

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Karnock, William S. Senator _____

Represented Beaver County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 2 June 1824 Beaver County, Pennsylvania

2. Marriage (s) date place

Sarah Davis 2 Oct 1856

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Admitted to the bar at Campbell, Ohio in 1853

B. Civic responsibilities Mason; GAR

C. Profession Farmer; Merchant; Lawyer; real estate

4. Church membership

5. Sessions served 17th General Assembly 1878

6. Public Offices

A. Local _____

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 23 Jan 1907 Louis City, Iowa buried Davis City, County, Davis City, Iowa

8. Children Alice (Mrs. F. M. Stone); Felix; Lillie; Blanche; Belle (died 11 Sept 1874)

9. Names of parents James and Mary (Stone) Karnock

10. Education

He attended school in both Lowell and Salem, Ohio

11. Degrees

Studied law at Canfield, Ohio in the office of S. H. Gibson

12. Other applicable information

Democrat

- He came to Decatur County, Iowa in the fall of 1855 locating at Pleasanton, Iowa where he engaged in law practice for two years
 - He then moved to Davis City, Iowa and operated a mercantile business. He then returned to Pleasanton until 1872
 - Military service - Civil War - Co. C. 48th Iowa Infantry
 - His youth was spent at Lowell and Salem, Ohio
 - His father died when William was young. He went to Ohio to live with an aunt
 - In 1872 he moved back to Davis City and became a member of the firm of Borman and Hornick - a general merchandise store
- After leaving the legislature he moved to a farm of 300 acres in Burdell Township, here he lived until his death
- His wife's father and family came to Decatur County in 1854 and founded the town of Davis City.
- His wife, Sarah, born 1835, died 12 Apr 1920, also buried in Old Davis City Cemetery, Davis City, Iowa

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
- <u>Obituary</u>			- <u>The Leon Reporter</u> , Leon, Iowa, Thurs. Jan. 24, 1907, p.1, col. 3
- <u>findagrave.com</u>			(accessed 28 Jan 2019)
- <u>GAR Records</u>			
- <u>Iowa Journal</u>			1909, p. 1589
- <u>History of Decatur County</u>			Apr 1915, p 266-268
- <u>Decatur County</u>			<u>Decatur County</u> WPA
- <u>ancestry.com</u>			(accessed 12 Jan 2019)

bles brought \$425.00. Every-
 pleased with the sale, both
 id sellers. The market is
 and the Leon Horse Co. have
 hold another sale here on
 Jan. 31st, having already
 large number of horses; and
 by rs and some more new
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 orse sales are a great thing
 and the city is getting the
 of being one of the best
 kets in the west, and the
 ow they can always secure
 ds of good horses whenever
 a sale. Parties who desire
 orses or mules for the coming
 d book them at once, as all
 sold in the order in which
 looked. Remember the date,
 Jan. 31st.

Smoothe Swindler.

Pass, a smoothe young fellow
 ll known to a number of
 is now in the toils of the
 ass spent some time in Leon a
 ast summer and made himself
 inent in church work, singing
 ime in one of the Leon church
 peaking of his arrest, the
 ily Advertiser says:
 ePass, a traveling man who
 ntly made this city and who
 represent the Walker Col-
 er and in that capacity
 of a number of local mer-
 l beat a hotel bill in this city,
 rrested at Omaha, under the
 . S. Dickinson, charged with
 me forged checks on the own-
 Chicago Hotel at Sioux City
 e taken back to Sioux City
 This fellow had a half dozen
 nd seemed to be able to get
 othe work at every place he
 ut he seems to be landed this
 in a fair way to be put away
 otation to get other people's
 his crooked methods. There
 ber of merchants in this city,
 ut varying sums through his
 ropensities."

Supper a Success.

per served by the ladies of
 the K. P. hall last Wednesday
 of the benefit of the Leon band
 sided success, more than two
 persons being served, and the
 ed nearly \$100 which will be
 hiring a competent instructor.
 z the supper there was an auc-
 of a number of articles which
 ted by the merchants and
 they Buchanan officiating as
 er, and he kept the crowd in
 umor and made them pay good
 r everything. As a sample a
 llar donated by The Reporter
 \$1.00, Dr. F. A. Bowman being
 chaser. The band boys are feel-
 y good over the manner in

formed in the tank became ignited from
 the torch and this caused the
 explosion. The men had frequently
 thawed the pipes with a torch be-
 fore when they were frozen and thought
 there was no danger so long as the
 tank was empty, but the gas was as
 powerful as the gasoline.

The force of the explosion was felt
 all over the city and nearly everyone
 who had a furnace in their cellar
 thought it had blown out. Several
 windows in the residence of Stephen
 Varga across the street from the scene
 of the explosion were shattered.

Mr. Pace seems to be having more
 than his share of misfortunes, as last
 week one of his teams ran away and
 tore up one of his wagons, and again on
 Monday he had another runaway.

Captain W. S. Warnock Dead.

Captain William S. Warnock, one of the
 pioneer settlers of Decatur county, and
 the oldest member of the Decatur county
 bar, died at his home in Davis City Wed-
 nesday morning at 5 o'clock, after a
 lingering illness at the age of past 82
 years. The deceased came to Decatur
 county in the fall of 1855 and located at
 Pleasanton, where he engaged in the
 practice of law for two years after which
 he moved to Davis City and engaged in
 the mercantile business, being one of
 the first merchants of that town. He
 served during the war of the rebellion
 as a member of Co. C, 48th Iowa Infantry.
 In 1878 he was elected to represent
 Decatur county in the Seventeenth Gen-
 eral Assembly, and at the expiration
 of his term of office engaged in farming
 in Burrell township.

He was born in Beaver county, Penn.,
 and his youth was spent at Lowell and
 Salem, Ohio. After finishing school he
 studied law and was admitted to the bar
 at Canfield, Ohio, in 1853, ex-Governor
 Ford being one of the examining com-
 mittee. He is survived by his wife and
 four children.

The time for the funeral has not yet
 been fixed, but will probably be Friday
 or Saturday at Davis City. He was a
 prominent Mason and the Masonic lodge
 will probably have charge of his funeral.

Minnie Bright Sent to Reform School.

"Thank you, judge. I think I can
 enjoy myself very much at Mitchell-
 ville," said Minnie Bright flippantly this
 morning when Judge Brennan sentenced
 her to remain at Mitchellville until she
 is twenty-one.

The girl was arrested some weeks ago
 for stealing a fur boa, but was exoner-
 ated and given a chance to return to
 her home in Leon. Instead she spent
 her time in public dance halls and
 Officer Ed Crawford arrested her a
 second time Saturday night.
 She was not at all penitent before

hands of the proper officers. The mon-
 etary loss sustained by the fire is not ir-
 reparable. The losses in the offices of
 the Presidency, the Historian, the Sec-
 retary, and the library are to a great ex-
 tent irreparable; but patience is en-
 joined, and a proper regard for the
 proprietor, and a spirit to meet the
 exigency as men of God should do.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY,
 F. M. SMITH, Secretary.
 Independence, Mo., January 14, 1907.

Mrs. Mary W. Sears.

Death comes to all; no sex is spared,
 no age exempt. Only a few years do
 we journey here and we come to that
 bridge—death—which transports us as
 the road we have traveled. Death is
 but the beginning of life to a true be-
 liever in the Holy Trinity. One by one
 our friends and loved ones are passing
 away; now one who has passed the age
 of three score years and ten has been
 placed on the roll; called away from
 earth and all its relations, severing the
 ties of kindred and friends, leaving des-
 olate the place of one dearly loved, and
 an early settler in Decatur county.
 Monday, Jan. 14, the last tribute of re-
 spect and tenderness was paid to Mrs.
 Mary W. Sears, who was born in Havre
 de-Grace, Maryland, Nov. 10, 1835, and
 died at her home in Center township,
 Decatur county, Iowa, Jan. 11, 1907,
 aged 71 years, 3 months and 1 day. In
 1855 Mary Wadsworth moved with her
 parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Wadsworth,
 to Decatur county. Nov. 24, 1858, she
 married Daniel G. Sears. Since that
 time she has always lived in Center
 township, well known and highly es-
 teemed by all. Four sons and three
 daughters were given to bless their
 home. Her husband departed this life
 Feb. 17, 1889. One son preceded his
 mother to his eternal home, and one
 daughter just ten weeks before her
 mother, leaving in sorrow and bereave-
 ment two daughters, Miss Molly Sears
 and Mrs. Alma Caster, and her family;
 three sons, George, Frank and Sam and
 their families and families of the de-
 ceased son and daughter, Mrs. Maggie
 Sears and Harold, Ralph and Bryant,
 Charley Keim, Angie and two sons;
 three sisters and two brothers; other
 relatives and many friends. In her
 youth she remembered her Creator and
 sought his care and guidance in her
 life. She was a charter member of the
 Brethren church at Crown Chapel. In
 all her christian service, seeking, as
 was her Master's aim, to do her Father's
 will and so endured until the end. With
 God's grace and gift of patience and
 kindness she blessed her home. When
 sorrow and suffering pressed heavily
 upon her, bravely and uncomplainingly
 she met it. Truly, the patient endur-
 ance that God bestows, blessed her
 character. A quiet endurance was hers
 to meet the trials and crosses of life.
 One of the great comforts of her life

HISTORY
OF
DECATUR COUNTY
IOWA

AND ITS PEOPLE

PROF. J. M. HOWELL and HEMAN C. SMITH

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Dakota, and for a year operated a farm, after which he came to Pleasanton, this county, and purchased land which he farmed for one year. Since that time he has bought, sold and traded land and has been very successful in that line. On March 8, 1915, he engaged in the automobile business, becoming the agent for the Overland car. He operates a well equipped garage and also conducts a horse livery. He is aggressive and has excellent business judgment and there is no doubt that he will succeed in his new undertaking.

On the 8th of January, 1914, Mr. Kerrins married Miss Gladys Sheffler, a daughter of James and Annie (Parker) Sheffler, pioneers of Kankakee, Illinois, who later removed to Remington, Indiana. There the father operated a livery stable for eighteen years, after which he went to Manilla, Iowa, where for four years he was engaged in the hardware business. At the end of that time he came to Decatur county and purchased land in Hamilton township, to the cultivation of which he has since given his time.

Mr. Kerrins is a democrat and is stalwart in his support of that party. His religious faith is that of the Quakers, or Friends, and fraternally he is associated with the Masonic order and the Modern Woodmen of America. He owns excellent residence property and one acre of ground in Pleasanton and also owns residence lots in Leon. Although he is one of the youngest business men in Pleasanton he has gained a measure of success that a man much his senior might well envy and his friends predict for him continued achievement.

WILLIAM S. WARNOCK.

William S. Warnock was for a number of years a successful merchant of Davis City but for some time previous to his demise he carried on farming on a large scale in Burrell township. He was prominent in public affairs and represented his district ably in the state legislature. A native of Beaver county, Pennsylvania, he was born on the 2d of June, 1824, a son of James and Mary (Sloan) Warnock, both likewise natives of the Keystone state. The father died when our subject was but six years of age, leaving his widow with a family of six children.

William S. Warnock went to live with an aunt in Ohio and was there reared and educated, attending school at Lowell and Salem, that state. He desired to become a lawyer and began his legal study

in the office of S. W. Gilson, of Canfield, Ohio, and in 1853 was admitted to the bar. He began the practice of his profession in Lowell but subsequently removed to Canfield, where he remained until 1855. In that year he came west as he was in poor health and his physicians advised a change of climate. He made the journey by rail to Cleveland, thence by water to Detroit and then by rail to Davenport by way of Chicago. He visited Iowa City and Des Moines, which was then but a small village, and located at Chariton, this state, although he had intended to go as far as the mountains. He taught a select school during the summer and fall of 1855 and then removed to Pleasanton, Decatur county, where for two years he practiced law. He was then for a like period of time engaged in the mercantile business in Davis City, being one of the first merchants of that town. He returned to Pleasanton, where he resided until 1872, when he again moved to Davis City and became a member of the firm of Bowman & Warnock, who successfully conducted a general mercantile store. In the fall of 1878 he was elected to the state legislature and he proved an efficient member of the seventeenth general assembly. On the expiration of his term he removed to a fine farm of three hundred acres on section 34, Burrell township, where he devoted his attention to stock-raising during the remainder of his life. He made many improvements upon his place and received a handsome annual income from his farm.

Mr. Warnock was married on the 2d of October, 1856, to Miss Sarah Davis, a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Van Meter) Davis, natives of Highland county, Ohio. In 1854 her father removed with his family to Decatur county, Iowa, and purchased land in Burrell and New Buda townships. He founded the town of Davis City, which was named in his honor. Both he and his wife died there. To Mr. and Mrs. Warnock were born five children, namely: Alice, who died December 6, 1896; Viola; Lillie; Blanche; and Belle, who passed away September 11, 1874.

Mr. Warnock was a democrat and fraternally belonged to Remembrance Lodge, No. 375, A. F. & A. M., at Davis City and Lamoni Chapter, No. 33, R. A. M. He was liberal in his religious views. His demise, which occurred on the 22d of January, 1907, when he was eighty-two years of age, was deeply regretted by his many friends and his memory is still cherished. He was a man of undoubted ability and was a leader in shaping public opinion, his excellent education, combined with his natural keenness of intellect, making his opinions of unusual value. Throughout his life he was guided by the same public spirit that prompted him to enlist in the

Civil war on the 2d of June, 1864. He was a member of Company C, Forty-eighth Iowa Infantry, and served until October 21st of that year, his regiment being on guard duty at Rock Island the greater part of the time.

ELMER O. STEARNS.

Elmer O. Stearns, cashier of the Van Wert State Bank, which he assisted in organizing, is a native of Decatur county, as he was born near Garden Grove. His birth occurred on the 11th of March, 1879, and his parents are Jonathan and Carrie S. (Bates) Stearns, natives of Illinois and of Harpers Ferry, West Virginia, respectively. The father removed to Illinois at an early day in the history of that state, locating near Decatur, where he farmed until 1875, when he removed to Decatur county, Iowa, renting land for a few years, after which he purchased one hundred and eight acres in Franklin township east of Van Wert. He devoted his energies to the improvement and operation of his farm until 1903, when he retired from active life and removed to Van Wert, where he and his wife are still living. They have two children, Edith, who married E. W. Fierce, and Elmer O.

The latter was reared in this county and received his early education in the district schools, but later attended Simpson College at Indianola, Iowa, where he took a commercial course. On leaving school he returned to Van Wert and for a year clerked in a store. In 1900 he organized the Bank of Van Wert, becoming its cashier, a position which he has since filled, and on the 4th of January, 1915, the institution was made a state bank. It is capitalized for twenty-five thousand dollars and its deposits total two hundred thousand dollars. Its business has grown steadily and its prosperity is due in no small measure to the sound judgment and financial acumen of its cashier, Elmer O. Stearns. The president of the institution is W. F. Blair, the vice president, Lester Gould, and the assistant cashier, C. G. Jones, and in addition to the officers the directors are M. F. Thompson, Maurice Brown and G. S. Barr. Mr. Stearns is treasurer of the Van Wert Rural Telephone Company, is a director of the Iowa State Bank at Osceola, the State Savings Bank at Sharpsburg, Iowa, and a stockholder in the Weldon Iowa Savings Bank and the Exchange Bank of Le Roy.

Department of Iowa
Grand Army of the Republic

Name Warnock, William S

Residence

Born June 2, 1824, Beaver co., Pa.

Died Jan 23, 1907 Davis City, Iowa

Buried Old Cem., Davis City, Iowa

War Record: Rank Company Regiment State
Orig 15th Row from West fence, Grave 20

1st Sergt C 48 Iowa Infantry

Res. Decatur Co., Ia. age 37.
Enl Je 2, 1864 Disch Oct 21, 1864

Membership

Post No.	Name	Location	Date Joined
Davis City	306	Davis City	

Offices of Honor in G. A. R.

Serial No.

Sources:
Graves Reg.; Post on file) Mr. A. L. Teale (in photo of

Personal History

Father James

Mother Mary Sloan

Wife

Children

Alice Severe	Davis City, Ia
Viola	"
Lillie Severe	"
Blanche Siltz	"
Belle (deceased)	

Places of Residence and Occupation

Sources:

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HON. WILLIAM S. WARNOCK.

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MR. SPEAKER—Your committee appointed to prepare resolutions commemorative of the life, character and public service of the Honorable William S. Warnock, late a member of this House, respectfully submit the following memorial:

The Hon. William S. Warnock was born in Beaver county, Pennsylvania, June 2, 1824, located in Iowa in 1855 at the town of Pleasant Plains (now Pleasanton), Decatur county, where he practiced law, residing there until 1872, when he removed to Davis City and engaged in the mercantile business. He was a soldier in the Civil War, serving in Company C, Forty-eighth Iowa Infantry Volunteers, and was honorably discharged October 21, 1864. He was a member of the Seventeenth General Assembly, representing Decatur county. His record is one of intelligent fidelity to his constituency, which honored itself by honoring him. He was married October 2, 1856, to Miss Sarah Davis. Five children were born to them. His widow and three daughters live to mourn his death, which occurred at his home near Davis City, Iowa, January 23, 1907.

Resolved: That in his death, the state and county in which he resided lose a worthy and upright citizen and an honest and honorable man; and we hereby extend to his bereaved relatives and friends our sincere sympathy in their sorrow and bereavement; and be it further

Resolved: That a copy of these resolutions be printed in the Journal of the House and that the Chief Clerk be directed to send an engrossed copy to the family of the deceased.

J. M. FENN,
W. P. ALLRED,
E. J. SANKEY,

Committee.

HON. LLOYD SELBY.

MR. SPEAKER—Your committee appointed to prepare resolutions commemorative of the life, character and public services of the Honorable Lloyd Selby, late a member of the Senate in the General Assembly of Iowa, beg leave to respectfully submit the following memorial:

The Honorable Lloyd Selby was born in Licking county, Ohio, November 26, 1833. He came to Wayne county, Iowa, in the spring of 1856 and was married January 20, 1862. He was engaged in the general mercantile, produce and grain business in the town of Corydon for a period of nearly thirty years. He was indeed one of the pioneer merchants of the county, coming to the west as one of the advance guard of civilization. For this work he was abundantly equipped, with a strong body, a clear brain, a warm heart and an intellect, blended with a capacity to do great things. He was early conceded to be a leader among the citizens of his town and community on all questions or matters of public interest to them.

Lloyd Selby was a man of polished and dignified manner, yet he mixed freely with and was universally popular with all the people of his

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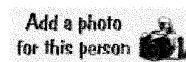


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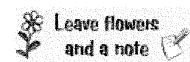
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Event(s)

Birth: 2 Jun 1824
Cynthiana, Pike, Ohio

Death: 23 Jan 1907

Burial:
Old Davis City Cem. Davis City, Decatur, Iowa

Parents

Marriage(s)

Spouse: Sarah Davis Disc #126 Pin #2361861

Marriage: 2 Oct 1856
,, Ohio

Notes and Sources

Notes: None

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- *ID:* I10517
- *Name:* WILLIAM S. WARNOCK
- *Sex:* M
- *Birth:* 2 JUN 1829 in Pennsylvania, USA
- *Death:* 23 JAN 1907 in Iowa, USA
- *Burial:* 1907 Old Davis City Cemetary. Davis City, Decatur, Iowa, USA
- *Census:* 26 AUG 1870 Hamilton, Decatur, Iowa, USA (all members of family listed)

Marriage 1 [Sarah Davis](#) b: 23 JAN 1835 in Cynthiana, Pike, Ohio, USA

- *Married:* 2 OCT 1856 in Ohio, USA

Children

1. [ALICE WARNOCK](#) b: 1857 in Iowa, USA
2. [VIOLA B. WARNOCK](#) b: 1859 in Iowa, USA
3. [LILLIE WARNOCK](#) b: 1861 in Iowa, USA
4. [BLANCHE WARNOCK](#) b: MAR 1863 in Iowa, USA
5. [DORABELL WARNOCK](#) b: 1871 in Iowa, USA

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Service Record: **Enlisted in Company C, Iowa 48th Infantry Battalion on 13 Jul 1864.
Mustered out on 21 Oct 1864 at Rock Island, IL.**

Birth Date: **abt 1827**Sources: **71**

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