morse 190(70) Manchester 19 Mr 188

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**Born:** NOT GIVEN  
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**Cemetery:** OAKLAND  
**Location:** MANCHESTER  
**County:** DELAWARE CO. - IOWA  
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## U.S. Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles

Name: **Rodney W Tirrill**

Residence: **Clayton County, Iowa**

Age at Enlistment: **26**

Enlistment Date: **15 Oct 1861**

Rank at enlistment: **Sergeant**

State Served: **Iowa**

Was Wounded?: **Yes**

Survived the War?: **Yes**

Service Record: **Enlisted in Company F, Iowa 12th Infantry Regiment on 02 Nov 1861.  
Mustered out on 05 Jan 1863.**

Birth Date: **22 Dec 1835**

Sources: **Roster & Record of Iowa Soldiers in the War of Rebellion  
Iowa Department of the Grand Army of the Republic**

Biography: **RODNEY W. TIRRILL**  
 "One of the best known and most highly esteemed citizens of Delaware County" for many years was Rodney W. Tirrill of Manchester, pioneer, veteran, legislator, and philanthropist. Mr. Tirrill was born in New Hampshire, on December 22, 1835. He resided for a time in Wisconsin, attended college and taught school there, and in 1856 came to Iowa, locating at Manchester. At the outbreak of the Civil War he enlisted as a private in Company F. Twelfth Iowa Volunteers, and was soon promoted to the rank of sergeant. At the battle of Shiloh he was severely wounded and left on the field of battle for a day and two nights. From this he only partially recovered and was later honorably discharged from service because of wounds.  
 After he returned to his home, he was elected county superintendent of schools. Later he entered business in Manchester. He had a keen interest in public affairs and in 1879 was elected to the State Senate, where he served for four years. He was for many years an active member of the Grand Army of the Republic, with membership in W. A. Morse Post. At the Twenty fourth Annual State Encampment at Sioux City in 1898, Com race Tirrill was elected Department Commander -- an office which he filled with honor to himself and to the Department. In later years he traveled extensively, gave liberally to local enterprises, and was widely known for his philanthropic spirit.  
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## 1910 United States Federal Census

Name: **Rodney W Farrill**  
**[Rodney W Tirrill]**

Age in 1910: **74**

Estimated birth year: **abt 1836**

Birthplace: **New Hampshire**

Relation to Head of House: **Head**

Father's Birth Place: **New Hampshire**

Mother's Birth Place: **New Hampshire**

Spouse's name: **Eliza J W**

Home in 1910: **Delaware, Delaware, Iowa**

Marital Status: **Married**

Race: **White**

Gender: **Male**

Neighbors: [View others on page](#)

| Household | Name              | Age       |
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| Members:  | Rodney W Farrill  | <b>74</b> |
|           | Eliza J W Farrill | <b>74</b> |

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### Description:

This database is an index to the head of households enumerated in the 1910 United States Federal Census, the Thirteenth Census of the United States. In addition, each indexed name is linked to actual images of the 1910 Federal Census. The information recorded in the census includes: name, relationship to head of family, age at last birthday, sex, color or race, whether single, married, widowed, or divorced, birthplace, birthplace of father and mother, and more. [Learn more...](#)

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## Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925

| Name:                | <b>R W Tirrill</b>                                                                                                      |  |      |     |             |    |  |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|------|-----|-------------|----|--|
| Birth Year:          | <b>abt 1836</b>                                                                                                         |  |      |     |             |    |  |
| Birth Place:         | <b>NH</b>                                                                                                               |  |      |     |             |    |  |
| Gender:              | <b>Male</b>                                                                                                             |  |      |     |             |    |  |
| Race:                | <b>White</b>                                                                                                            |  |      |     |             |    |  |
| Census Date:         | <b>1915</b>                                                                                                             |  |      |     |             |    |  |
| Residence State:     | <b>Iowa</b>                                                                                                             |  |      |     |             |    |  |
| Residence County:    | <b>Delaware</b>                                                                                                         |  |      |     |             |    |  |
| Locality:            | <b>Manchester</b>                                                                                                       |  |      |     |             |    |  |
| Mother's Birthplace: | <b>NH</b>                                                                                                               |  |      |     |             |    |  |
| Father's Birthplace: | <b>NH</b>                                                                                                               |  |      |     |             |    |  |
| Roll:                | <b>IA1915_138</b>                                                                                                       |  |      |     |             |    |  |
| Line:                | <b>550</b>                                                                                                              |  |      |     |             |    |  |
| Neighbors:           | <a href="#">View others on page</a>                                                                                     |  |      |     |             |    |  |
| Household Members:   | <table><thead><tr><th>Name</th><th>Age</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>R W Tirrill</td><td>79</td></tr></tbody></table> |  | Name | Age | R W Tirrill | 79 |  |
| Name                 | Age                                                                                                                     |  |      |     |             |    |  |
| R W Tirrill          | 79                                                                                                                      |  |      |     |             |    |  |

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### Description:

This database contains Iowa state censuses for the following years: 1836, 1885, 1895, 1905, 1915, and 1925. It also includes some head of household censuses and other special censuses from 1836-1897. Information available for an individual will vary according to the census year and the information requested on the census form. Some of the information contained in this database though includes: name, age, gender, race, birthplace, marital status, and place of enumeration. [Learn more...](#)



You searched for **Rodney W. Tirrill** in **Iowa**

## 1920 United States Federal Census

|                            |                                                      |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| Name:                      | <b>Rodney W Tirrill</b><br><b>[Rodney W Tirrell]</b> |
| Home in 1920:              | <b>Delaware, Delaware, Iowa</b>                      |
| Age:                       | <b>84 years</b>                                      |
| Estimated birth year:      | <b>abt 1836</b>                                      |
| Birthplace:                | <b>New Hampshire</b>                                 |
| Relation to Head of House: | <b>Head</b>                                          |
| Spouse's name:             | <b>Eliza J W</b>                                     |
| Father's Birth Place:      | <b>New Hampshire</b>                                 |
| Mother's Birth Place:      | <b>New Hampshire</b>                                 |
| Marital Status:            | <b>Married</b>                                       |
| Race:                      | <b>White</b>                                         |
| Sex:                       | <b>Male</b>                                          |
| Home owned:                | <b>Own</b>                                           |
| Able to read:              | <b>Yes</b>                                           |
| Able to Write:             | <b>Yes</b>                                           |
| Image:                     | <b>123</b>                                           |
| Neighbors:                 | <b>View others on page</b>                           |
| Household Members:         |                                                      |
| Name                       | Age                                                  |
| Rodney W Tirrill           | <b>84</b>                                            |
| Eliza J W Tirrill          | <b>83</b>                                            |

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Note: Enumeration Districts 819-839 on roll 323 (Chicago City)

Original data: Fourteenth Census of the United States, 1920; (National Archives Microfilm Publication T625, 2076 rolls); Records of the Bureau of the Census, Record Group 29; National Archives, Washington, D.C.

### Description:

This database is an index to individuals enumerated in the 1920 United States Federal Census, the Fourteenth Census of the United States. It includes all states and territories, as well as Military and Naval Forces, the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam, and the Panama Canal Zone. The census provides many details about individuals and families including: name, gender, age, birthplace, year of immigration, mother tongue, and parents' birthplaces. In addition, the names of those listed on the population schedule are linked to actual images of the 1920 Federal Census. [Learn more...](#)

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