

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of **Representative** Parker, John McArthur Senator _____

_____ Represented Marshall County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 22 Apr 1838 Circleville, Pickaway County, Ohio

2. Marriage (s) date place _____

Martha J. Webster 22 Sept 1868 Marshalltown, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He was elected to the Assembly in 1866. He was a stockholder and president of the Marshalltown Electric Light Company

B. Civic responsibilities Mason; GAR; Marshall County Historical Society

C. Profession Lawyer; judge; teacher

4. Church membership _____

5. Sessions served 17th and 18th General Assemblies 1874, 1880

6. Public Offices

A. Local Mayor of Marshalltown 1868-1871; city solicitor 1876-1878; Marshalltown School board

B. State He was appointed judge of the 17th Judicial District in 1906 until 1 Jan 1911

C. National _____

7. Death 5 June 1919 Marshalltown, Iowa; buried Riverside Cemetery, Marshalltown, Iowa

8. Children Adeline; Marion; Elizabeth K.; Elna L. (Mrs Frederick Bruegger)

9. Names of parents Payton and Loney (McArthur) Parker

Parker, John Matthews

10. Education He was educated in the common schools of his neighborhood in Fulton County, Missouri

11. Degrees He attended Welling College at Abingdon, Missouri

12. Other applicable information Republican
- He moved with his parents from Pickaway County, Ohio to Fulton County, Missouri in 1845.
 - Military service - Civil War - Company F, 66th Missouri Volunteer Infantry.
 - After the war he returned to his home in Fulton County, Missouri and taught school.
 - On 18 Dec 1865 he moved to Marshall County, Iowa where he resided the rest of his life, first on a farm at State Center, Iowa and later Marshalltown, Iowa. He had started studying law while teaching school in Ohio and while in the war, then continued after arriving in Marshalltown. He was admitted to the bar and soon began practicing law.
 - He took a leading part in securing the location and building of the Iowa Central Railway.

DEATH ENDS LIFE OF JUDGE PARKER

PIONEER LAWYER AND FORMER JUDGE STRICKEN WITH HEART DISEASE.

HAD BEEN SERIOUSLY SICK SINCE LAST FALL

Judge J. M. Parker, While Suffering With Severe Prostatic Trouble. Overcome by Heart Failure—Was Former Mayor, City Solicitor, and Representative in General Assembly.

Judge J. M. Parker, a pioneer of the county, nestor of the local bar and jurist, an early mayor and city solicitor and a former representative in the state assembly, died at 11:30 Thursday night at the Deaconess hospital. Death came quickly and without pain and was caused by an acute attack of heart disease following a long sickness. No one but the nurse was with the sick man when the end came. The nurse had turned away from the bed for a moment to get her patient a glass of water. She heard him gasp and the end had come.

Judge Parker's last sickness began last fall when he became afflicted with a trouble of the prostatic gland, an ailment peculiar to aged men. A first operation to relieve him was performed last October. Later he went to Florida, where he spent the winter, and the trouble became more acute.

Returns: Removed to Hospital.

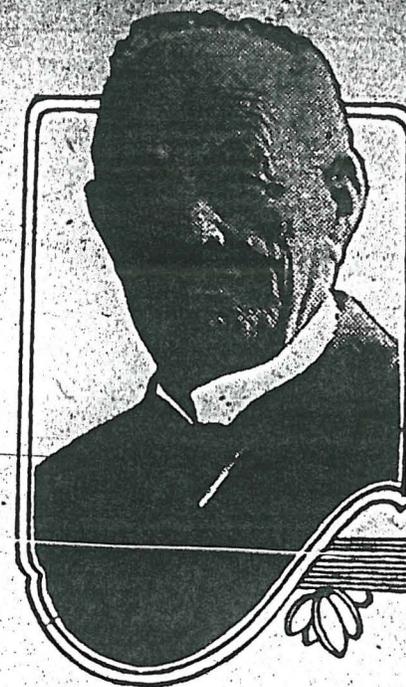
When he returned May 10 he was suffering intensely and his condition was serious. Nine days later he was removed to the hospital and two or three weeks ago a second preliminary operation was performed to relieve the bladder. It was expected that when he became stronger an operation to remove the prostate gland would be undertaken, but the patient was opposed to this.

There was a complication of an old heart trouble involved that was a constant menace to his recovery, but up to thirty-six hours before his death Judge Parker had gained. Swelling of the feet that began Thursday was regarded as an unfavorable symptom.

Resident Half a Century.

For more than fifty years Judge Parker had been a resident of Marshalltown, following a short time he spent on a farm near State Center.

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JUDGE J. M. PARKER.

Pioneer Lawyer and Jurist Taken by Death.

In recent years he gradually gave up his practice of the law.

Judge Parker was a member of Marshall Lodge No. 108 A. F. and A. M. and of Frank M. Thomas post G. A. R. Politically he was a staunch republican and for years always at the forefront in party politics.

Widow and Daughters Survive.

Judge Parker was united in marriage here Sept. 22, 1868 with Miss Martha J. Webster, of this city. For years the family home has been at 601 West Main street. Mrs. Parker and four daughters survive, the latter being Miss Adeline Parker, Denver; Miss Marian Parker, New York City; Miss Bessie W. Parker and Mrs. Frederick Bruegger, Chicago. Summoned by his serious sickness all were here but Miss Bessie Parker. She and Mr. Bruegger are expected tonight.

The funeral services to be held at the home at 4 o'clock Sunday and burial will be in Riverside.

ELECTRICITY FOR FARM HOMES.

County Board Approves Extension of High Power Lines.

On petition of eight residents of Taylor township the board of supervisors has granted permission for the erection and maintenance of a high tension power line to carry electricity for light, power and heating to be furnished by the Iowa Railway and Light Company. Permission is granted for a period of twenty years. The lines will extend one mile between sections 5 and 8, one quarter mile between sections 4 and 2, and three-eighths of a mile between sections 15 and 17, Taylor township.

The petitioners are R. F. Miller, Ford S. Thompson, M. H. Thomas, W. H. Allen, R. W. Hill, G. W. Hall, A. W. Richards, and John Lupton.

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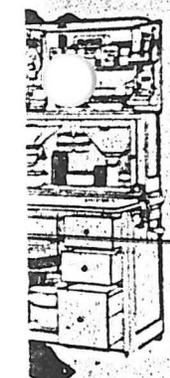
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 state general assembly. Interested in
 municipal affairs, he was honored by
 being elected the first mayor after the
 city attained the dignity of one of the
 second class. His legal experience led
 to his appointment as city solicitor.

A veteran of the civil war, he was
 for years an active member of the G.
 A. R. His unflagging interest in lo-
 cal history made him first a member
 then president of the Historical Society
 of Marshall county, an office he held
 at his death.

Was Native of Ohio.

John M. Parker was born at Circle-
 ville, O., April 22, 1835, the fourth child
 of Payton and Laney (McArthur) Park-
 er. In 1845 the family moved to Ful-
 ton county, Ill. The family then con-
 sisted of eight children, of whom Judge
 Parker was the last surviving member.

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 in Fulton county, attended public
 school and later Hedding College, Ab-
 ington, Ill. Two months before he was
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NEW CHEESE ON SALE

**Union Cheese Company Place on Sale
 Tomorrow the First of Their New
 Factory Long Horn Cheese—Get It
 at Your Grocers.**

In this paper a few days ago we
 told you of the Long Horn cheese that
 was being made in Marshalltown, the
 first of this cheese will be sold tomor-
 row. This fine cheese is made in a
 factory which is absolutely sanitary in
 every respect. Be sure and order a
 pound from your grocer tomorrow for
 your Sunday dinner. Look for the card
 in the grocers window.—Advertisement.

SIX NURSES GRADUATED.

**Class of St. Thomas Hospital Training
 School Given Diplomas.**

Six nurses, trained at the training
 school for nurses of St. Thomas Mercy
 hospital, were graduated at commence-
 ment exercises, held at Strub's hall
 Thursday night. The members of the
 class were, Miss Emmie E. Anderson,
 of Nevada; Miss Hildegard B. Hoff-
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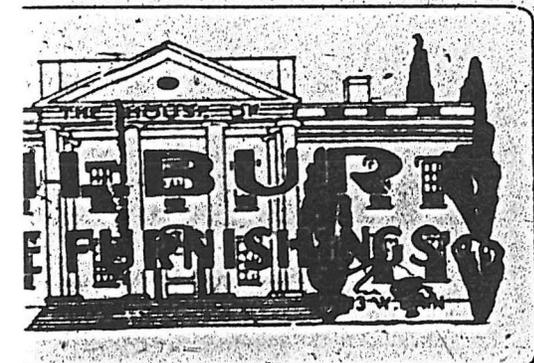
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Not burn candles?

Home is modern in most things—
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Hoosier Kitchen Cabinet will enable
 you to perform kitchen duties in far less
 walking needless miles and open
 spaces of enjoyment.

Prices are moderate, the terms conven-
 ient that you, too, will enjoy Hoosier.
 Come in and see your Hoosier.



CHICKENS KILLED

Chickens, and they are now on sale at our
 store. Do not care for chicken we have beef, pork,
 and all kinds of smoked and cooked meats.

OUR SUNDAY'S SUPPLY
STARTS SATURDAY, MAY 7

Hoosier's Banner Market

A Clean Market
 Berry's System Delivery
 at H. Pepper's Old Stand.

Low price on our fancy cornfed beef boil,
 20 cents per pound.

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 became interested in early railroad
 projects. The first of these was the
 Des Moines, Waterloo and Northwest-
 ern. Judge Parker was a member of
 its first board of directors. He also
 was of the first board of the Wiscon-
 sin, Iowa and Nebraska, built first
 from this city to Des Moines this road
 later became a part of the Chicago
 Great Western system.

Mayor For Two Terms.

Judge Parker served two terms as
 mayor, from 1868 to '71 and he was
 city solicitor from 1876 to '78. He was
 elected to the house of representatives
 in 1878, and served two terms. He was
 a member of the committee that form-
 ed the first railroad commission and
 he was the framer of a number of
 statutes.

His elevation to the bench came in
 1906 when he was appointed by the
 governor to be a judge of the seven-
 teenth judicial district to fill the va-
 cancy caused by the death of Judge
 Obed Caswell. The appointive term
 ended Jan. 1, 1911.

Inactive in Later Years.

Judge Parker ranked high in the lo-
 cal bar as an attorney, and as a trial
 lawyer he was aggressive and an elo-
 quent pleader and keen cross exam-
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At Isaacson's.

Special sale on high grade corn fed
 beef for Saturday. Corn fed beef
 roasts, 20 and 22 cents; corn fed beef
 boil, 12 1/2, 15 and 18 cents; corn fed
 beef steak, 25, 28 and 30 cents; fancy
 veal roasts, 22 and 25 cents; fancy veal
 stew, 15 and 18 cents; fancy veal-steak
 32 cents; lean pork chops, 35 cents;
 lean pork chops, 32 cents; pure pork
 sausage, 24 cents; fresh made ham-
 burg, 18 cents. Isaacson's Market.
 Free delivery. Phone 436, 211 North
 Thirteenth Street. Advertisement.

Freight Houses Closing Hours.

Saturday half holidays will be ob-
 served at the freight houses of the
 Northwestern, M. & St. L. and Chicago
 Great Western railroads in this city,
 during the summer months, according
 to a notice sent to shippers by agents
 of the three roads. The notice reads:
 "Commencing Saturday, June 7, 1919,
 and every Saturday thereafter up to
 and including Sept. 27, our respective
 freight houses will be closed at 12
 o'clock noon for the receipt of outbound
 freight."

Woodmen of the World.

Members of the Woodmen of the
 World and Woodmen Circle will un-
 veil five monuments Sunday, June 9,
 at Riverside cemetery at 2 p. m. Pub-
 lic invited. And on Monday night
 there will be some fifty candidates in-
 troduced in the Woodmen of the World
 lodge. All members are requested to
 be present. The Bonus team and de-
 greed staff will put on the floor work.
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for only six months; came to Clinton and was associated with Hon. George B. Young for one year, and then opened an office of his own, continuing alone until 1887, when he went to western Kansas and engaged in the banking business. After two years thus occupied he returned to Clinton and resumed the practice of law, forming a partnership with Major E. S. Bailey, which continued until the death of Mr. Bailey, in 1892. Mr. Barker succeeded to the business of the firm and continued alone in the enjoyment of a practice, both large and lucrative, until January, 1897, when a partnership was formed with Mr. Russell B. McCoy, under the firm name of Barker & McCoy, which still continues. Their practice is general in character, with somewhat of a specialty of corporation and commercial law. They have had charge of many important cases and have met with uniform success. Mr. Barker represents the C., B. & Q., the B., C. R. & N. and the D. R. I. & N. W. Railroads. He is also attorney for the People's Trust & Savings Bank, of Clinton, one of the largest banks in the state.

A Republican in politics, Mr. Barker has taken an active part in the campaigns of his party, and as a stump speaker has done good work. He has never held political office, his professional and business interests requiring his entire attention.

Mr. Barker is a thirty-second degree Mason. He is a stockholder and director in the Merchants' National Bank, of Clinton; was the first president of the Y. M. C. A. at Clinton, and has also served as a member of the board of trustees of Agatha Hospital.

Mr. Barker was married in 1879 at Camanche, Clinton county, Iowa, to Miss Joanna L. Dammitt, and they have one son, Leavitt R. They are members of the Baptist church, Mrs. Barker being actively identified with all church work.

JOHN McARTHUR PARKER.

MARSHALLTOWN.

John McArthur Parker, one of the old and established lawyers of Marshalltown, was born in Ohio, in 1840, to Payton and Laney (McArthur) Parker. His father, who was a farmer, was a native of Virginia; he came to Ohio about 1815, where he was married, and in 1845 removed to Fulton county, Ill., where he and the mother of our subject both died. John was educated in the common schools of Illinois,

and also attended Heading College, at Abingdon, Knox county, that state; at the time the Civil War broke out he was going to college, but at his country's call he enlisted, October 16, 1861, in Company F, Sixty-sixth Illinois volunteer infantry, sometimes called the Western Sharpshooters. He served three years, and during that time was twice wounded—at Mount Zion, Mo.; December 28, 1861, and at Dallas, Ga., in 1864, being promoted to second sergeant. At the conclusion of his term of service he resumed his college course and graduated in 1864. While attending college he had begun the study of law, and December 18, 1865, came to Marshalltown and entered the law office of Mr. L. W. Griswold. In 1866 he was admitted to the bar at Marshalltown, and here he began the practice of his profession, where he still remains. For the greater part of the time Mr. Parker has been in professional business alone.

A Republican in political faith, Mr. Parker served as mayor of Marshalltown for three terms (1868 to 1871) and city solicitor from 1876-78. He was elected to the State Legislature and served for two terms—in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth General Assemblies. In the seventeenth session he was chairman of the committee on cities and towns, and in the eighteenth chairman of the judiciary committee. He is a member of the school board, of which he is also president. He was connected with the Marshalltown Electric Light Company as stockholder and president.

Mr. Parker was married September 22, 1868, at Marshalltown, to Miss M. J. Webster, whose parents were among the first settlers of that city, coming from Indiana at an early day. Mr. and Mrs. Parker have four daughters—Addie L., Elizabeth W., Marion and Edna Louise.

WINFIELD S. COEN.

OTTUMWA.

Winfield S. Coen, a prominent member of the Wapello county bar, died at his home in Ottumwa on the 25th day of January, 1900.

From the time of his admission to the bar until 1881 he practiced law at Albia, Iowa. On the last-named date he moved to Ottumwa, where he resided until the time of his death, during which time he built up a large and lucrative practice.

Mr. Coen was not only a profound, energetic and aggressive lawyer, but was a prominent, influential citizen, having been connected with the

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admitted to the Michigan bar in 1876. He served in Company A of the Forty-second Ohio infantry, under General Garfield.

H. L. Merriman was born in Illinois in 1843. He removed to Marshalltown in 1869 and associated himself in the practice of law with H. C. Henderson.

C. M. Norton was born in 1846. He settled in Marshalltown in 1869 and began the practice of law soon after.

J. H. Parker was born in 1838. He came to Marshalltown in 1865, and was admitted in 1866. He served as mayor three terms, and was in the Seventeenth general assembly.

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E. C. Rice was born in New York December 1, 1840. He came to Marshalltown in the spring of 1865 and engaged in the practice of law. He held the office of attorney for the C. & N. W. R. R. and legal advisor of the Sioux City R. R. Co.

R. E. Sears was born in Illinois in 1848. In 1850 he came with his parents to Iowa. He began to practice law in Marshalltown in 1873.

P. M. Sutton was born in March 22, 1842. He read law and was admitted in 1873.

C. H. Van Law was born in Keokuk county, Iowa, July 9, 1869. He took a collegiate course at the State University of Iowa and was graduated A. B. in 1896, and

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fraternal organizations, and his lodge affiliations were confined only to two organizations, the Masons and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He was affiliated with Lodge No. 108, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, but never went further than the blue lodge. His membership with the Elks was held in the local lodge, Marshall No. 312. He was also a member of the Marshalltown Club and the Chicago Automobile Club. His beautiful, commodious and elegantly furnished residence was known as a place of old-time hospitality and good cheer to his many friends, who were limited only by the circle of his acquaintance.

This useful and distinguished citizen was called to close his earthly accounts and summoned to his reward "in the windowless palaces of rest" on Sunday, June 11, 1911, in Cincinnati, Ohio, whither he had gone to attend the funeral of a relative, his death having been sudden, although Mr. Denmead had been in failing health for over two years.

JUDGE JOHN M. PARKER.

Only those who come in personal contact with Judge John M. Parker, of Marshalltown, can understand how thoroughly nature and training, habits of thought and action, have enabled him to accomplish his life work and made him a fit representative of the enterprising class of professional people to which he belongs. He is a fine type of the sturdy, conscientious American of today—a man who unites a high order of ability with courage, patriotism, clean morality and sound common sense, doing thoroughly and well the work that he finds to do and asking praise of no man for the performance of what he conceives to be his simple duty. Prominent in judicial circles and equally so in public matters, with a reputation in one of the most exacting of professions that has won him a name for distinguished service second to that of none of his contemporaries, there is today no more prominent or honored man in Marshall county which he has long dignified with his citizenship. Achieving success in the courts at an earlier age than is the fortune of most young men, wearing the judicial ermine with becoming dignity and bringing to every case submitted to him a clearness of perception and ready power of analysis characteristic of the learned jurist, his name and work for years have been allied with the legal institutions, public enterprises and political interests of central Iowa in such a way as to earn him recognition as one of the distinguished citizens in a community noted for the high order of its talent. A

high purpose and an unconquerable will, vigorous mental powers, diligent study and devotion to duty are some of the means by which he has made himself eminently useful, and every ambitious youth who fights the battle of life with the prospect of ultimate success may peruse with profit the biography herewith presented.

Judge Parker was born in Pickaway county, Ohio, April 22, 1838, the son of Payton and Laney (McArthur) Parker, the father a native of Virginia and the mother of Ohio. The Parkers first settled in Massachusetts, afterward went to Virginia. Payton Parker devoted his life to agricultural pursuits and milling. In 1845 he came to Fulton county, Illinois, where he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives. They were fine examples of the sterling pioneer element, hard-working, honest, hospitable. Their family consisted of eight children, three of whom are living, those beside the Judge being C. W. Parker, of Lebanon, Illinois, and H. H. Parker, of Topeka, Kansas.

Judge Parker was reared on the home farm in Fulton county, Illinois, and received his primary education in the public schools, later attending Hedding College at Abingdon, Illinois. He proved his patriotism by serving three years in the Federal army during the war between the states, in Company F, Sixty-sixth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, principally in the Western army, in which he saw hard service at Fort Donelson, Shiloh, Iuka, Corinth, Resaca, Lays Ferry, Dallas, Georgia, Kenesaw Mountain, Nickajack Creek, Decatur, Atlanta and Jonesboro, and all the minor skirmishes of Sherman's Atlanta campaign, but always performed his duty faithfully. He was in the battle of Mt. Zion, Missouri, December 28, 1861, in which he was shot through the thigh. He was honorably discharged at East Point, Georgia, in September, 1864. He at once returned to his home in Illinois and taught school the following winter in Fulton county. On December 18, 1865, he came to Marshalltown, Iowa, and has remained here to the present time. Actuated by a laudable ambition when but a boy to enter the legal profession, he had been studying law while teaching school in Illinois and while in the army, carrying a copy of Blackstone, two volumes in his knapsack. These two volumes are now the two most cherished in his library. He continued studying after reaching Marshalltown and was admitted to the bar in 1866, and he met with encouraging success from the first, soon taking high rank at the local bar. No one knows better than he the necessity of thorough preparation for the trial of cases, and no one more industriously applies himself to meet the issues than he, being always master of himself in the trial of cases and is rarely not at his best, being uniformly courteous and deferential to the court, and forbearing to his adversaries. As a speaker he is direct, logical and forceful, and not in-

frequently truly eloquent. His treatment of his case is always full of comprehension and accurate, his analysis of the facts clear and exhaustive, and he seems to grasp without effort the relation and dependence of the facts, and so groups them as to enable him to throw their combined force upon the point they tend to prove. He is not only an able and reliable counselor, with a thorough acquaintance of the principles, intricacies and complexities of jurisprudence, but his honesty is such that he has frequently advised against long and expensive litigation, and this, too, at the loss of liberal fees which otherwise he could easily have earned.

Judge Parker, with characteristic discernment, was enabled to foresee a great future in Marshalltown and this section of the Hawkeye state, and for nearly a half century he has aided in whatever manner possible the general development of the same, soon becoming conspicuous in public affairs. He took a leading part in securing the location and building of the Iowa Central railway, in voting the tax in its aid, and raising funds to purchase the grounds for the general machine, repair and other shops of that railway at Marshalltown. In an early day it was deemed of the utmost importance to the welfare of Marshalltown and vicinity that a line of railway be built through the city from the northeast to the southwest. A number of companies were organized to construct such a line. Among the first was the Des Moines, Waterloo & Northeastern, organized November 19, 1880. The board of directors composed of J. S. Clarkson, J. S. Polk, J. S. Runnells and F. M. Hubble, of Des Moines, and J. M. Parker, Dr. George Glick, A. T. Birchard and R. E. Sears, of Marshalltown. Much hard work was done to secure the building of this line, but the necessary funds could not be obtained.

The next company was the Wisconsin, Iowa & Nebraska, incorporated on the 23rd day of December, 1881. The first board of directors was J. M. Parker, George Glick, A. T. Birchard, Hoyt Sherman and ex-Governor Samuel Merrill. J. M. Parker was also secretary and attorney. Judge Parker went to New York and secured a contract with the Iowa Improvement Company, a corporation of New Jersey, to build the road. The first part built was from Marshalltown to Waterloo, the next part from Marshalltown to Des Moines. After that the work of extending the road proceeded much more easily and readily. Afterwards the road was reorganized and called the Chicago, St. Paul & Kansas City railway. Another reorganization followed and the road received its present name, Chicago Great Western. He served as mayor of Marshalltown for three terms, from 1868 to 1871, being the first mayor here after the city grew into the second class division. He was city solicitor for two terms, from 1876 to 1878. He was elected to the Iowa house of repre-

representatives in 1878 for two years and his first term was so eminently successful that his constituents re-elected him for a second term in 1880. During his first term he was chairman of the committee on cities and towns, and during his second term, which was even more commendable, he was chairman of the judicial committee. He was a member of the committee that formed the first Iowa railroad commission. He was the author of several laws. While in the house he made his influence felt in the committees on which he served and was ever vigilant in forwarding the interests of the people and the progress of his adopted state. He was appointed judge of the seventeenth judicial district in 1906 by the governor to succeed Judge Obed Caswell, and at the next regular election he was elected to this office for a term of four years, which expired January 1, 1911.

As judge, Mr. Parker more than met the expectations of his friends and the public and so discharged the duties of the office as to receive the hearty approval and warm commendation of the bar, without regard to party. He brought to the bench a dignity becoming the high position, and in the line of duty was industrious, careful and singularly painstaking, which, combined with his sterling honesty and fearlessness of purpose, made him one of the most popular and efficient men ever called to preside over the courts of the seventeenth judicial district. It is but just to say, and greatly to his credit, that no political prejudice, bias or zeal was ever allowed to deflect his mind from its honest convictions, and while discharging official functions, personal ties and friendships, as well as his own interests and opinions, were lost sight of in his conscientious efforts to render equal and exact justice to those whose affairs were adjudicated in his court. His opinions and decisions attested his eminent fitness for judicial positions, being always lucid, unstrained, learned and vigorous, his statements full and comprehensive, and his analysis and interpretations of the law conspicuous and complete.

The domestic life of Judge Parker began on September 22, 1868, when he was united in marriage with Martha J. Webster, of Marshalltown, a lady of talent and refinement, long popular in local social circles and the daughter of Reuben H. Webster, a prominent citizen here. She was born at LaPorte, Indiana, and enjoyed the advantages of a liberal education. Four children have blessed this union, named as follows: Addie L. Parker lives in Denver, Colorado; Marian, the second daughter, lives at home; Elizabeth W. is also still a member of the family circle; Edna L. is the wife of Fred Bruegger and they reside at No. 5480 Everett avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Fraternally, the Judge is a Mason, and he belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic, having been past commander of the local post. Politically, he

is an uncompromising Republican and is one of the able local leaders of the party, always aiding greatly in campaigns. He has spoken in every township in the county and in many sections of the state.

Judge Parker is a man of the people, broad and liberal in his views, with the greatest good of his fellow men ever before him, proud of his distinction as a citizen of a state for whose laws and institutions he has the most profound admiration and respect. In point of critical legal scholarship, keen intellectuality and professional success, he easily stands in the front rank, while in all that constitutes the upright man, the public-spirited citizen, his position in the world of affairs has been firmly established and his career has been fraught with much good to the locality of which this history deals.

RALPH B. REASONER.

A Marshalltown citizen who is fully eligible for representation here is the well known manufacturer, Ralph B. Reasoner, who was born in Hartford City, Indiana, July 19, 1876. He is the son of J. M. and Emma (Willman) Reasoner, both natives of Hartford City, Indiana. Noah Reasoner, an uncle of the subject, was the first white child born in that county. J. M. Reasoner has devoted most of his life to farming. For eight years he devoted his attention to the duties of auditor of Blackford county, Indiana. During the past eight years he and his wife have made their home in Minneapolis, Minnesota. They were the parents of seven children, six of whom are living.

The son, Ralph B., of this sketch, grew up in Hartford City, Indiana, and was educated in the high school there, later attending Purdue University, at Lafayette, Indiana, from which institution he was graduated with the class of 1898. Thus exceptionally well equipped for his life work, he began his career by working as inspecting engineer for the Ft. Wayne Gas Company, having charge of the power plant construction department for a year and a half. During the two years following he was with the National Steel Casting Company of Montpelier, Indiana, in the capacity of assistant manager. His next employment was with the Minneapolis Steel Machinery Company of Minneapolis, from 1902 to 1906. He then came to Marshalltown, Iowa, where for three and one-half years he was general superintendent for A. E. Shorthill Company. He rendered high grade service in all these capacities, his fidelity to duty and his minute knowledge of this line of work winning the commendation of all concerned. In July, 1909, he became a stockholder in the Fisher

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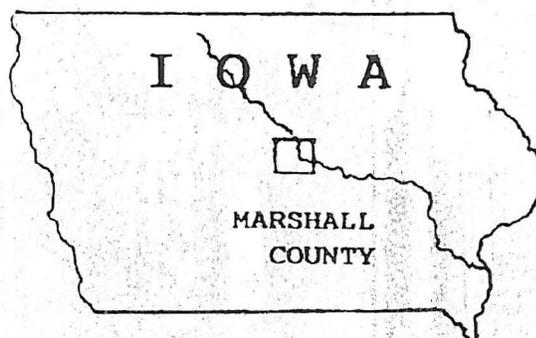
EZRA CHRISTIAN EBERSOLE was born at Mount Pleasant, Pennsylvania, October 18, 1840, and died at Toledo, Iowa, July 14, 1919. In 1857 he entered Otterbein University, Waterville, Ohio, but in 1861, entered Amherst College, Amherst, Massachusetts, and was graduated therefrom in 1862. He served as a second sergeant in Dick's Detached Cavalry, in Pennsylvania, in 1863. He taught mathematics in Western College, afterwards Leander Clarke College, Toledo, Iowa, a few years and in 1867 became its president, but soon thereafter was elected to the faculty of the State University of Iowa, which position he accepted, remaining there two years. In 1870 he was admitted to the bar at Iowa City. In 1873 he removed to Toledo and formed a partnership for the practice of law with J. W. Willett, now Judge Willett, which continued ten years. He was elected reporter of the Supreme Court in 1882 and re-elected in 1886, serving eight years. By the choice of the General Assembly he became editor of the "Revised Code of 1897." From 1900 to 1912 he was a member of the State Board of Law Examiners. He was the author of "The Encyclopedia of Iowa Law."

JOHN M. PARKER was born at Circleville, Ohio, April 22, 1838, and died at Marshalltown, Iowa, June 5, 1919. In 1845 he was brought by his parents in their removal to Fulton County, Illinois. He attended common school and Hedding College, Abingdon, Illinois. Two months before he was to be graduated he left college and enlisted in Company F, Sixty-sixth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and served through the war. He carried a copy of Blackstone with him and, when discharged in 1865, taught school awhile and then came to Marshalltown and read law under L. W. Griswold and was admitted to the bar in 1866. He soon became active in helping to promote the building of railroads to Marshalltown. He served as mayor of Marshalltown from 1868 to 1871 and as city solicitor from 1876 to 1878. In 1877 he was elected representative and was re-elected two years later, serving in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth general assemblies. On the death of Judge Obed Caswell in 1906 he was appointed by Governor Cummins as one of the judges of the Seventeenth Judicial District. He was later elected and served until 1911.

GEORGE H. DUNKELBERG was born in Niagara County, New York, October 2, 1853, and died near Rockford, Iowa, December 12, 1919. His parents were Jeremiah and Matilda Dunkelberg, natives of Niagara County. He removed with his parents to Rochelle, Illinois, in 1867, was educated in common schools, Rochelle High School, and Rock River Seminary. He taught school five years in Ogle County, Illinois, but in 1882 removed to Floyd County, Iowa, and engaged in farming. He became a successful farmer and an extensive breeder of Shorthorn cattle. He was elected representative in 1916 and served in the Thirty-seventh General Assembly.

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CHAPTER VIII

The Legal Profession



Judge J.M. Parker and local attorneys.
Grand Court Room, Marshall County Courthouse.

Department of Iowa
Grand Army of the Republic

Veteran's name Parker, John M
Residence 601 W. Main St., Marshalltown
Occupation Lawyer, Judge
Date birth Apr 22, 1838 Place Pickaway Co., Ohio

War
Battles, etc. Wounded Dec. 20, 1861/
Nearest relatives

Date death Je 5 1919 Place Marshalltown, Ia
Cause Riverside Cem Place burial " "
Age 81
War record

Father Nativity
Mother Nativity
Wife Martha Webster
m. Sept 22, 1868 at Marshalltown
Children

Sgt. F 66 Ill. Inf.
Rank Company Regiment State Organization
Enlisted Oct. 10, '61
Date Place
Res Ellisville,
must Oct 31, '61
disc Sept 16, '62
as Serg.

Adelia or Adeline Denver, Colo
Marion (Marian) New York City
Elizabeth Chicago, Ill
Edna (Fred) Bruegger "

Discharged
Date Place

Sources Ex. Soldiers living Ia. 1886:
(J.M.) - Co. F. - Marshalltown.
A.G.R. Ill. Vol. 4. / Graves Reg:
Parker, John M - born Apr. 22, 1838/
Adeline Parker /

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Veteran's name Parker, John M
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Name: **John M. Parker**

State Filed: **Iowa**

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1900 United States Federal Census

Name: **John M Parker**
 Home in 1900: **Marshall, Marshall, Iowa**
 Age: **66**
 Birth Date: **Apr 1834**
 Birthplace: **Ohio**
 Race: **White**
 Gender: **Male**
 Relationship to Head of House: **Head**
 Father's Birthplace: **Ohio**
 Mother's Birthplace: **Ohio**
 Spouse's name: **Martha J Parker**
 Marriage Year: **1869**
 Marital Status: **Married**
 Years Married: **31**
 Occupation: [View on Image](#)
 Neighbors: [View others on page](#)

Household Members:	Name	Age
	John M Parker	66
	Martha J Parker	56
	Adeline L Parker	30
	Nellie V Parker	28
	Bessie W Parker	25
	Edna L Parker	24

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1910 United States Federal Census

Name: **John M Parker**
[John M Parkes]

Age in 1910: 70

Estimated birth year: **abt 1840**

Birthplace: **Ohio**

Relation to Head of House: **Head**

Father's Birth Place: **Ohio**

Mother's Birth Place: **Ohio**

Spouse's name: **Martha J Parker**

Home in 1910: **Marshalltown Ward 2, Marshall, Iowa**

Marital Status: **Married**

Race: **White**

Gender: **Male**

Neighbors: [View others on page](#)

Household Members:	Name	Age
	John M Parker	70
	Martha J Parker	64
	Bessie W Parker	31

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PARKER, John M.

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Died: 1919
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County: MARSHALL CO. - IOWA
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